

**U.S. Imports, Consumption and Market Penetration Data 1/  
For Specialty Steel Product Lines  
2005/2004/2003  
(in short tons)**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports			U.S. Consumption			Two Month Import Penetration	
	Month Feb 2005	YTD Feb 2005	Increase/Decrease YTD 2005-04	Month Feb 2005	YTD Feb 2005	Increase/Decrease YTD 2005-04	YTD Feb 2005	YTD Feb 2004
Stainless Sheet/Strip	36,937	78,635	43%	147,425	298,490	6%	26%	20%
Stainless Plate	6,069	11,227	26%	23,731	45,468	-4%	25%	19%
Stainless Bar	9,232	18,599	102%	19,195	39,544	40%	47%	33%
Stainless Rod	3,522	8,655	65%	5,918	13,681	22%	63%	46%
Stainless Wire 2/	3,573	7,198	16%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
<b>Total Stainless Steel</b> (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	<b>59,332</b>	<b>124,313</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>199,411</b>	<b>403,308</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>23%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 3/	10,163	18,786	63%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	9,030	16,445	59%	34,618	64,304	8%	26%	17%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>78,525</b>	<b>159,544</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>242,550</b>	<b>483,196</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>24%</b>

2004 and 2003 statistical data in tons follow:

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports		U.S. Consumption		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2004	Increase/Decrease 2004 vs. 2003	2004	Increase/Decrease 04 vs. 03	2004	2003
Stainless Sheet/Strip	435,775	42%	1,811,334	14%	24%	19%
Stainless Plate	68,433	32%	288,035	2%	24%	18%
Stainless Bar	83,533	23%	204,638	11%	41%	37%
Stainless Rod	47,616	35%	73,641	16%	65%	56%
Stainless Wire	41,816	22%	81,707	13%	51%	47%
<b>Total Stainless Steel</b> (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	<b>677,173</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>2,459,356</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>23%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel	94,641	8%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	86,702	8%	396,924	2%	22%	21%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>858,516</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>2,929,633</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>25%</b>

**NOTE: Changes in import penetration are percentage point changes.**

1/ Imports through 2004 adjusted to exclude hot bands imported for re-rolling and reported under shipments.

2/ Consumption and import penetration calculated quarterly.

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

NC = Not calculable.

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