

**U.S. Imports, Consumption and Market Penetration Data 1/  
For Specialty Steel Product Lines  
2003/2002/2001**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports			U.S. Consumption			Eight Month Import Penetration	
	Month August 2003	YTD August 2003	Increase/Decrease YTD 2003-02	Month August 2003	YTD August 2003	Increase/Decrease YTD 2003-02	YTD August 2003	YTD August 2002
Stainless Sheet/Strip	23,281	202,013	3%	122,403	1,046,557	-7%	19%	17%
Stainless Plate	4,217	32,776	-15%	25,039	186,381	7%	18%	22%
Stainless Bar	4,201	48,423	-13%	13,468	123,286	-8%	39%	42%
Stainless Rod	2,980	26,776	-35%	5,426	47,777	-20%	56%	69%
Stainless Wire 2/	2,367	22,650	8%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>37,045</b>	<b>332,637</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>167,991</b>	<b>1,420,347</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>23%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	6,873	59,616	28%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	10,363	57,162	19%	34,549	264,383	-8%	22%	17%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>54,281</b>	<b>449,415</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>207,872</b>	<b>1,731,960</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>24%</b>

**2002 and 2001 statistical data in tons follow:**

Specialty Steel Product Lines	Imports		U.S. Consumption		Twelve Month Import Penetration	
	2002	Percent Increase/Decrease	2002	Percent Increase/Decrease	2002	2001
Stainless Sheet/Strip	298,538	12%	1,594,657	3%	19%	17%
Stainless Plate	60,002	30%	251,093	9%	24%	20%
Stainless Bar	84,350	-17%	200,747	-10%	42%	46%
Stainless Rod	58,078	-7%	89,898	13%	65%	78%
Stainless Wire	32,711	7%	NC	NC	NC	NC
<b>Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod &amp; Wire)</b>	<b>533,679</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2,157,962</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>24%</b>
Alloy Tool Steel	77,006	6%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	70,895	-35%	424,856	-12%	17%	23%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>681,580</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>2,635,311</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>26%</b>

**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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