

**U.S. Imports, Consumption and Market Penetration Data 1/
For Specialty Steel Product Lines
2006/2005/2004
(in short tons)**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports			U.S. Consumption			Two Month Import Penetration	
	Month Feb 2006	YTD Feb 2006	Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05	Month Feb 2006	YTD Feb 2006	Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05	YTD Feb 2006	YTD Feb 2005
Stainless Sheet/Strip	39,482	76,024	-3%	142,583	286,049	-4%	27%	26%
Stainless Plate	6,211	12,225	9%	23,804	50,777	19%	24%	26%
Stainless Bar	8,227	16,435	-12%	16,830	34,654	-12%	47%	47%
Stainless Rod	1,990	5,385	-38%	5,044	11,361	-17%	47%	63%
Stainless Wire 1/	3,140	7,401	3%	5,621	12,654	-2%	58%	56%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	59,050	117,470	-6%	193,882	395,495	-3%	30%	31%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	7,980	16,980	-10%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	12,113	14,710	-11%	39,948	67,652	5%	22%	26%
Total Specialty	79,142	149,160	-7%	239,792	476,598	-2%	31%	33%

2005 and 2004 statistical data in tons follow:

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports		U.S. Consumption		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2005	Increase/Decrease 2005 vs. 2004	2005	Increase/Decrease 05 vs. 04	2005	2004
Stainless Sheet/Strip	378,748	-13%	1,624,772	-10%	23%	24%
Stainless Plate	83,374	22%	253,462	-12%	33%	24%
Stainless Bar	124,008	48%	236,185	15%	53%	41%
Stainless Rod	41,538	-13%	66,095	-10%	63%	65%
Stainless Wire	43,654	4%	76,289	-7%	57%	51%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	671,322	-1%	2,256,803	-8%	30%	28%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	121,860	29%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	82,595	-5%	406,473	2%	20%	22%
Total Specialty	875,778	2%	2,764,237	-6%	32%	29%

NOTE: Changes in import penetration are percentage point changes.

1/ Year-to-date 2006 Shipments of Wire are estimated based on 2005 data.

2/ Shipments of Alloy Tool Steel unavailable; hence consumption and import penetration not calculable.

NC = Not calculable.

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