

UL Warns Public About Tampering With GDO Emergency Release

In July, UL issued a statement about homeowners who might attempt to thwart a certain garage door break-in method by attaching a zip tie to a GDO's emergency release. UL says the release "is required to be operable in all residential garage door operators certified to UL 325." UL adds that the release is also required by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and by U.S. federal law.

The issue of using zip ties to prevent a certain break-in method was covered in an article titled "Video of Six-Second Break-In Goes Viral," published in the summer 2014 issue of this magazine. DASMA worked with UL to develop its statement. ■



R+T Asia Announces 2015 Show

Organizers of R+T Asia 2015 are hoping to break the 2014 record attendance of 21,876 visitors. The event, a three-day business-to-business international trade show for roller shutters, doors/gates, and sun protection systems, is slated for March 24-26, 2015, at the Shanghai New International Exhibition Center in China.

More than 400 exhibitors are expected, including Hörmann China, which has signed a three-year contract to exhibit at R+T Asia. The show is expected to cover 450,000 square feet and attract 22,000 visitors, 88 percent of whom are management-level decision-makers.

One new feature is a delegation program that allows selected groups to organize a 10-member delegation that will receive several special benefits for attending the show. More details are available at www.rtasia.org/delegation, and the deadline to apply is Feb. 15, 2015. ■

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Hetzel Appointed to Florida Building Commission Committee



On August 20, the Florida Building Commission appointed DASMA Technical Director Joe Hetzel to the Structural Technical Advisory Committee. The committee handles code proposals, declaratory statements, and other structural matters relating to the Florida Building Code volumes.

“This is a significant appointment and a tribute to Joe’s professionalism,” said John Addington, DASMA executive director. “DASMA’s vision to invest in a technical director is continuing to

increase DASMA’s reputation as a technically professional and competent organization.”

Hetzel, a registered P.E. in Florida since 1985, has been involved in DASMA activities handled by the commission since 1997, when the state began developing its own statewide unified building code and product-approval program. He has successfully obtained many declaratory statements and submitted many significant code changes on behalf of DASMA.

“We recognize that Joe has made tremendous contributions to our process over the years,” said Richard Browdy, chairman of the Florida Building Commission. Browdy added that Hetzel is most qualified and highly capable to contribute input to the Structural TAC.

Hetzel said he would continue to keep DASMA fully apprised of FBC activities. ■

DASMA Seeks Energy-Related Changes for Doors

To improve garage door and rolling door representation in energy codes, DASMA has begun a comprehensive effort to update the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). DASMA’s Joint Technical Group has submitted an initial proposal to an International Code Council Code Action Committee to begin the process for the 2018 development cycle.

DASMA’s plans include clarifying the definition and application of “opaque doors,” revising default U-factor values, coordinating maximum air-leakage values, and distinguishing minimum component R-value requirements from maximum U-factor requirements. The proposals will likely involve coordination with other door and window industries since much of the work involves fenestration in general.

Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, said that although proposals cannot be submitted until November 2015 for the next IECC development cycle, now is the time to begin the work. “A considerable amount of coordination with other parties is needed to get the language right and to maximize its effectiveness for code users,” he added. ■

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Gate Systems Designer Course Updated

The Automated Vehicular Gate Systems Coalition has significantly updated the systems designer study guide and exam, according to Tom DeSilvia, chair. The updates were prompted by changes to UL 325 and ASTM F2200, feedback from previous course participants, and emerging technology.

In addition to simplified and clarified content involving access-control devices, vehicle detectors, and electrical wiring, study guide users will see a revamped drawing format. The coalition created a library

to house drawings to be referenced in current and future programs.

DeSilvia also said that the Institute for Door Dealer Education and Accreditation (IDEA) has assumed complete management for all course materials related to automated vehicular gate systems. "IDEA is a natural fit for this activity," he said.

The updated course materials should be ready this fall, in time for the systems designer courses offered at upcoming AFA events. ■



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DASMA Wins FBC Statement on Vents

At its August 2014 meeting, the Florida Building Commission approved a declaratory statement clarifying the field installation of vents in state-approved garage doors. Acting on behalf of DASMA members, Technical Director Joe Hetzel initiated the change to clarify the matter for building owners, code officials, dealers, and manufacturers.

The commission cited a specific job as an example for the statement. Noting that the job was outside of the High Velocity Hurricane Zone (Miami-Dade and Broward Counties), the FBC ruled that the local approval option must be used, provided that sufficient engineering documentation is submitted. The local approval would apply regardless of the size and end use of a vent, even if the vent has a Florida state approval.

Pat Hunter, Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee chair, sees this action as a helpful clarification. "Altering the construction of a state-approved product has been the source of many discussions, and this ruling gives a clear path for venting products installed in our doors in the field," he said.

The declaratory statement, designated as DS2014-086, will soon be posted at www.floridabuilding.org. ■



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