



Steel semi-finished products

Slabs

Steel slabs are hot-rolled from an ingot or strand cast. They are wide and rectangular in shape. They are used for the manufacture of all 'flat' steel products such as coils, sheets, strip, plates and other flat-rolled steel products.

Billets

Steel billets result from the second stage of the steel production process. They are hot-rolled or forged from an ingot or strand cast. Smaller and longer than a bloom, billets are usually a square cross section less than 36 square inches. They are used for the manufacture of all 'long' steel products such as bars, rods, pipes, tubes, wire and wire products.

Blooms

Blooms are hot-rolled or forged from an ingot or strand cast. They usually have a square cross section exceeding 36 square inches. They are mainly used in the manufacture of 'long' products such as structural shapes, structural profiles, building beams, rails and columns.