

**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			Three Month Import Penetration	
	Month Mar 2006	YTD Mar 2006	Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05	Month Mar 2006	YTD Mar 2006	Increase/Decrease YTD 2006-05	YTD Mar 2006	YTD Mar 2005
Stainless Sheet/Strip	40,847	116,871	5%	172,597	458,646	-0%	25%	24%
Stainless Plate	6,231	18,456	1%	26,104	76,882	19%	24%	28%
Stainless Bar	9,211	25,646	-14%	18,630	53,284	-13%	48%	49%
Stainless Rod	2,603	7,988	-36%	6,235	17,595	-13%	45%	61%
Stainless Wire 1/	4,266	11,668	7%	6,895	19,548	-1%	60%	56%
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	63,158	180,628	-1%	230,461	625,955	0%	29%	29%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	8,994	25,973	-10%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	6,085	20,795	-12%	39,464	107,115	4%	19%	23%
Total Specialty	78,237	227,396	-3%	276,875	753,474	0%	30%	31%

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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