

**U.S. Imports, Consumption and Market Penetration Data 1/
For Specialty Steel Product Lines
2004/2003/2002**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports			U.S. Consumption			Ten Month Import Penetration	
	Month Oct 2004	YTD Oct 2004	Increase/Decrease YTD 2004-03	Month Oct 2004	YTD Oct 2004	Increase/Decrease YTD 2004-03	YTD Oct 2004	YTD Oct 2003
Stainless Sheet/Strip	43,099	340,282	34%	152,888	1,501,629	14%	23%	19%
Stainless Plate	4,030	57,780	39%	21,220	242,337	2%	24%	18%
Stainless Bar	7,430	66,689	13%	15,151	166,912	8%	40%	38%
Stainless Rod	4,886	37,982	24%	6,751	59,387	7%	64%	55%
Stainless Wire 2/	3,870	34,530	22%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	63,316	537,262	30%	198,906	1,996,913	12%	27%	23%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	8,442	75,478	5%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	8,666	69,680	4%	32,683	321,546	-3%	22%	20%
Total Specialty	80,424	682,420	24%	237,709	2,377,384	9%	29%	25%

2003 and 2002 statistical data in tons follow:

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports		U.S. Consumption		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2003	Increase/Decrease 2003 vs. 2002	2003	Increase/Decrease 03 vs. 02	2003	2002
Stainless Sheet/Strip	306,494	3%	1,571,120	-1%	20%	19%
Stainless Plate	51,994	-13%	283,334	13%	18%	24%
Stainless Bar	67,901	-20%	184,529	-8%	37%	42%
Stainless Rod	35,168	-39%	63,217	-30%	56%	65%
Stainless Wire	34,167	4%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	495,724	-7%	2,127,194	-1%	23%	25%
Alloy Tool Steel	87,690	14%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	80,492	14%	387,994	-9%	21%	17%
Total Specialty	663,906	-3%	2,586,937	-2%	26%	26%

NOTE: Changes in import penetration are percentage point changes.

1/ Imports adjusted to exclude hot bands imported for re-rolling and reported under shipments.

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

NC = Not calculable.

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