

EPA RRP LEAD PAINT UPDATE

Proposed RRP for Public and Commercial Buildings Nears

On June 26, 2013, the EPA was set to hold a public meeting in Washington, D.C., on proposed regulations for renovation, repair, and painting (RRP) activities in public and commercial buildings. In April, Brian Schoolman, special counsel for the International Door Association (IDA), formally submitted industry comments on the proposed regulations, opposing the inclusion of garage doors in the scope of affected building components.

EPA is accepting comments on the proposed regulations until July 12, 2013. EPA then has until July 1, 2015, to either sign the proposed RRP for public and commercial buildings or determine that these activities do not create lead-based paint hazards. ■



EPA: RRP Is Costing More Than Expected

In February, EPA announced that it is not recovering all its costs of administering the RRP program. The reason is that fewer renovation companies are participating in RRP than projections showed. Plus, EPA says the fee structure is not adequate to cover all of its RRP costs.

EPA plans to update its fee structure to rectify the shortfall, but specific changes are unresolved as yet. ■

EPA Assesses More RRP Fines

In May, EPA announced 17 enforcement actions for violations of the RRP rule. In 14 of the actions, the contractor failed to obtain certification prior to proceeding with renovation activities on pre-1978 homes. Other alleged violations included failure to follow RRP lead-safe work practices.

In the 14 actions, civil penalties were assessed of up to \$23,000. In the other three actions, EPA is seeking civil penalties of up to \$37,500 per violation. A company's ability to pay a penalty is evaluated and penalties are adjusted accordingly.

Painting and window companies were common in the list of companies targeted with fines, but no garage door companies were included in the 17 actions. ■



NAHB Study: Home Buyers Want Quality Doors

According to the 2012 National Association of Home Builders' "What Home Buyers Really Want" study, new and potential home buyers focus on quality and appearance when looking at the exterior doors of a home. And the focus on quality increases steadily as the buyer's age increases, jumping from 43 percent of 30- to 40-year-olds to 63 percent of seniors.

Overall, 54 percent of all respondents selected "quality" as the most important focus for an exterior door while 34 percent selected "appearance" as being important. These two traits were more important than "upgrade price," "brand name," "warranty," and "features." Respondents indicated that energy efficiency was extremely important for all products reviewed.

In 2007, wood exterior entry doors were the most popular choice of respondents. But in 2012, steel and fiberglass door alternatives have gained in popularity, with steel being virtually tied for first place with wood doors. ■



R+T Asia 2013 Breaks Records

The 9th R+T Asia, held March 26-28 at the Shanghai New International Expo Center, broke several records. Visitors reached 17,520 (2012 = 15,728), while 380 exhibitors came from 17 countries.

More than two-thirds of the exhibitors have already booked for the next R+T Asia, to be held May 20-22, 2014. Like the Stuttgart show, R+T Asia features doors, gates, roller shutters, and sun-protection products. ■

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DASMA Establishes New Division

DASMA members formed the Access Control Point Systems Division at a meeting in Las Vegas in April. The new division comprises manufacturers of active vehicular barrier access control point systems that comply with ASTM F2656.

Brian Fritz of AutoGate, a member of the new division, says, "We have much to accomplish in the short term, which will result in immediate industry benefits to all."

Fritz notes that eligible manufacturers who join DASMA will benefit from faster implementation of industry programs as well as an opportunity to steer the division's work. "The return on an investment in the new division will pay dividends as the division's programs are developed and rolled out," he adds.

The division plans to meet at the DASMA Mid-Year Meeting in Chicago in June. Division members and DASMA staff are reaching out to prospective members to join the group. ■

R+T 2015 Already Half Full

Over 50 percent of the planned exhibition space for R+T 2015 is already booked. The show, held once every three years in Stuttgart, Germany, is the world's largest trade show for doors, gates, roller shutters, and sun protection.

The 2015 show is expected to break its own records. More than 300 exhibitors are already committed to attend the event, slated for Feb. 24-28, 2015. ■



Summit Attracts Speakers From Many Continents

The first International Windows and Doors Summit (IWDS), held in conjunction with R+T Asia 2013 in Shanghai, featured speeches and panel discussions with industry professionals from China, the U.S., Australia, Germany, the U.K., and elsewhere.



Chris Long, managing director of International Door Association (IDA), and Tom Wadsworth, editor of Door and Access Systems Newsmagazine, were the only two speakers from the U.S. Presentations covered issues pertinent to selling industry products in China and around the globe. ■

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Changes for Gate Operators Coming to UL 325

Some significant revisions to the UL 325 standard for gate systems are coming.

“Dealers who install gate operators need to know about these changes and understand how they will affect proper installation and design of gate operators and systems,” says Rick Sedivy of DoorKing.

Sedivy says one notable change has been published, with several additional changes nearing publication. The published change, effective Jan. 12, 2016, is a requirement for a gate operator to monitor Types B1, B2, and E entrapment-protection devices.

“Monitoring means that if any of these entrapment-protection devices are not present, or if a fault condition occurs, then the only means to operate the gate is via a constant pressure push button,” explains Sedivy.

Other significant changes affecting gate operators have been approved. Sedivy encourages dealers to communicate with gate operator suppliers to see how the changes affect their labeled/listed operator products. ■



Technical Updates for Sectional Doors Published

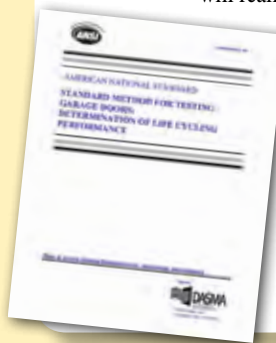
In April, the DASMA Commercial & Residential Garage Door Division approved updates to ANSI/DASMA 102, specifications for sectional doors, and ANSI/DASMA 109, cycle life testing. The updates improve the standards and make them more accurately reflect marketplace products.

ANSI/DASMA 102 expands bracket requirements to encompass bottom brackets, whether or not they are located at door corners, and it better defines safety factors for such brackets. ANSI/DASMA 109 clarifies that the operator is to be installed per the manufacturer's installation instructions and that the travel speed during testing is based on manufacturer specifications.

Bob Smith of Haas Door, division chair, says that manufacturers will realize increased product consistency and

improved product offerings when choosing to comply with either standard. Barbara Kelkhoff of LiftMaster says the positive cooperation between the two DASMA divisions to update ANSI/DASMA 109 aided in efficiently changing the standard.

Both standards will soon undergo ANSI canvassing to formally confirm the revisions. ■



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ICC Approves DASMA Energy Proposals

In April, an ICC committee in Dallas approved two DASMA proposals associated with the International Energy Conservation Code. The proposals deal with U-factors for garage doors and rolling doors.



One proposal allows manufacturers to test to ANSI/DASMA 105 if they are unable to conduct an NFRC 102 test to validate an NFRC 100 simulation for U-factor as currently required. The other proposal changes “roll-up or sliding door” terminology to “non-swinging door” to clarify and expand product offerings to include rolling doors and garage doors.

Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, says that DASMA hopes to work with other parties during the coming public comment period to get other DASMA proposals approved at final action hearings in October.

Approved proposals during the current code development cycle will be incorporated into the 2015 editions of ICC code publications.

DASMA Forms Subcommittee to Study R-value

Responding to member discussions and code activities on the topic, DASMA convened a subcommittee in March to study garage door R-value-related activities in the marketplace. The subcommittee will review recent International Code Council activities involving R-value as well as current and new DASMA publications.

Mark Westerfield, subcommittee chair, anticipates “discussions on possible updates to the garage door R-value definition and determination.” He cited two recent ICC code change proposals and an ICC staff interpretation that could influence R-value code enforcement involving doors needed for energy conservation.

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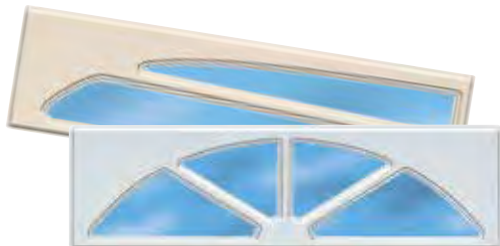
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Popular Tech Sheets Updated

Earlier this year, DASMA published updates and improvements for two of its most popular Technical Data Sheets. TDS 151 gives general code inspection guidelines for garage doors, and TDS 156 contains guidelines for horizontal and vertical wood jamb details.

Changes to TDS 151 include converting the guidelines into a checklist and changing some checklist content. Changes to TDS 156 include updating primary structural requirements information and adding an important note.

Pat Hunter of C.H.I., DASMA Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee chair, says the revisions improved the sheets' content and usability. "We know that dealers are accessing these documents online to help in the permit process and improve installations," he says.

DASMA Technical Data Sheets can be viewed, downloaded, and printed free at www.dasma.com. ■



The Most-Downloaded Technical Data Sheets

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

*Feb. 15, 2012 – May 15, 2013

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