
Table 8
Demand for Other Than Sliding Windows
1982 - 1987 (%)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Bay/Bow</u>	<u>Special</u>
1982	12.3	3.3	6.0
1983	13.9	3.8	7.4
1984	14.7	4.6	9.4
1985	13.9	5.7	11.6
1986	14.5	6.9	12.4
1987	13.2	7.5	17.5

Source: Japan Sash Association.

Double windows (not necessarily double glazing but often combined with double glazing) are mainly used in the northern part of Japan, especially in Hokkaido, where thermal insulation is a must.

The distribution of windows by type of material appears in Table 9. Largely because of superior wind and water tightness, aluminum windows had captured nearly 100 per cent of the market; but their use has been gradually decreasing. In 1982 aluminum windows were installed in 99 per cent of housing starts but by 1988, use had declined to 96 per cent.