

Owing to a recent strike a production loss of 4,491 vehicles was experienced during September.

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2. Armoured Wheeled Vehicles

(a) Scout cars:-

Three pilot models built, production planned to start in December, output twelve per day.

(b) Armoured reconnaissance cars:-

Three pilot model hulls built, two of which are mounted on chassis. Production is planned to start the latter part of November, 1941.

(c) Armoured cars:-

One pilot model hull now being assembled and provision has been made for additional models to follow. Production planned to start in December, 1941, maximum output, six per day.

These vehicles have been undergoing tests, following which certain changes have been effected. Production, however, is planned at the rates shown.

3. Armour Plate

Studies have been made covering the armour plate situation and it is estimated that a maximum daily output of 150 tons will be required. The present daily output is approximately 55 tons and arrangements are being made to step this up to the maximum required.

Unless recent expansion programs develop in time and required steel capacity allocations are made, the armoured wheeled vehicle program will be delayed seriously.

4. Universal Carriers:

Production of these vehicles totalled 783 during the quarter. This is a slight increase over the previous three months. However, during the period a strike at the Canadian Acme Screw & Gear Company, Limited, retarded production materially. Plans call for production to be stepped up by April, 1942, to a maximum of thirty per day. This is necessary to take care of an additional order from the United Kingdom for 5,485 units.

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5. Tire Production:

During the period under review, requis-