

Total production of aluminum windows in 1982 was estimated to be 38 million units. About 24 million of these were designed for wooden houses.

Until 1986, there were no available statistics on the number of aluminum windows; data on numbers of aluminum windows designed for wooden houses is now available.

Table 12 was compiled on the basis of a factor for average weight/number of units for aluminum sashes. The difference between aluminum sashes designed for wooden houses and those designed for others (e.g. highrise buildings) is the size of windows, which is described in the relevant standards. Production in 1988 was 41 million units of which 24 million were for wooden houses.

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**Table 12**  
**Aluminum Sash Production**  
**1982-1988**  
(million units)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Wooden Houses</u>
1982	37.9	24.0
1983	39.3	25.6
1984	36.2	22.4
1985	34.1	20.4
1986	35.1	21.5 (actual)
1987	38.1	22.6 (actual)
1988 (est)	40.9	23.8

Source: Ministry of International Trade and Industry; K. F. International, Inc.

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According to the Aluminum Sash Association, the member manufacturers have decided to put more stress on production of non-sash products like aluminum fences and other exterior products. They believe that the current high level of demand for aluminum sashes in Japan will not continue indefinitely and they do not want to become too dependent on this segment.

### Steel Windows

Official statistics for steel window production in terms of tonnage are presented in Table 13. Steel window production is almost exclusively for commercial buildings, and will never play a significant role in the residential market.