

**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			Seven Month Import Penetration	
	Month Jul 2004	YTD Jul 2004	Increase/Decrease YTD 2004-03	Month Jul 2004	YTD Jul 2004	Increase/Decrease YTD 2004-03	YTD Jul 2004	YTD Jul 2003
Stainless Sheet/Strip	35,295	215,871	21%	136,725	1,021,377	12%	21%	20%
Stainless Plate	5,557	43,642	53%	23,313	174,803	8%	25%	18%
Stainless Bar	6,738	44,590	1%	15,899	115,414	5%	39%	40%
Stainless Rod	3,964	25,116	6%	7,774	51,245	21%	49%	56%
Stainless Wire 2/	3,729	23,972	18%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	55,283	353,191	19%	186,719	1,381,436	11%	26%	24%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	8,163	50,282	-5%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	6,683	45,714	-2%	27,983	220,842	-4%	21%	20%
Total Specialty	70,130	449,187	14%	221,258	1,641,864	8%	27%	26%

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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