

## Federal jury finds for Overhead Door in patent infringement trial

The patent infringement case between Chamberlain Group (CGI) and Overhead Door involving inventions related to wireless or smart garage door opener technology has been decided.

In March of 2021, CGI filed suit against Overhead Door, claiming that the Genie 7155 TKV, Overhead Door Destiny 1500 products, and the Aladdin Connect and Overhead Door Anywhere Wall Controller and Door Sensor Kit infringed on Chamberlain's patented technology. GMI Holdings Inc., doing business as Overhead Door's Ohio-based Genie division, was named a codefendant in the suit.

On March 11, 2022, the federal jury in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas concluded that no infringement had occurred and ruled in favor of the defendant, Overhead Door, with regard to the following United States Patent numbers: 8,57,404, 8,144,011, and 9,644,416.

The jury also found that the '404 and '011 patents were invalid, meaning that the patented smart technology that allows a person to open and close a garage door from anywhere using a smartphone is not a novel idea.

Chamberlain was seeking \$62.7 million in the case. Because the jury determined that no patent infringement occurred, no money was awarded. ■



## Distribution of select LiftMaster products halted due to amended ITC patent decision

On February 9, 2022, the International Trade Commission (ITC) issued a final order on the Overhead Door proceeding pending against Chamberlain Group. The ITC order found that Chamberlain Group did infringe on three of the five Overhead Door patents identified in the suit.

CGI is required to wait to sell products deemed to infringe until after those products have been approved by the ITC Customs team. Until approved, there will be a temporary halt in distribution of select LiftMaster products.

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The exclusion order **does apply** to garage door operators, accessories, and select commercial products. The order **does not include** gate operators, most commercial door operators, and all service parts for warranty, services, and repair work on existing products. ■

## Residential remodeling remains hot in 2022

Throughout 2022 and early into next year, home renovations and repairs are expected to grow, according to the April Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA) released by the Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

The LIRA projects that year-over-year increases in residential renovation and maintenance spending will peak at 19.7% in the third quarter of 2022 before decreasing to 15.1% in the first quarter of 2023.

Increases in house price appreciation and home equity both support remodeling activity this year and into next, said Carlos Martín, project director of the Remodeling Futures Program at the Center. Existing home sales, renovation permitting, and retail sales of building materials also continue to grow at high, albeit slowing, rates, he added.

The next LIRA update is July 21. ■

### Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity – First Quarter 2022



Notes: Improvements include remodels, replacements, additions, and structural alterations that increase the value of homes. Routine maintenance and repairs preserve the current quality of homes. Historical estimates since 2019 are produced using the LIRA model until American Housing Survey benchmark data become available.

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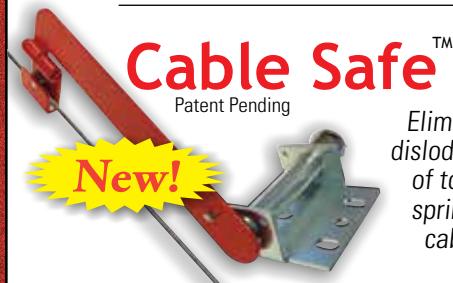
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**DASMA provides several presentations at Expo**

In April, DASMA hosted four seminar presentations at the Expo. Dan Gregoriou of Rytec discussed “High Performance Doors for High Performing Businesses,” and Mark Westerfield of Clopay provided a “Wind Load Garage Door Installation” presentation. DASMA Technical Director Dave Monsour outlined the newly approved “DASMA Thermal Performance Verification Program” covering U-factors for residential and commercial garage doors.

Additionally, an “all-star cast” of DASMA Members participated in the “DASMA Mock Trial.” The seminar offered audience members a chance to “be part of a jury that deliberates as part of a realistic “mock trial” and learn more about product liability. ■



**WASA announces 2022 trade show**

The Western Access Systems Association (WASA), originally incorporated as the California Operator & Door Association (CODA), announced their regional trade show will be held at the Morongo Casino Resort & Spa in Cabazon, Calif. from Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2022. Prospective exhibitor information and registration information are available at [www.wasaonline.org](http://www.wasaonline.org). Hotel reservations must be made by Sept. 13 to receive the WASA group discount.

Industry professionals from all sectors of the door, gate, safety, and access control sectors are invited to attend for free. The show includes a bowling tournament, exhibitor demonstrations, educational seminars, and IDEA testing and certification opportunities. ■





**New DASMA TDS: Motorized garage doors used in entertainment venues**

On April 28, DASMA released TDS 386 addressing motorized garage doors used in entertainment venues. The new TDS is designed for applications not intended for vehicular access such as restaurants, bars, and other venues where the intended use is to separate indoor from outdoor seating or entertainment areas.

The rationale behind TDS 386 is to educate architects and installers about the unique considerations and recommended practices. ■



**Rolling Door Division holds all-day strategy session**

On March 24, the DASMA Rolling Door Division held a unique, all-day strategy session in Cleveland. Members began by reviewing DASMA's mission and then conducted a comprehensive review of DASMA procedures for everything from document review and creation to the assignment of project priorities. Emerging topics and short and long-term goals were also discussed. Milt Prospero, Division Chair, said, "We looked at the big picture, and considered how to make DASMA work the best for the members. The engagement and open dialogue made the day a great success." ■

**UL 325 proposals undergo STP review**

In April, DASMA announced that 11 proposed changes to ANSI/CAN/UL 325 Standard for Safety For Door, Drapery, Gate, Louver, and Window Operators and Systems are currently under review by the UL 325 Standards Technical Panel (STP). DASMA submitted a major bifold gate proposal, and Chamberlain Group submitted nine miscellaneous changes. The review period began on March 4 and comments were due May 10. ■

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- 946 ● **TDS-171** Official Codes for Torsions and Extension Springs
- 171 ● **TDS-163** Garage Door – R Value
- 43 ● **TDS-353** Gate Operators and the ANSI/UL 325 Standard
- 25 ● **TDS-158** Glazing in Garage Doors
- 25 ● **TDS-354** Loop Systems and Depth in Road Pavements

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

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