

**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			Seven Month Import Penetration	
	Month July 2003	YTD July 2003	Increase/Decrease YTD 2003-02	Month July 2003	YTD July 2003	Increase/Decrease YTD 2003-02	YTD July 2003	YTD July 2002
Stainless Sheet/Strip	25,400	178,732	6%	124,855	915,864	-8%	20%	17%
Stainless Plate	5,348	28,559	-8%	29,921	161,354	7%	18%	21%
Stainless Bar	6,315	44,222	-8%	15,785	109,817	-6%	40%	41%
Stainless Rod	2,858	23,796	-34%	4,835	42,352	-18%	56%	70%
Stainless Wire 2/	2,718	20,283	11%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	42,639	295,592	-2%	177,304	1,244,080	-6%	24%	23%
Alloy Tool Steel 2/	8,437	52,743	30%	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	8,137	46,799	7%	35,849	229,833	-9%	20%	17%
Total Specialty	59,213	395,134	2%	220,972	1,515,810	-5%	26%	24%

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
Total Stainless Steel (Sheet, Strip, Plate, Bar, Rod & Wire)	533,679	5%	2,157,962	2%	25%	24%
Alloy Tool Steel	77,006	6%	NC	NC	NC	NC
Electrical Steel	70,895	-35%	424,856	-12%	17%	23%
Total Specialty	681,580	-1%	2,635,311	0%	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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