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FIRE destroyed part of a car accessory factory in McIntyre Rd., Sunshine at the weekend.

Early estimates have valued the damage caused by the fire at \$100,000.

The full extent of the damage will not be known until structural engineers examine the burned out section more closely.

The fire started in the spray paint section of Armstrong York Pty Ltd., at about 9 p.m. on Saturday.

It took firemen about 45 minutes to control the blaze which was finally extinguished about two hours later.

Firemen kept a watch on the wreckage all weekend to prevent a further breakout.

The firm manufactures shock absorbers for vehicles.

About 30 men were work-

ing in the plant when the blaze broke out but all escaped without injury.

It is still not known what caused the fire but reports have suggested that it was an electrical fault.

Managing Director, Mr W.F. Connolly, said this week that although the damage had been extensive it had not gone beyond the plant section.

He said the fire had stopped production at the plant for a few days because it had the factory's electrical switchboard and had cut off power to the rest of the plant.

He said this had resulted in about 80 of the factory staff of 190 being put off.

"Once we have the power back on we will be able to resume limited production and provide temporary facilities for the paint section," Mr Connolly said.

"We hope to be able to take all staff back as soon as possible," he said.

