

Weekly News Bulletin

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BusinessLine

[Indian aluminium sector shows resilience amid global trade turbulence - The Hindu BusinessLine](#)

Indian primary aluminium manufacturers are projected to remain in a healthy profitable state for this fiscal year, countering global trade headwinds, including the recent hike in US tariffs on aluminium imports, according to a report by Crisil Ratings.

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[Expectations of weakening market demand grow stronger, with short-term domestic aluminium prices expected to fluctuate considerably](#)

Yesterday, the most-traded SHFE aluminium 2506 contract opened at RMB 19,560 per tonne, with a high of RMB 19,615 per tonne, a low of RMB 19,530 per tonne, and closed at RMB 19,570 per tonne, up 0.46 per cent. Trading volume was 48,000 lots, and open interest was 191,000 lots. LME aluminium opened at USD 2,408 per tonne yesterday, with a high of USD 2,414 per tonne, a low of USD 2,408 per tonne, and closed at USD 2,410 per tonne, down USD 2 per tonne, or 0.08 per cent.

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[Global aluminium demand is rising as efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions and achieve decarbonisation increase](#)

No matter what industry it is, the demand for aluminium is skyrocketing alongside the urge to attain products which are sustainable, recycled and environmentally friendly. Rising demand for aluminium is surging due to the sectoral shift towards reducing GHG emissions. Hence, rapid aluminium usage is done in the renewable energy sector and electric vehicles (EV). For this, China has set their production cap to 45 million tonnes as their initiative to achieve low-carbon production. In 2024, the global low-carbon aluminium production stood at 55.2 million tonnes indicating the rapid shift.

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[Decline in downstream operating rates coupled with concentrated arrivals after the holiday, domestic aluminium prices in the doldrums](#)

Before the holiday, the most-traded SHFE aluminium 2506 contract opened at RMB 20,035 per tonne, with a high of RMB 20,035 per tonne, a low of RMB 19,900 per tonne, and closed at RMB 19,910 per tonne, down 0.65 per cent. Trading volume was 73,500 lots, and open interest was 184,000 lots.

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[Tariff fallout: US aluminium trade trends down with imports dampened by 12% in February 2025](#)

There was widespread speculation that US aluminium imports might surge ahead of the 25 per cent tariff implementation on March 12, driven by businesses rushing to bring in shipments before the duty took effect. At the same time, concerns mounted over the potential impact of the tariffs on aluminium inflows, particularly from Canada, the United States' largest supplier, accounting for 57 per cent of its total aluminium imports. Major American producers like Alcoa, which manufactures 70 per cent of its aluminium in Canada, also raised serious alarms about the possible consequences of the policy.

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[US-based all-aluminium engine company Carroll Shelby announces major upgrade for its 289 V8 crate](#)

US-based Carroll Shelby Engine Company, known for manufacturing specialised high-performance aluminium engines, has recently announced a major upgrade for its 289 V8 crate engine. The engine has been bored and stroked to increase its displacement to 364 cubic inches. As a result, it now produces over 470 bhp on 91-octane pump gas.

Aluminium International Today

[UK and US secure aluminium tariffs deal](#)

UK exports of aluminium to the USA will no longer be subject to tariffs.

The two countries agreed a deal yesterday (Thursday May) where exports of steel and aluminium would now be zero-rated for tariffs, according to the UK government.

As part of the agreement, the first 100,000 British cars sold in the US annually — the vast majority of the total — would be subject to a reduced 10% levy.

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[India: Supply crunch drives secondary aluminium prices higher in Apr'25; trend to continue in May](#)

India's secondary aluminium market saw an increase in prices in April 2025, driven by rising demand and persistent shortage in raw material availability. This supply-demand imbalance pushed alloyed ingot prices higher, particularly in the northern and southern parts of the country.