

Japan's May SBR output surges 42% on month, butadiene-rubber up 3%

Japan's styrene-butadiene-rubber production in May surged 42% from April and was up 5% year on year at 50,200 mt, the Japan Petrochemical Industry Association said Thursday. Output had fallen in early March due to scheduled maintenance at JSR's 255,000 mt/year SBR plant at Yokkaichi, which restarted April 6. Japan's production of butadiene-rubber in May rose 3% from a month earlier and was down 7% year on year at 22,700 mt, the JPCA said.

	MAY OUTPUT ('000 mt)	CHANGE ON MONTH (%)	CHANGE ON YEAR (%)
SBR	50.2	42	5
BR	22.7	3	-7