

Home remodeling spending skyrockets

National spending for home renovations and repairs is expected to accelerate in the second half of 2021 and remain elevated through mid-year 2022, according to the Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA) released in July

by the Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

The LIRA projects that annual growth in home renovation and repair expenditures will reach 8.6%, surpassing \$380 billion by the end of the second quarter. A significant rise in permits for home improvements also indicates that owners are continuing to invest in improvement projects.

2022 projections are based on data on residential remodeling permits and single-family housing starts. Using unsmoothed inputs in the LIRA model would have projected an unlikely annual growth rate roughly twice as large as reported. The next LIRA update will be October 21, 2021. ■

Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity – Second Quarter 2021



Overhead Door highlights national survey results for door replacement ROI



In May, Overhead Door announced that a national survey, conducted by Remodeling magazine and Zonda, ranked garage door replacements number one for the highest return on investment (ROI). The 2021 Cost vs. Value Report examined 22 types of remodeling projects in 150 U.S. markets, and garage door replacements generated an average of 93.8% ROI at resale.

Since 2010, garage door replacements have consistently ranked among the top five household renovation investments in the annual report. Eleven out of 12 of the highest returning categories were exterior projects, with one interior project dealing with minor kitchen remodels.

Construction cost estimates for the report, combined with a series of economic variables, were generated using a new statistical modeling method that offered wider geographic coverage and greater detail in specific markets. ■



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High Performance Door Division releases article in NFPA Journal



In June, DASMA's High Performance Door Division published an article in the summer edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Journal. The article provides information on high speed doors and egress, including an introduction to high speed doors, egress options, and guidance on code and specification compliance. ■

DASMA and APA collaborate on new tech publication

DASMA and the APA — Engineered Wood Association collaborated on a new Technical Topics bulletin released in May 2021 on the APA website (www.apawood.org). The bulletin provides recommended guidelines for the installation of back hangs for garage door track-to-wood I-joists in the ceiling of garages. It also outlines a variety of installation options based on garage door size and track orientation. ■



ANSI approves DASMA standards

During the second quarter of 2021, DASMA received reaffirmation from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for six standards (105, 107, 203, 204, 207, 208) and initial approval for two additional standards (402, 403).

These standards must be reviewed and approved by a group comprised of manufacturers, consumers, and the general public. DASMA

requires that action be taken to reaffirm, revise, or withdraw the standard no later than five years from the date of publication.

The latest version of these standards can be found on the www.dasma.com. ■



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More than 130 Technical Data Sheets are freely available at www.dasma.com under Publications. These documents have been prepared by and are continually reviewed and updated by the DASMA Technical Committees and staff. ■

DASMA sponsors webinar on tornado hazard maps

In month, DASMA sponsored a webinar entitled “Development of Tornado Hazard Maps and Load Provisions for ASCE 7-22” presented by Dr. Marc Levitan from the National Institute of Standards & Technology. The presentation was timely and informative given the upcoming release of ASCE 7-22, which will include new chapters on designing buildings for tornados.

Dr. Levitan has been invited to attend the upcoming DASMA Technical Fall Forum in September to present further updates based on the latest information. ■