

# A LOOK AT U.S. imports and exports OF COACH SCREWS

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U.S. imports and exports of coach screws picked up steam in 2010 and continued an upward trend for the first half of 2011. The upward trend, however, was halted by low figures in the third quarter of 2011. Imports in the third quarter of 2011 suffered a 20% decrease, in terms of value, from the second quarter and even managed to drop 2% from the third quarter of 2010. The percent of coach screws originating in China has decreased from 80% in 2010 to approximately 74% in 2011. Imports from the Czech Republic, on the other hand, showed a significant rise in 2011 and supplied nearly 11% of all coach screw imports in 2011, up from 6% in 2010.

Export values of coach screws, on the other hand, actually surpassed import levels in the third quarter of 2011 for the first time in two years. Taking a closer look, we find that the price per kilogram of coach screw exports skyrocketed in the third quarter of 2011, rising 26% from the second quarter and 83% from the third quarter of 2010. The increase in price can be attributed to a significant rise in U.S. air exports of coach screws to Switzerland, which average about \$55 per kilogram to export. •

## PERCENT OF U.S. IMPORTS ORIGINATING FROM EACH COUNTRY

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CHINA	74%	77%	81%	80%	74%
TAIWAN	23%	16%	13%	13%	12%
CZECH REPUBLIC	0%	3%	4%	6%	11%

## PERCENT OF U.S. EXPORTS DESTINED TO EACH COUNTRY

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
MEXICO	34%	33%	33%	34%	32%
SWITZERLAND	0%	0%	0%	0%	17%
UNITED KINGDOM	3%	4%	3%	4%	15%
CANADA	12%	8%	11%	12%	8%

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