

# Steel Shipping Drums and Pails

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## Summary of Findings

During 1998, the value of shipments of steel pails totaled \$289.8 million, up 3.7 percent from the 1997 value of \$279.4 million. Shipments of steel drums decreased by 5.2 percent, from \$722.1 million in 1997 to \$684.2 million in 1998.

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Table 1. Total Shipments of Steel Pails and Steel Drums: 1998 and 1997  
 [Quantity in thousands of units. Value in thousands of dollars]

Product code	Product description	No. of cos.	1998		1997	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
33243911	Steel pails.....	17	b/ 91,341	b/ 289,768	r/ 88,940	r/ 279,449
	11 1/4-inch diameter.....	(NA)	49,292	160,186	60,045	185,431
3324391102	Full removable head.....	10	35,732	116,149	46,539	141,696
3324391106	Tight head (standard and dome top).....	8	13,560	44,037	13,506	43,735
3324391113	All other diameters.....	12	b/ 42,049	b/ 129,582	r/ 28,895	r/ 94,018
33243931	Steel drums and barrels.....	25	32,293	a/ 684,242	34,107	r/ 722,101
3324393101	Under 30 gallon capacity, all thicknesses.....	10	3,494	36,748	3,772	39,917
3324393106	30 to 49 gallon capacity, all thicknesses.....	12	a/ 1,156	a/ 21,412	1,818	r/ 32,731
	50 gallon capacity and over.....	(NA)	27,643	626,082	28,517	649,453
	0.04 inch (1.01mm) body thickness and over.....	(NA)	10,735	263,924	r/ 11,846	r/ 289,828
3324393116	Tight head.....	20	6,164	139,322	r/ 6,956	r/ 157,457
3324393121	Open head.....	22	4,571	a/ 124,602	r/ 4,890	r/ 132,371
	Under 0.04 inch (1.01mm) body thickness.....	(NA)	16,908	362,158	r/ 16,671	r/ 359,625
3324393126	Tight head.....	19	13,254	a/ 281,435	r/ 13,520	a r/ 289,055
3324393131	Open head.....	18	3,654	80,723	r/ 3,151	r/ 70,570

NA Not available. r/Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published data.

Note: The percent of estimation of each item is indicated as follows: a/10 to 25 percent of this item is estimated. b/26 to 50 percent of this item is estimated. c/Over 50 percent of this item is estimated.

**Table 2. Summary of Producers' Shipments of Steel Pails and Drums: 1989 to 1998**  
 [Quantity in thousands of units. Value in thousands of dollars]

Year	Steel pails		Steel drums	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1998.....	91,341	289,768	32,293	684,242
1997.....	88,940	279,449	34,107	722,101
1996.....	60,443	200,681	34,334	706,084
1995.....	71,896	162,992	33,279	685,499
1994.....	86,478	208,406	34,857	681,972
1993.....	85,899	202,460	33,474	672,948
1992.....	76,794	178,850	33,336	632,616
1991.....	72,645	180,408	33,970	668,692
1990.....	75,242	195,669	36,388	701,615
1989.....	80,693	205,834	35,966	667,024

**Table 3. Shipments, Exports, Imports, and Apparent Consumption of Steel Shipping Pails and Drums: 1998 and 1997**  
 [Value in thousands of dollars]

Product description	Manufacturers' shipments (value f.o.b. plant)	Exports of domestic merchandise /1 (value at port)	Imports for consumption (value) /2/3	Apparent consumption /4
<b>Steel shipping pails:</b>				
1998.....	289,768	72,285	76,457	293,940
1997.....	279,449	86,069	69,155	262,535
<b>Steel shipping drums and barrels:</b>				
1998.....	684,242	29,054	27,732	682,920
1997.....	722,101	26,888	25,153	720,366

1/Source: Census Bureau report EM 545, U.S. Exports.

2/Source: Census Bureau report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption.

3/Represents c.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight) value at the first port of entry in the United States plus U.S. import duties.

4/Apparent consumption is derived by subtracting exports from manufacturers' shipments plus imports.