

Machinery for Aircraft Factory.

A list of machinery has been received by letter from Mr. Wackett, together with some catalogues and quotations.

This machinery covers the requirements of the aeroplane factory for the heavier class of machine tools.

Mr. Wackett had previously cabled in regard to certain items in the present list, and we replied that we would manufacture the items here in Australia. Recommendations are now made hereunder in respect to the complete list:-

To be ordered from America:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Brake Press 12 ft. (American quote \$5,576)	This is outside the range of size of local manufacturers. Considered order should be placed on America immediately.

To be manufactured in Australia to our drawings and specifications:

One Ton Drop Hammer. North American Aviation's own design. American Price \$2,400.	Drawings are being forwarded to us. Can be satisfactorily made here.
500 Ton Hydraulic Press.	Do.
Guillotine 6 ft.	Stock line of Press manufacturers (Heine).
Rotary Shears. (American quote to be forwarded)	Quotation to be called locally. May be necessary to revert to overseas purchase.
Brake Press 4 ft. (American quote \$1,260)	Do.
Squaring Shears 12 ft. (Price and delivery to be cabled by Mr. Wackett)	This is probably outside the range of size made by local manufacturers. They will be asked if they can quote, and price will then be compared with overseas quote.

To be ordered overseas after comparing American prices (not yet available, but being forwarded), with British prices:

Universal Miller Van Norman No. 32
Flange Forming Machine.
Bending Rolls.

ELECTRIC MOTORS.

The following electric motors and contactors are required for the machinery at present on order. They are standard squirrel cage motors of Australian manufacture. There is every likelihood of a rise in price following a recent rise in English price lists. Later requirements of motors will be at least treble the present requirements. Authority is sought to place orders for standard sizes of motor up to a value of £1,000.

<u>H.P.</u>	<u>Quantity Required</u>	<u>Price each</u>	<u>Price total</u>
1	2	£6.15. 0	£13.10. 0
2	2	11. 5. 0	22.10. 0
3	5	12. 5. 0	24.10. 0
5	2	16. 5. 0	32.10. 0
5	1	13. 5. 0	13. 5. 0
7-1/2	2	16. 5. 0	32.10. 0
7-1/2	1	19. 0. 0	19. 0. 0
10	2	22.15. 0	45.10. 0
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	17		203. 5. 0
	17 Contactors @ £5. 6. 0		<hr/>
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