

IRON ORE

THE STRENGTH BEHIND THE WORLD'S LEADING INDUSTRIES

DID YOU KNOW?

98%

of iron ore mined worldwide is used to make steel—making the metal critical to nearly every industry from energy and construction to transportation and equipment manufacturing. In fact, iron ore is the world's most commonly used metal.¹

AMERICA IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP 10 IRON ORE PRODUCERS.²

In 2013, mines in Michigan and Minnesota shipped 99 percent of the usable ore produced in the U.S., with an estimated value of \$5 billion.³

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\$5 BILLION



NEW JOBS

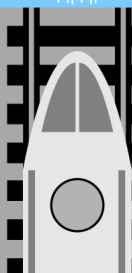
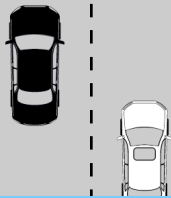
Increased access to minerals like iron ore would create thousands of new jobs and keep the U.S. a top exporter of this critical metal.

SUPPORTS 21,000 JOBS

In 2012, iron ore mining supported 21,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs.⁴

TRANSPORTATION

Iron ore can be found in hybrid and traditional car parts like engine blocks, in addition to sea-faring cargo ships and railroad systems.



CONSTRUCTION

Iron ore is used to make steel, the foundation of some of the world's tallest buildings.

Tons of Steel Used:

Willis Tower
76,000 tons

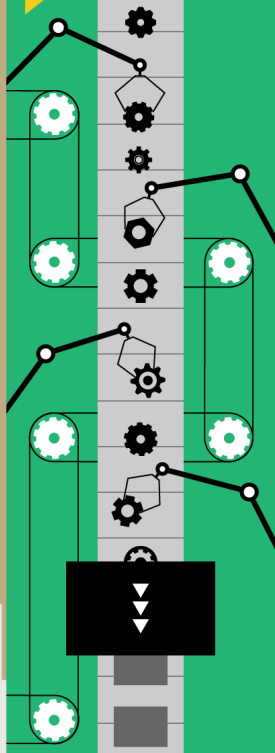
Empire State Building
57,000 tons

The John Hancock Center
46,000 tons



MANUFACTURING

Iron ore is heavily utilized in industrial equipment including gear-cutting machines, welding and material handling operations.



¹ <http://www.phmining.com/PHMining/Resources/Mineral-Information/Iron-Ore.htm>

² http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/pubs/commodity/iron_ore/

³ http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/pubs/commodity/iron_ore/mcs-2014-feore.pdf

⁴ http://nma.org/pdf/members/stat_pubs/mnmaed/mnmaed2012.pdf