
SSINA releases 8 months special steel data for US

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US based Specialty Steel Industry of North America has released statistical data on imports, US consumption and import penetration for YTD August 2007 as compared to January to August 2006

Stainless Steel

Imports of total stainless steel in YTD August 2007 were 550,872 tons up by 2% as compared to YTD August 2006, US consumption was 1,545,626 tons an 11% decrease and eight month import penetration was 36%, a 5% point increase.

?Item	Import	Change	Consp	Change	IP	Change
Sheet/Strip	299,633	-13%	1,032,314	-17%	29%	1%
Plates	111,954	66%	255,273	12%	44%	14%
Bars	85,317	12%	158,497	4%	54%	4%
Rods	22,077	12%	43,733	-1%	50%	6%
Wire	31,891	None	55,810	-2%	57%	1%

Alloy tool steel:

Imports in YTD August 2007 were 67,034 tons 4% decrease as compared to YTD August 2006, US consumption and import penetration was not calculable.

Electrical steel

Imports in YTD August 2007 were 76,365 tons 67% increase as compared to YTD August 2006, US consumption was 296,101 tons, reflecting no change and eight month import penetration was 26% a 10% point increase.

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