Tata Steel in the UK

Tata Steel is one of Europe’s leading steel producers, with steelmaking in Port Talbot, Wales, and Ijmuiden, Netherlands, as well as manufacturing plants across Europe.

Tata Steel is the largest steel company in the UK. It provides a vital foundation for many of the country’s key strategic supply chains, including the automotive and construction industries. Tata Steel supplies almost 50% of UK carmakers’ steel requirements. It is also the only UK steel company with significant domestic R&D activity with a research facility in Warwick and another under development in Swansea. Tata Steel in the UK is committed to continuing its record of high-quality skills development.

Tata Steel has invested more than £1.9 billion in its UK business since 2007. Investments are ongoing to improve manufacturing capability, enabling the production of advanced steels in various UK locations. Tata Steel is frequently a key driver for regional economic growth in the areas where it is based and a source of prosperity and opportunity for local communities.

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### Key facts

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<td>Apprentices &amp; graduates</td>
<td>300 UK apprentices and 80 graduate trainees</td>
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<td>Steel making capability</td>
<td>Port Talbot, South Wales</td>
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<td>UK: Shotton, Trostre, Newport, Caerphilly, Corby, Hartlepool and Walsall</td>
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### Innovation

UK R&D centre located at University of Warwick with a second, similarly-sized centre being developed at the University of Swansea.

Tata Steel in the UK has strong research links with academia in the UK. It sponsors three joint Chair positions at the University of Warwick, an endowed Professorial Chair at the University of Cambridge and other Chairs at the universities of Sheffield, Swansea and Imperial College, London.

Tata Steel in the UK is the key partner in establishing The Proving Factory – a partnership with high-tech companies in the automotive industry to help develop the technologies of tomorrow.

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### Key product launches by Tata Steel in the UK

- ‘Full finished’ steels for car body panels for customers like JLR, BMW and Nissan
- Advanced Colorcoat® pre-finished steel products for building envelope and cladding applications.
- Polymer-coated packaging steels, such as Protact®, which can reduce tin-can makers’ energy and CO2 emissions
- Celsius® structural hollow sections are used for a variety of uses including axles on trailers and gantries over the UK’s motorways
- Deep water pipe lines used to bring oil and gas ashore from deep water fields around the world
- Catnic® lintels – steel window and door lintels used in the booming house-building market
- Comfort® – specialised steel flooring for buildings provides sound-proofing
- Coretinium® has a honeycomb core and is used by bus manufacturers looking to reduce vehicle weight and CO2 emissions
Key investments

Tata Steel has invested more than £1.9 billion since 2007 to upgrade plant and technology at its UK operations, including:

- One of Port Talbot’s two blast furnaces rebuilt in 2013 as part of £250 million investment, which included a £55 million energy-from-heat scheme. In 2019 a major investment saw an extension project carried out the other blast furnace.

- Installation of a new £25 million ‘reversing rougher’ in 2014 – a major upgrade of the Hot Strip Mill at Port Talbot enabling it to further improve the quality of its steel products. In 2018 a multi-million pound project saw the installation of a transfer bar cooling system further improving quality.

- A new £4 million high-tech robotic welding line at Wednesfield’s Automotive Service Centre optimises car panels for weight, cost, efficiency and sustainability – all without compromising safety. In 2019 a multi-strand blanking line was installed to provide customers with a greater range of product options.
Key business units

- **Strip Products UK**
  Steelmaking and processing mills at Port Talbot producing hot rolled and cold rolled coil; galvanising and pickling lines in Llanwern, Newport, and lime production in Cumbria, UK

- **Colors**
  Galvanised metallic and pre-finished steel at Shotton in North Wales and coated narrow strip at Walsall in England’s West Midlands

- **Packaging steel**
  Tinplate and other packaging steels at Trostre near Llanelli in South Wales

- **Tubes**
  Wide variety of steel tubes are manufactured at Corby in the English East Midlands and Hartlepool on Teesside

- **Building systems**
  Wide range of metal cladding systems, comprising of both insulated panels and built-up engineered cladding and roofing solutions to provide ultimate design flexibility.

- **Distribution UK & Ireland**
  UK’s leading distributor of processed coil & sheet products with an extensive network of UK & Irish locations

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### Key dates

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<td>1967</td>
<td>British Steel formed by nationalising 14 UK steel companies</td>
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<td>1988</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>Merger of British Steel and Koninklijke Hoogovens to form Corus</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>Tata Steel acquires Corus</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>Blast furnace No. 4 reopens in Port Talbot after £200m rebuild</td>
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<td>2019</td>
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<td>Major investment to replace steelmaking equipment at Port Talbot</td>
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The Shard, London
As Western Europe’s tallest building, The Shard has 87 floors with 1,000 tonnes of steel from Tata Steel’s plant in Shotton, North Wales.

Jaguar F-PACE
Tata Steel recognised by Jaguar Land Rover for the quality of the products it supplies from both of its UK automotive focused sites. Material supplied by Tata Steel used in Jaguar XE, XF and the new F-Pace as well as the Evoque, Discovery Sport and the all-new Discovery.

Vauxhall Astra
Tata Steel supplies advanced, full-finish steels for the outer body panels of the new Vauxhall Astra, as well as ultra-highstrength, low-weight steels for its chassis.

Domestic appliances
Tata Steel’s site in Shotton supplies the majority of steel used in domestic appliances produced by Indesit.

The Royal Mint
Nearly all 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p UK coins in circulation originate from steel made in Port Talbot.

Wembley Stadium
Tata Steel supplied 22,000 tonnes of steel for Wembley Stadium manufactured at a number of locations, including Corby and Hartlepool.