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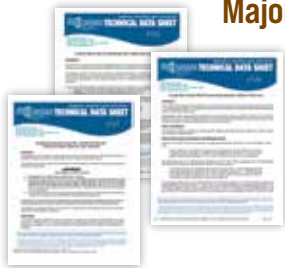
The AFA Fencetech & METAlfab 2023 trade show will be held at the Oklahoma City Convention Center from Feb. 28 to March 3, 2023. Multiple education sessions will be offered throughout the week beginning on Feb. 28. Exhibit days are from March 1 to 3.

AFA has negotiated discounted rates at several nearby hotels, including the headquarters — the Omni Oklahoma City Hotel. You must register for Fencetech before booking your room. After you register, you will receive a confirmation link with discount details. Register before Jan. 16 to receive a free exhibitor pass. ■



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Major updates to critical Technical Data Sheets



In November, DASMA announced several important updates to Technical Data Sheets (TDS) 163, 167, and 178. The Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee restructured TDS 163 (U-factor and R-value for Residential and Commercial Garage Doors) to reflect the priority of U-factor versus the former focus on R-value.

Through extensive interdivision cooperation, TDS-167 (Residential Sectional Garage Door and Electric Operator Checklist for Home

Inspectors and Consumers) has been reissued with major updates.

TDS-178 (Garage Door Design Wind Pressure Determination: Effective Wind Area) was completely rewritten, approved, and released on an accelerated time frame with contributions from both the Rolling and Garage Door divisions. The TDS is critical to counties in south Florida regarding the correct interpretation of “effective wind area,” which affects default design pressures in those areas. ■

Thermal Program heats up

Throughout the summer and fall, participants in the Thermal Performance Verification Program held several active meetings, addressing issues such as legacy test reports, affidavit acceptance, the place of aluminum full-view sections, and performance-based approaches to auditing and alternate supplier approval.

The legal agreements governing participation have all been approved, and two major revisions to the program’s procedural guide have been released. The program launch is scheduled for July 1, 2023. ■

DASMA resubmits UL 325 bifold gate proposal for approval

As of October, the bifold gate proposal drafted by DASMA’s Gate Operator & Access Control Point Systems Division has undergone its second round of voting through the Underwriters Laboratories STP review process. The proposal was approved 36-1. Final approval and implementation of the proposal is expected to follow. ■

DASMA revises thermal transmission standard and prepares new air infiltration standard

In June, three DASMA door divisions cooperated to complete a revised edition of ANSI/DASMA 105 Test Method for Thermal Transmittance of Garage Doors and Rolling Doors. Previously, this standard encompassed air infiltration testing, which is now being covered by a new standard (ANSI/DASMA 112, currently on its second draft). Input from UL and Intertek has been vital in both efforts. ■



The most-used Technical Data Sheets

Page Views*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
1683	● TDS-171 Official Codes for Torsions and Extension Springs
352	● TDS-151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Sectional Garage Doors
322	● TDS-155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
321	● TDS-163 U-factor and R-value for Residential and Commercial Garage Doors
299	● TDS-161 Connecting Garage Door Jambes to Building Framing

More than 150 Technical Data Sheets are freely available at www.dasma.com. These documents have been prepared by and are continually reviewed and updated by the DASMA Technical Committees and staff. ■

*Unique page views tallied from Jan. 1–Nov. 15, 2022.