

EPA RRP LEAD PAINT UPDATE

House Bill Seeks to Stop RRP for Commercial Buildings

On May 22, Rep. Tim Murphy (R-Pa.) introduced a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives that would essentially stop EPA from expanding the RRP Rule to commercial buildings, restore the “opt-out” provision of the residential RRP, and prohibit the regulation from requiring post-abatement clearance testing.

The Lead Exposure Reduction Amendments Act of 2013, aka H.R. 2093, has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.

At the end of August, the bill had collected 46 cosponsors, including two Democrats. In addition, the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) and the Window and Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA) have applauded the legislation. However, the subcommittee has 26 other bills to consider, and H.R. 2093 is thought to have little chance of being enacted. ■

Remodeling Magazine: Groups Hammer EPA Over RRP

On June 26, Remodeling magazine reported, “Representatives from remodeling groups and industry associations hammered the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today over its plans to extend the lead-paint rule to public and commercial buildings.”

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), the Window and Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA), and the Real Estate Roundtable reportedly opposed the rule at the hearing.

According to the article, Mike Nagel, a Chicago-based remodeler, asked EPA, “How do I take scores of cubic yards of debris eight stories down in a 5x6x7 common elevator, down a 30' common hallway, down a ramp to the alley, and 90' up the alley to an enclosed truck without contaminating everything in sight along the way?” ■

EPA Contractor Fined \$65,000

In July, a company hired by the Environmental Protection Agency to remove lead paint from homes in Omaha agreed to pay \$65,450 for failing to take proper precautions. The incident may be the first time that an EPA-hired firm was fined for failure to follow the RRP Rule.

According to the EPA, Prudent Technologies of Kansas City, Mo., failed to cover the ground with plastic sheeting and failed to post warning signs around the job site. ■

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DASMA Board Welcomes Two New Members

At the DASMA Mid-Year Meeting in June, two new members joined the DASMA board of directors as others retired.

Bob Cookson, president of the Cookson Company, has retired from the DASMA board after serving as a board member since 2002 and board president (2008-2010). In his career, he has served in the leadership of DASMA, the American Rolling Door Institute (ARDI), the International Door Association, and the Far Western Garage Door Association. He has been part of Cookson's leadership since 1977.

Andrew Cornell has replaced Bob Cookson as member-at-large on the DASMA board. Cornell is CEO of CIW Enterprises, the holding company that owns Cornell Iron Works and The Cookson Company. He joined Cornell in 1992 and has been president since 1997.

Steve Hahn, product manager for Lawrence Roll-Up Doors, replaced Richard Cookson as chair of the Rolling Door Division and will represent the division on the DASMA board. Hahn, a rolling door expert, has been in the rolling door industry for more than 30 years.

Richard Cookson, who has served on the DASMA board since 2011, has now transitioned to retirement from his role as vice president of the Cookson Company. A longtime rolling door veteran and former president of ARDI, he has been a part of Cookson's management since 1985. ■



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Remodeling Gains Expected to Continue Into 2014

General strengthening in the housing market over the past 18 months is translating into increased spending on home improvements, according to the Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA) released on July 31 by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

On the basis of this continued upward trend, the LIRA is projecting continued strengthening of the market into the first quarter of 2014.

"Homeowners are more comfortable investing in their homes right now," says Eric S. Belsky, managing director of the Joint Center. "Consumer confidence scores are back to pre-recession levels, and ... the growth in sales of existing homes is providing more opportunities for these improvement projects."

Kermit Baker, director of the LIRA program, says that the pace of growth for home improvement spending should begin to moderate further into 2014. ■

R+T 2015 in Stuttgart: 400 Exhibitors Registered

New highlights and innovations are expected at R+T 2015, the European trade show for the door, gate, and sun-protection industries, held once every three years in Stuttgart, Germany.

About 75 percent of the exhibition area is already booked, with 400 exhibitors committed. The event will mark 50 years of R+T in Stuttgart.

Marantec, a winner of the R+T Innovation Prize in 2009, will exhibit at R+T 2015. The company previously displayed an industrial drive system with faster door travel times and lower energy consumption and CO2 emissions. ■

R+T Expands Worldwide

The R+T trade show for roller shutters, doors/gates, and sun-protection systems will hold its first Australian show in 2014. The exhibition will take place in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from Aug. 21-23, 2014. Almost 40 percent of the 50,000-sq.-ft. exhibition area has been pre-booked.

R+T Turkey is scheduled to premiere in that country in fall 2013. The event comes to two halls at the trade fair center in Istanbul from Nov. 7-11.

The second R+T Russia was slated for Sept. 25-27, 2013, again in Moscow. Companies such as Somfy, Hörmann, and Alutech had registered as of August. More information on R+T events is at www.rt-expo.com. ■

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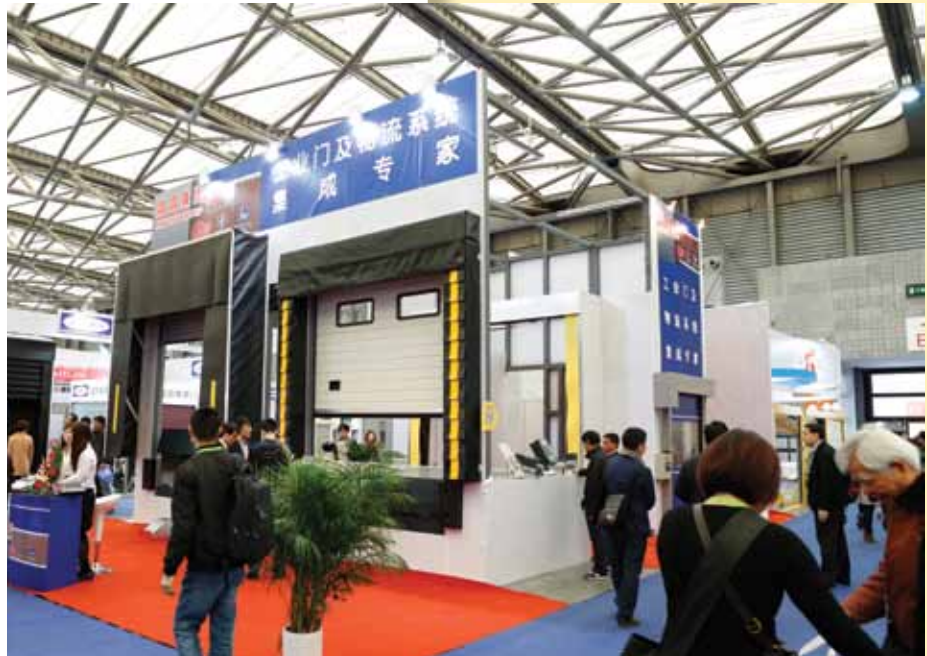
R+T Asia 2014: More Than 80 Percent Is Booked

As of July, 70 percent of R+T Asia 2013's 380 exhibitors have committed to participate in the 2014 10th anniversary event, to be held March 25-27 in Shanghai.

More than 80 percent of the total exhibition space is booked, and that space has been expanded to four halls to accommodate more than 18,000 expected visitors.

The area for doors and gates will be highlighted in 2014. Exhibitors such as Hörmann, Crawford, Albany, and DoorHan support the event.

The 2014 show will again host the International Door & Window Summit, featuring industry experts from around the world. More information is at www.rtasia.com.cn. ■



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DASMA Updates Drywall Recommendations

This past June, DASMA issued an update to Technical Data Sheet 164. The update adds that installers should check with local authorities having jurisdiction before mounting any bracket or angle to a drywall surface.

Pat Hunter, Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee chair, feels that the addition is very significant because of feedback from local authorities. Hunter adds, "Some communities may have construction or environments not conducive to methods described in the TDS."

See the Ask Joe Hetzel question and answer on page 56. ■

ASTM Changes Improve Gate Safety

Earlier this spring, the ASTM F14 Committee approved changes to ASTM F2200, *Standard Specification for Automated Vehicular Gate Construction*. The Automated Vehicular Gate Systems Coalition, comprising members of AFA, IDA, DASMA, and NOMMA, initiated the clarifications.

Language specific to horizontal slide, horizontal swing, vertical lift, vertical pivot, and overhead-type vehicular gates was developed to address gate movement initiated by gravity. The changes either prevent continuous, unimpeded movement or restrain movement, depending on the type of gate.

Rick Sedivy of DoorKing, a DASMA member of the Coalition, says, "This change is needed to improve safety and clarify and strengthen the standard."

ASTM F2200-13 was approved effective July 1, 2013. The standard is available for purchase at www.astm.org. ■

Three ASCE 7 Wind Proposals Approved

This spring, the ASCE 7 Wind Load Subcommittee approved three wind-related proposals affecting sectional garage doors and rolling doors. All three changes will appear in the commentary section of ASCE 7-16.

The DASMA-submitted proposal incorporates ICC model code-based language stating that glazing in sectional (garage) doors and rolling doors shall be subjected to missile tests and cyclic pressure differential tests in accordance with ANSI/DASMA 115 as applicable. The proposal language will also be carried into the main body of ASCE 7.

DASMA assisted the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) in submitting the other two proposals.

(1) For windows, doors, and other fenestration assemblies, the effective wind area of each structural or other load-bearing component should be based on the actual load-carrying characteristics of the load-bearing system used to support the assembly.

(2) The component and cladding pressures determined from Chapter 30 should be adjusted for the allowable stress design load factor of 0.6.

Mark Westerfield of Clopay, a DASMA member of the Commercial & Residential Garage Door Division, says the change to the effective wind area took a number of years to develop. "Standard users should simply be pointed to the fenestration industry to provide load-carrying evidence for such products," he adds. Steve Hahn of Lawrence Doors, Rolling Door Division chair, echoes that claim, noting that DASMA has published TDS 178 (for garage doors) and TDS 281 (for rolling doors) to help standard users.

The proposals were to be balloted in the ASCE 7 Main Committee, where they were all expected to pass. The changes will be incorporated into ASCE 7-16, which is expected to be published in time for referencing in the 2015 editions of the ICC model building and residential codes. ■

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ASHRAE Approves High Speed Door Change

This spring, the ASHRAE 90.1 Committee approved a change to the 90.1 standard recognizing specific air leakage requirements for high speed doors. The change, designated as addendum “da,” establishes a specific maximum air leakage rate directly based on 2012 research testing sponsored by the DASMA High Performance Door Division.

The approved change successfully passed through a public comment period and awaits final ASHRAE board approval before publishing. Meanwhile, Jeff Wendt, division chair, says the change could be the first of many to come. “Accurately representing high speed door performance in the marketplace is essential toward allowing expansion of the demand for the products,” he adds.

Joe Hetzel of DASMA is working with the ASHRAE 90.1 Envelope Subcommittee to develop 90.1 User’s Manual language to explain the new change. ■

DASMA to Give Wind-Load Presentation in KC Area

DASMA is scheduled to explain significant wind-load requirement changes to Kansas City area building officials on November 20. The presentation comes amid potentially increasing nationwide pressure from insurance agencies to enforce wind codes due to higher windstorm-related losses in recent years.

The presentation will highlight model code changes as a result of ASCE 7-10 referencing three wind-speed maps based on risk categories. DASMA TDS 155s, a wind-load guide based on the ASCE 7-10 standard, will be reviewed.

Ty Collins of Delden and John Stroede of DoorLink, both based in Kansas City, say that the presentation materials would also be valuable for use in other wind-load enforcement areas. ■

The Most-Downloaded Technical Data Sheets

Downloads*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
171	TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
120	TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors
101	TDS 161 Connecting Garage Door Jambs to Building Framing
96	TDS 156 Standard Wood Header and Jamb Detail Guidelines
80	TDS 182 Technical Considerations for Dock Doors

*May 15–Aug. 15, 2013

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