

**Table 520. Prohibited Items Intercepted at U.S. Airport Screening Checkpoints: 2002 to 2006**

[Passengers boarding aircraft in thousands (612,876 represents 612,876,000). For the calendar year. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) assumed responsibility for airport security on February 17, 2002, and by November 19, 2002, TSA assumed control over all passenger screenings from private contractors. TSA data are incomplete for 2002]

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Passengers boarding aircraft total (1,000) <sup>1</sup> . . . . .</b>	<b>612,876</b>	<b>646,275</b>	<b>702,921</b>	<b>738,692</b>	<b>744,454</b>
Domestic . . . . .	560,107	592,412	640,698	670,418	671,606
International . . . . .	52,769	53,863	62,222	68,210	72,847
<b>Total prohibited items . . . . .</b>	<b>4,185,916</b>	<b>6,167,497</b>	<b>7,103,560</b>	<b>15,886,014</b>	<b>13,709,065</b>
Knife <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1,147,843	1,969,003	2,055,306	1,822,846	1,607,014
Other cutting instrument <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	2,063,729	3,029,318	3,409,724	3,276,936	163,419
Club <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	13,134	25,578	28,998	20,531	12,295
Box cutter <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	37,504	21,396	22,428	21,319	15,999
Firearm <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	983	638	254	(NA)	(NA)
Incendiary <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	83,086	485,792	697,242	371,711	94,096
Lighters <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	(X)	(X)	(X)	9,420,653	11,616,217
Other <sup>9</sup> . . . . .	839,637	635,772	889,608	952,018	200,025

NA Not Available. X Not applicable. <sup>1</sup> Data comes from the Air Transport Association. Data are for U.S. passenger and cargo airlines only. <sup>2</sup> Knife includes any length and type except round-bladed, butter, and plastic cutlery. <sup>3</sup> Other cutting instruments refers to, e.g., scissors, screwdrivers, swords, sabers, and ice picks. <sup>4</sup> Club refers to baseball bats, night sticks, billy clubs, bludgeons; etc. <sup>5</sup> Box cutter. <sup>6</sup> Firearm refers to items like pistols, revolvers, rifles, automatic weapons, shotguns, parts of guns and firearms. <sup>7</sup> Incendiaries refer to categories of ammunition and gunpowder, flammables/irritants, and explosives.

<sup>8</sup> As of April 14, 2005, passengers are prohibited from carrying all lighters on their person or in carry-on luggage or onboard an airplane. <sup>9</sup> Beginning December 22, scissors with a cutting edge of four inches or less and tools such as screwdrivers, wrenches, and pliers smaller than seven inches will be permitted on board. Scissors longer than four inches and tools such as crowbars, drills, hammers, and saws will continue to be prohibited from carry-on bags

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, unpublished data; 13 April 2007 <<http://www.tsa.gov>>. Air Transport Association of America, Washington, DC. Annual Operations, Traffic, and Capacity. <<http://www.airlines.org/home/default.aspx>>.