

Windsor Door and Garage Door Services rebrands as Windsor America

In November, Garage Door Services of Houston, Inc., the parent company of Windsor Door and Garage Door Services of USA, rebranded its entity as Windsor America.

In 1991, the Wright family purchased a small installation business in Houston, Texas that eventually incorporated as Garage Door Services of Houston. Over the last 30 years, the business has expanded into multiple markets across the U.S. and now operates as Garage Door Services of USA.

In 2011, Garage Door Services of Houston purchased the assets of sectional door manufacturer Windsor Door and continues to operate that segment under the Windsor Door banner. Windsor Door has over 60 years of rich history in the garage door industry and currently services customers nationwide.

Garage Door Services and Windsor Door will remain autonomously-run entities and will retain their current branding, leadership, and operating structures. Windsor America will continue to manufacture and deliver quality garage doors.

The day-to-day operations and leadership of the company's business units will not change. "Establishing this brand as a parent company provides more clarity for our customers, employees, and associates with regard to how we manage these business units," said Hans Wright, CEO of Windsor America. ■



Garaga announces second acquisition in the U.S. — North Central Door

In September, Garaga announced that it had acquired North Central Door Company. With this acquisition, Garaga increases its global footprint, offering four manufacturing locations — two in the United States and two in Canada.

It is the second acquisition of a U.S.-based garage door manufacturer for Garaga. See page 36 to read the full "Garaga acquires North Central Door" story. ■



Busy Minnesota farmstead selects five Schweiss bifold doors

In November, Schweiss Doors announced that five of their bifold doors were installed on two farms in Bird Island, Minn. The 23' x 16' and 26' x 12' bifold cable lift doors were ideal for the machine sheds located on the 1,600-acre farm, which grows corn, soybeans, sugar beets, sweetcorn, peas, navy beans, and wheat.

The 60' x 100' shop featured a 1975 Morton cold storage machine shed that was raised up four feet to accommodate a taller bifold door for additional headroom. The three newer doors all have automatic latching systems. The new cold storage shed measures 80' x 150' and has a 48' x 18' bifold liftstrap door with auto latches and a remote opener. ■

PGT Innovations acquires Martin Door

In October, Martin Door Holdings announced that they had been acquired by PGT Innovations, headquartered in Florida. PGT Innovations is the nation's largest manufacturer of impact-resistant windows and doors and holds the leadership position in its primary market.

Martin Door has been manufacturing premium garage doors and hardware since 1936. They offer energy-efficient aluminum- and steel-framed residential and commercial garage doors with various door and window design options. Their Door Builder application allows complex custom garage door configurations to be superimposed onto a

consumer's photo in seconds.

Scott Huntsman, chief executive officer of Martin Door, said, "We are excited to work with the PGT Innovations team to advance further our manufacturing capabilities and serve as their flagship brand in the garage door product category." ■



Hörmann opens Aurora Sales Center

In August, Hörmann announced the grand opening of a new 30,000-sq.-ft. sales center in Aurora, Ill. The Aurora Sales Center is located within the Hörmann Montgomery manufacturing facility, which is approximately 45 miles southwest of Chicago. The sales center will be the hub for all local customers to pick up orders as well as most delivery routes in the Chicago area.

The company held a grand opening event on Aug. 23-24, which included personal tours of the Montgomery manufacturing floor and the customer-focused showroom. There are currently 20 Hörmann sales centers located in North America that support their dealer network for sectional, residential, and commercial models. ■



AkzoNobel's Wild Wonder named 2023 Color of the Year

In September, AkzoNobel announced that its "Wild Wonder" coil and extrusion coating was named 2023 Color of the Year. Wild Wonder is a glowing natural tone designed to connect with nature and is based on the idea that, as people search for support, connection, inspiration, and balance in their lives, they're diving into the wonders of the natural world to find it.

AkzoNobel's Global Design team has also created four unique color palettes designed around the Wild Wonder: Lush Colors (forest hues), Buzz Colors (meadow brights), Raw Colors (harvest shades), and Flow Colors (seashore tones). ■



Clopay Corporation earns Architizer A+Product Awards recognition

In November, Clopay Corporation announced that their Extreme Series high performance sectional door system earned a 2022 Architizer A+Product Award for innovation in the Doors & Hardware category. The A+Product Awards are chosen by over 200 architects and design professionals.

The Extreme Series is a commercial door system powered by a LiftMaster direct drive motor that is ideal for applications requiring exceptional speed, performance, and security. ■



Wayne Dalton exhibits at IDA EduCon and Trade Show

On Oct. 27-29, Wayne Dalton exhibited at the second annual fall International Door Association (IDA) EduCon and Tradeshow held in New Orleans, La. Throughout the show, Wayne Dalton held workshops and discussions with fellow vendors, dealers, and technicians about ways to drive productivity and success. Their booth featured Wayne Dalton Carriage House Steel Model 9405 and Classic Steel Model 9100 garage doors. ■

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Schweiss doors featured in Texas hanger project

In October, Schweiss Doors announced that its bifold liftstrap doors were selected for an airplane hanger project in Fredericksburg, Texas — a town nestled between Austin and San Antonio.

The 40' x 14' bifold liftstrap door was custom designed for the homeowner's 85' x 40' red and white steel hanger, and it was built to open and close quickly and quietly using four strong liftstraps. It locks weathertight with the patented auto latch strap system. ■



Overhead Door donates to our nation's heroes

In October, Overhead Door partnered with the Tunnel to Towers Foundation as part of its Smart Home Program. Since its inception, the nonprofit has been dedicated to honoring the heroic sacrifice of all those who perished on September 11, 2001, by providing housing to families of military and first responders.

Overhead Door's contributions of specialized garage doors and WiFi-enabled openers contributed to the smart technology design of these mortgage-free smart homes. By the end of 2022, Tunnel to Towers delivered more than 1,000 homes to veterans, families of fallen first responders, and Gold Star families around the country. ■



Raynor attends IDA Fall EduCon & Trade Show

In October, Raynor Garage Door attended the second annual IDA Fall EduCon & Trade Show hosted in New Orleans, La. Raynor displayed their AlumaView garage door at the event. The company appreciated the opportunity to educate dealers and their employees while visiting with old and new friends in the industry. ■

Clopay Corporation doors selected for 2022 Idea House

In November, Clopay Corporation announced that their Canyon Ridge Louver doors were featured on the Southern Living 2022 Idea House. The house was the magazine's October cover story.

The architect wanted doors that have the realism of natural wood and require less maintenance and fewer replacements over time. Clopay's Canyon Ridge Louver doors were the ideal selection for the project. The door's five layers and 2" of polyurethane foam-insulated core help dampen sound, and the insulation helps to maintain a comfortable temperature.

Clopay's wood-look composite garage doors have been chosen by the Southern Living builders for the last three Idea House projects. ■



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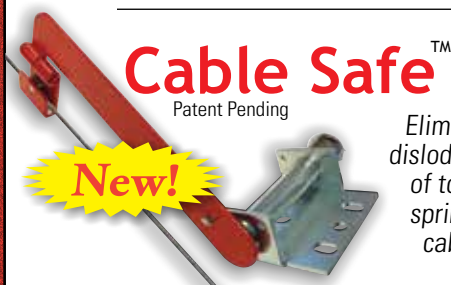
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Assa Abloy showcases sustainable products at Greenbuild 2022

In November, Assa Abloy exhibited at the 20th annual Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in San Francisco, Calif., showcasing its key initiatives and sustainable products.

The Sargent 8200 Series electrified mortise lock with EcoFlex technology and the new Ceco Door and Curries Mercury 2 Adjustable thermal break hollow metal frame were featured in their booth.

The 8200 received the Living Product Challenge certification from the International Living Future Institute. The lock operates from 12 to 24VDC and can be used in standalone applications or as part of an integrated access control system.

The new Mercury 2 is an energy-efficient frame that incorporates a 2" range of depth adjustment and features a bonded thermal break with Pemko S44 compression-type weather-stripping.

Assa Abloy also presented five education sessions at the event. ■



AkzoNobel presents at METALCON 2022

In October, metal coatings experts from AkzoNobel Coil & Extrusion Coatings presented the technical presentation, "What's in a coating and its warranty for your pre-painted metal," at METALCON 2022, in Indianapolis, Ind., on Oct. 12-14. Attendees learned about the specifics of coating technologies, warranties, and specifications.



The AkzoNobel booth had experts available to discuss hot topics, such as supply chain concerns and the need to find alternatives to products that contain PVDF. On display were the Ceram-A-Star 1050 system and the Canopy app. ■



A1 Garage Door Service hosts second annual Vertical Track conference

In October, A1 Garage Door Service hosted more than 400 home service industry professionals at the Vertical Track 2022 conference at the Gila River Wild Horse Pass Resort in Phoenix, Ariz. The conference focused on helping home service businesses learn to scale their businesses with proven strategies from leading business experts.

Keynote speakers included multiple recognized leaders from various companies in the industry. 2022 is the second year in a row that A1 has hosted the event for home service business leaders from across the United States. ■

Miller Edge showcases MWave motion sensor

In October, Miller Edge partnered with Colorado Garage Door Service and showcased how the MWave intelligent motion sensor for doors performs in settings that need improved access control.

The case study involved an in-depth analysis of the problems that a luxury condominium located in Lakewood, Colo., faced with a residential parking garage and how the installation of MWave offered positive solutions.

The customer was experiencing challenges with access control, traffic control, and security with the door's remote opener with a key card that controlled entry and departure abilities.

The MWave's unique product features, including detection capabilities that can differentiate between approaching, cross, and exiting traffic in addition to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, were ideal for the application and helped significantly mitigate the challenges. ■



AkzoNobel whitepaper points the way to PVDF alternatives

In October, AkzoNobel released a whitepaper detailing the challenges in the PVDF supply chain. "Navigating the PVDF landscape: A market in transition" explains how coatings based on alternative technologies, such as silicone modified polyester (SMP), can often provide a comparable performance without the drawbacks of PVDF coatings.

Changes in global market dynamics have led to volatility in the cost and supply of PVDF resin commonly used in coil coatings, affecting the availability of some PVDF-containing products. AkzoNobel offers a non-PVDF equivalent or similar product delivering the same quality required.

The whitepaper is part of the AkzoNobel's ongoing campaign to help its partners and coatings customers navigate the volatile PVDF situation. The campaign includes four informative Q&A videos that can be found on their coil and extrusion website, YouTube channel, Canopy app, and social media pages. ■

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