



Torsion Plastics expands manufacturing facility

In October, Torsion Plastics announced that the company broke ground earlier this year to expand its manufacturing facility in Evansville, Ind., from 30,000 sq. ft. to 60,000 sq. ft. The expansion was expected to be completed slated for November 2020.

As a result of the expansion, Torsion Plastics will increase warehousing capacity, add three new plastic extrusion lines, increase injection molding capabilities, and add more office space. The company also expects to double its manufacturing workforce by the end of 2022. ■

Garaga names 2020 Sweepstakes winner

In October, Garaga announced the winner of its 2020 Sweepstakes. The Dufour family won a Garaga dream garage door and a new LiftMaster garage door opener with an integrated camera for their new home in Canada. The prize also included installation services from a local Garaga dealer.

This is the eighth year the company has conducted the Sweepstakes, which is widely promoted on social media. The contest takes place from coast to coast in the U.S. and Canada and begins in spring each year. ■



Wayne Dalton garage doors now available at Lowe's

In October, Wayne Dalton announced that it has partnered with Lowe's Home Improvement stores to sell select garage door models through the home improvement retailer's locations nationwide.

Select models, including the Wayne Dalton Classic Steel and Carriage House steel doors, are now available through the Lowe's Home Services

program. Additional models will be available at Lowe's in the future. Wayne Dalton doors purchased from Lowe's will be installed and serviced by local independent dealers. ■

Nortek Security & Control rebrands company name

In September, Nortek Security & Control announced that the company had rebranded to Nortek Control, encompassing all of its brands under a single, simplified name. The rebranding represents the evolution from a manufacturing-focused company to a company focused on delivering technology solutions for its global customers.



Headquartered in Carlsbad, Calif., the over 700-employee company has a large portfolio of brands covering a variety of business lines. Nortek Control has design centers and manufacturing plants throughout the United States, Mexico, Asia, and Europe. ■

Asta Door announces new brand

In October, ASTA Door Corporation announced the launch of its new brand, which includes an update to its corporate logo and a change of the company name to ASTA America by Janus International.

In addition to the rebrand, ASTA America has expanded its full line of rolling steel to include products of polyurethane insulation and powder coating options. Both product additions serve to increase the quality of the full line and meet growing customer demands in the commercial and industrial door markets. ■



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Overhead Door unveils Red Ribbon Rewards Program



In October, Overhead Door (OHD) launched a new incentive program that rewards the sales representatives of its distributors/Ribbon Sales Professionals (RSPs) for selling certain products.

The Red Ribbon Rewards program allows enrolled RSPs to earn points, which can be redeemed for over 60,000 products and experiences, including worldwide travel, event tickets, brand merchandise, real-time hotel booking, digital subscriptions, and more. ■



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Rooftop lounge features 1956 bus with Schweiss doors

In October, two Schweiss doors were added to a 1956 bus showcased on the rooftop of the Bobby Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. The 1956 Greyhound Scenicruiser bus features two hydraulic doors with a dual-pump system used to lift and close the 18' x 6" x 8' side door and 8' x 9' rear bus door.

The Greyhound was hoisted 10 floors to the rooftop with a crane and now serves as part of the Rooftop Lounge and a landmark for visitors. ■



Clopay sponsors Habitat for Humanity build

In September, Clopay announced that it will provide \$100,000 in sponsorship funding for a new Habitat for Humanity home in Sidney, Ohio. Building was scheduled to begin immediately, with a completion date expected in April 2021.

At the groundbreaking, Clopay revealed it will also donate entry and garage doors for the home. Clopay president Steve Lynch said, "In a year of unpredictable circumstances, we are excited to have something incredibly special to celebrate. After deciding to support this amazing organization, we were excited to learn that the worthy new homeowner, Marie Strunk, is a member of our own Clopay family." ■

Clopay faux wood door selected for 2020 Idea House

In August, Clopay's Canyon Ridge carriage house garage door was featured on the This Old House "Cottage on the Cape" 2020 Idea House, which is now open for virtual tours online at www.thisoldhouse.com.

The sixth annual Idea House is a 2,500-sq.-ft. classic New England shingle-style home in Eastham, Mass., that includes a garage workshop, a home office, and a 430-sq.-ft. guest suite.

The five-layer Intellicore carriage house door is featured in the new standard Black color with moisture-resistant composite cladding, HFC-free insulation, and built-in wind-load reinforcement. ■



Amarr doors showcased on "Brother vs. Brother"

In October, the season finale of HGTV's "Brother vs. Brother" series with Jonathan and Drew Scott featured two Amarr Classica garage doors. The CL1000 doors were installed by RW Garage Doors, located in Vacaville, Calif.

The three-section Classica steel doors were featured in the Cortona design in black, with Madeira windows, Alpine Handles, and Blue Ridge Strap Hinges decorative hardware. ■



Access Garage Doors announces two new franchise locations

In October, Access Garage announced new franchise locations in Cleveland, Ohio, and Tallahassee, Fla. In the company's first year of offering franchises, starting in February 2020, it has awarded six. The first four were in Huntsville, Ala., Naples, Fla., Nashville, Tenn., and South Raleigh, N.C.

New franchise owners receive hands-on training, sales training, business resources, and continued corporate support. The nationwide franchising program continues to grow. ■



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Torsion Plastics recently added Injection Molding to its expansive manufacturing capability. Molded frames provide an aesthetically pleasing, lower-cost option for short and long panel offerings. Combining this technology with Torsion's stick welded capability, Torsion provides the most flexible and comprehensive window system offering in the industry.



RAPID PROTOTYPES

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Granby Zoo Hippo Habitat features Garaga doors

In September, Garaga announced that its full-view garage doors were selected for the Granby Zoo's Hippo Habitat. The zoo, located in Africa, is recognized for its mission to ensure its animals a better quality of life. The Garaga panoramic doors highlight the dedicated space designed for the family of hippos to easily transition from inside to outside. ■

Genie recognized by Home Builder Executive magazine

In October, Home Builder Executive magazine awarded The Genie Company first place in its 2020 Innovation Awards issue. The award was given for the company's achievements in smart garage door opener development.

Judges considered several opener features, including Genie's IoT Aladdin Connect system, which integrates with several major smart platforms. ■

Haas doors survive derecho



In August, Haas 700 Series garage doors were put to the test after a strong derecho hit Iowa, bringing hail and wild wind gusts up to 112 mph. After the storm, trees, homes, and businesses were damaged, but the four

Haas Insulated Steel doors on the storage units belonging to homeowners in Ankeny remained standing.

"It was like the intensity of a Category 4 hurricane pounding our area for at least 30 minutes. Our personal storage units were demolished. The winds took the ceiling off, which caused the sides to blow out of the units, but the garage doors were still standing. In fact, they didn't even have a scratch on them," said resident Rod Andrew. ■



Brooklawn Country Club installs 17 Haas doors

In October, Haas Insulated 700 Series garage doors were selected for a 17-bay maintenance facility constructed in 2019 at the Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield, Conn. Each of the 17 steel doors features a flush woodgrain embossment outside with a V-groove pattern woodgrain embossment inside.

The expansive new maintenance facility was constructed to hold golf course and grounds equipment. Three 1-3/4"-thick CFC-free polyurethane doors helps the tennis and golf club save energy. ■

Nortek Control develops white paper on variable speed technology

In October, Nortek Control announced that its Linear brand division had developed a new white paper about heavy large gate opener technologies. The paper explains how the expectations for gate opener capabilities have expanded and how they are proven to be effective intrusion deterrents for large commercial and government organizations.

The paper outlines the two most frequently used gate opener technologies—variable speed and hydraulic—and summarizes the multiple advantages of variable speed opener technology. ■



Amarr commercial doors showcased on luxury storage condo

In October, Amarr announced its Amarr 2432 commercial doors were installed on the new Fortress garage facility, a luxury vehicle storage condominium in Jacksonville, Fla.

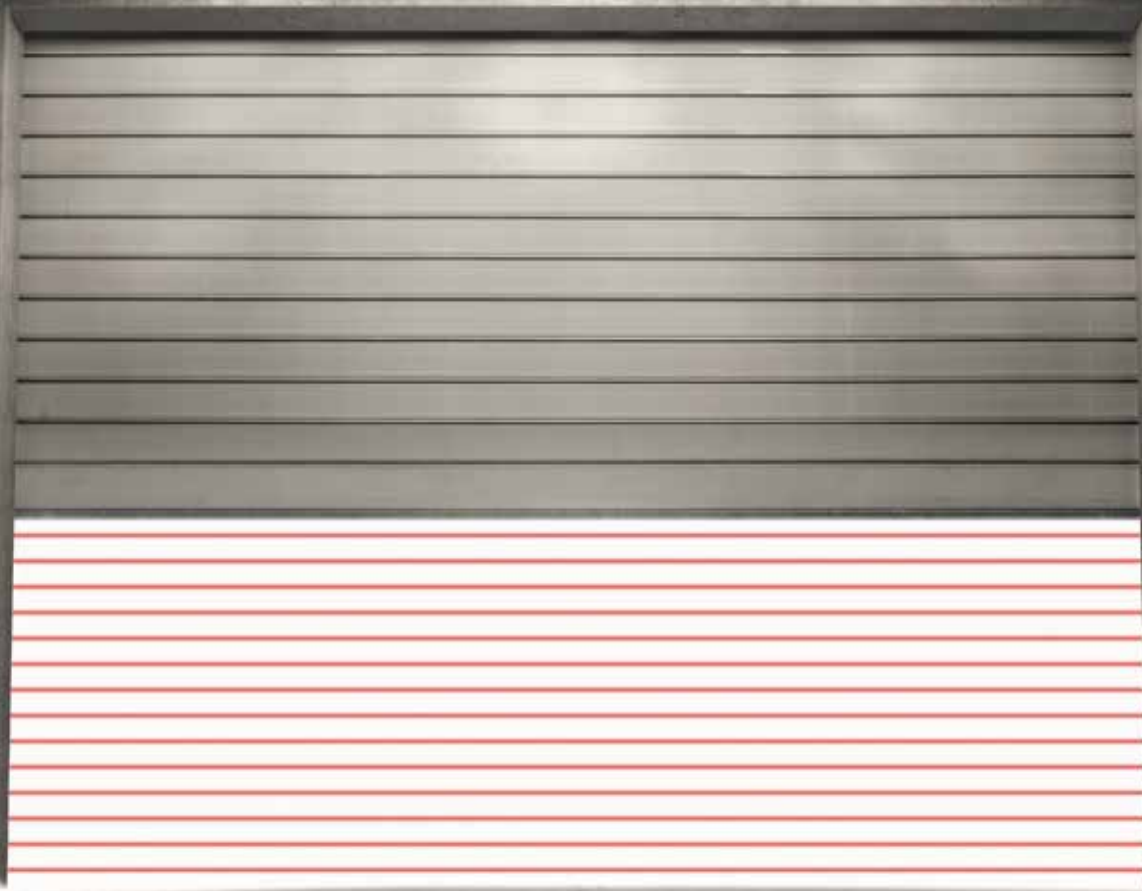
The 30 custom-width Amarr 2432 doors, in Commercial Black with a 130 mph wind-load rating, were installed in each of the facility's units. Four non-functioning sections with double-insulated acrylic windows were installed in place of the standard concrete header.

The color-coordinated doors were used to seal and secure each opening. ■



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Clopay extends imagineNation Makeover Contest

In October, Clopay announced that it had extended its imagineNATION Makeover Contest through December 31, 2021. Homeowners who have replaced their garage or entry doors can submit before and after photos for a chance to win \$1,000. Once an entry is received, it stays in the selection pool for the duration of the contest.

A winning makeover is selected each month, and installing dealers of the winning entry receive \$250. Clopay launched the contest four years ago to promote a garage or entry door's effect on curb appeal, and they've noticed a spike in entries this year. ■



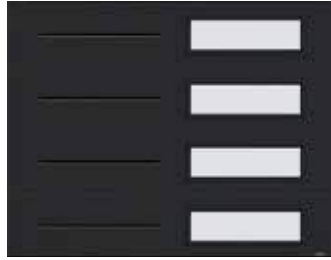
Access Garage Doors celebrates 15-year anniversary

In September, Access Garage Doors celebrated its 15-year anniversary. The Chattanooga-based company opened on Sept. 15, 2005, employs 22 people, and offers garage door and electric opener services. It is an authorized dealer for Liftmaster Opener Systems, Clopay, and Amarr Garage Doors. ■

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Garaga announces new delivery tracking feature

In October, Garaga added a new Intranet feature to help dealers plan incoming deliveries. Dealers can now send SMS messages to select employees to notify them of arrival/unloading times. Real-time tracking of shipments and delay notifications are also available.

The new Intranet feature is currently offered for deliveries from the St-Georges and Barrie facilities in Canada. ■



TNR releases new Chillfast installation video

In October, TNR Doors launched a new Chillfast freezer door video featuring animation created from 3D engineering models. The detailed and lifelike installation video supports the door system and highlights key subassemblies. Users can see how the doors can be installed right out of the box, with step-by-step installation and design instructions. ■



Hörmann Service Support App gets an update

In October, TNR Doors introduced version 2 of its Hörmann Service Support App. The app now includes new TNR Doors products and enhanced Hörmann high performance door updates. Users can access the updated app using a mobile device 24/7 to troubleshoot new installations and diagnose error codes. ■

Nortek Control launches PRO Portal

In October, Nortek Control introduced a digital asset management tool. PRO Portal is an online platform that provides select partners access to a collection of digital marketing materials that can be downloaded, customized, printed, and delivered. Sell sheets, brochures, hi-res images, and videos are also available. ■

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