

DASMA Launches Revised Website

In September, DASMA launched a newly designed website at www.dasma.com. The site's home page now includes quick links to the most popular pages of the site, including the page with technical data

sheets and the page with DASMA standards. "The site is the industry's largest repository of authoritative technical and other helpful information for dealers and manufacturers," said John Addington,

executive director. "The revised site improves functionality and brings a fresh modern look."

The home page also contains quick links to the list of DASMA members, the "Join DASMA" page, the IDEA site (promoting dealer accreditation and certification), and to GarageWowNow.com, the industry's website for consumers.

The site now contains 120 DASMA Technical Data Sheets, 15 standards, and several hundred magazine articles, along with helpful safety information for consumers. All content can be quickly found through a Google Site Search located at the top of every page. ■



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EPA LEAD PAINT UPDATE



Firm Applications Must Now Be Done Online

As of Sept. 15, EPA will no longer offer the option to submit firm certification applications by mail. After that date, all firm applications, payments, updates, and certificate replacement requests must be done online. This change is part of an agency effort to decrease cost and increase efficiency. ■

Renovator Training Expiration Extended

EPA has extended the training expiration date for many certified renovators to allow more renovators to take advantage of the training.

If you completed your course training on or before March 31, 2010, the new expiration date is March 31, 2016. If training was completed between April 1, 2010, and March 31, 2011, the new expiration is six years from the date of completing the course. For those who completed the course on or after April 1, 2011, the expiration is five years from completion of the course.

The extensions do not apply to firm certifications. Firm certifications expire after five years, which means that some firm certifications have already begun to expire. Firms are encouraged to apply at least 90 days before their certification expiration. ■

14 States Now Authorized

To date, EPA has authorized 14 states to run their own renovation programs: Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin. Renovators and firms that only work within an authorized state(s) must be certified by each authorized state in which they do work, and they are not required to be certified by EPA.

If an individual renovator is certified by an authorized state, they are also qualified to work in EPA-administered states with no additional training. However, if renovators and firms do work in an EPA-administered state, they must be certified by EPA. ■

R+T Turkey Returns

The second R+T Turkey is slated for Nov. 12-15 at the CNR Expo Fair

Center in Istanbul. The first one was held in 2013, and the event appears to setting a pattern for a



once-every-two-years show. The products displayed at the show are roller shutters, doors/gates, and sun-protection products.

More than 110 exhibitors are expected at the 2015 show. About 40 percent of them are from outside the country, and about 60 percent are from Turkey. More information is at www.rt-turkey.com. ■

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DASMA Releases New TDS on Tornadoes

In June, DASMA published TDS 191, titled “Sectional Garage Doors and Tornadoes: Wind Mitigation and Personal Safety.” The new Technical Data Sheet provides information about sectional garage doors in tornado-prone regions and the areas protected by those doors.

Topics covered include wind design, a tornado rating scale, “tornado proof” versus “tornado resistant,” refuge location, and tornado design versus hurricane design. The document clarifies each topic, especially as they relate to garage doors.

“This new DASMA document gives people in places like Moore, Okla., useful information on sectional garage door capabilities and limitations in tornado conditions,” says Mark Westerfield, a DASMA Technical Committee member who helped develop the document.

The TDS can be found at www.dasma.com. ■



DASMA to Study U-factors on Glazed Doors

In August, the DASMA Commercial & Residential Garage Door Division formally initiated U-factor research testing on sectional doors with glazing. The testing would involve two different insulated panel types, each with one row of glazing, a fully glazed door, and three glazing types for each door alternative.

Using the test data, DASMA seeks to create a Technical Research Document with a matrix of U-factors for various doors with glazing. DASMA would also use the matrix to compare with proposed maximum U-factor values currently being voted on for the next edition of ASHRAE 90.1.

Doug Geeslin, division chair, said the research will also benefit a DASMA thermal performance program now being developed. “This project should greatly help clarify our program and our efforts with codes and standards,” he said. ■



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DASMA to Contribute to Florida Building Code Update

In July, the Florida Building Commission opened the development cycle for the 6th edition of the Florida Building Code. The deadline for submittals is Jan. 1, 2016. The 5th edition became effective June 30, 2015.

To keep Florida-specific provisions involving garage doors and rolling doors in the code, DASMA submitted six proposals. The proposals, submitted to the building and residential volumes, address wind load, testing, and labeling.

“Although we must submit our content every three years, this requirement emphasizes the importance of reevaluating the need,” said Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director. Hetzel added that the process helps to ensure enforcement and built-environment continuity.

The upcoming cycle will be Hetzel’s first as a member of the Structural Technical Advisory Committee. ■



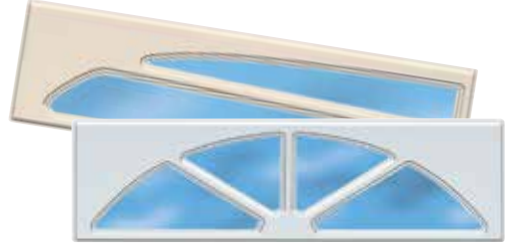
The Most-Downloaded Technical Data Sheets

Page Views*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
193	TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
107	TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors
67	TDS 182 Technical Considerations for Dock Doors
63	TDS 351 Federal and State Garage Door Operator Legislation Guidelines for Dealers and Installers
56	TDS 156 Standard Wood Header and Jamb Detail Guidelines

*May 15 – Aug. 15, 2015

More than 100 Technical Data Sheets are freely available at www.dasma.com under Publications (www.dasma.com/PubTechData.asp). These documents have been prepared and are continually reviewed and updated by the DASMA Technical Committees and technical staff. ■

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