

Wooden Windows

Production of wooden windows in Japan is fairly new and at present the volume is almost negligible. However, several manufacturers, especially in Hokkaido, have recently started to produce them and the next step will be to acquire the know-how to begin large-scale fabrication.

Current production in Japan is estimated at between 1 000 to 1 500 windows a month. However, the production capacity for 1988 was estimated to be equivalent to 25 000 units, and involved about 15 manufacturers who are all members of the Hokkaido Wooden Sash Association.

Steel and Aluminum Doors

Statistics are only available for the production of aluminum and steel doors, by weight. These are presented in Table 15 and Table 16 respectively. The majority of aluminum doors are used in detached houses and the majority of steel doors are used in residential and commercial highrise buildings.

Table 15
Production of Aluminum Doors
1982-1988

<u>Year</u>	<u>Production</u> (tonnes)	<u>Shipment</u> (tonnes)	<u>Value</u> (¥ million)
1982	30 442	31 399	58 856
1983	30 673	31 621	59 206
1984	38 942	40 052	58 953
1985	38 239	39 634	69 394
1986	39 580	41 663	71 258
1987	41 051	43 545	74 860
1988 (est)	43 661	45 083	80 689

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry.
