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A Brief History of Fasteners

The earliest known use of screws was during the first century B.C. These early wooden screws were used in wine presses and olive oil presses. Metal screws used to affix two objects together were found by at least the 15th century in Europe.

Since their humble beginnings, fasteners have evolved into precision articles for use in highly critical and specific applications.



What's Happening in the Fastener Industry

-By Ted Skrzat

In March 2025, President Trump imposed a 25% tariff on all imported steel. He also put retaliatory tariffs on certain categories of manufactured goods including fasteners.

On June 4th, that tariff was raised to 50%.

But while American steel industry groups have hailed the tariff hike, economic experts have sounded alarms, saying it could further disrupt the already volatile global supply chain and put more strain on businesses—and Americans' wallets.

The domestic steel industry has voiced support for the increased tariffs, saying they will help it weather increased competition from foreign steel manufacturers.

But experts worry about the industry's ability to meet increased demand as businesses, facing the additional import costs, seek cheaper alternatives for their products.

Steel and aluminum are used in various products, from beer cans and office supplies to automobiles—the prices for all of which are likely to rise as a result of the doubled import taxes.
(Time Magazine)

About our company

USA Fasteners, LLC is a distributor of fasteners and industrial supplies. Our customers are manufacturers, fabricators, and retail dealers.

USA Fasteners is a one-stop source for all industrial fasteners. Some of the specifications we meet are listed below.

- SAE and Metric fasteners
- Galvanizing, plating or other finishes
- Domestic fasteners
- Domestic raw material fasteners
- Stainless, Carbon, and other materials

We also carry the Proferred brand of industrial supplies including cutting tools, abrasives, hand tools, and safety products.

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Tariffs on Screws Are Already Hitting Manufacturers

Levies on steel and aluminum are reaching deeper in supply chains and spawning a hunt for domestic producers

Rising costs for screws are rippling through manufacturing supply chains.

President Trump's tariffs implemented this month on steel and aluminum imports have scrambled the supply chains of companies that make everything from car parts to appliances and football helmets to lawn mowers.

Unlike a similar Trump levy in 2018, the latest ones cover a wider range of imports, including the screws, nails and bolts that serve as the connective tissue in manufacturing.

That has set off a hunt to find domestic supplies of some of manufacturing's smallest components. Tariffs on imported steel and aluminum are already driving up the costs of foreign and domestic metal used to make those components. Manufacturing executives said the U.S. doesn't have the plants to churn out the amount of steel wire or screws and other fasteners needed to displace imports.

"The production capacity we need doesn't exist here in the U.S.," said Gene Simpson, president of Illinois-based fastener maker Semblex. "It's a select group of suppliers."

And companies that use screws and other metal parts covered by tariffs say their customers won't tolerate price increases. Some construction contractors may delay projects until they get a handle on how to blunt the effects of import duties.

About \$178 billion of steel and aluminum products imported by the U.S. last year are now subject to a 25% tariff, according to Jason Miller, a supply-chain management professor at Michigan State University. That is more than three times greater than the import products affected by the original 2018 tariffs.

"It's a shockingly large number of parts," said Miller. "The scope of the metal tariffs is so much broader than what you would have first thought."

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