



Westlake Royal wins Ad of the Year

At the Annual Meeting in January, DASMA honored Westlake Royal Building Products' "Fierce Garage Door Protection" ad as the 23rd annual Door + Access Systems Advertisement of the Year (AOY) award winner.

A panel of 15 judges determined that the eye-catching dragon design and clear copy helped make Westlake's ad the winning ad. In addition

to the AOY award given at the banquet, the company will also receive a free ad in the summer issue of D+AS Newsmagazine.

Four other companies were honored and given framed certificates for their ads: Asta America's "Stuck Waiting on Inventory" ad, Service Spring's "60 Years of Innovation" ad, Canimex's "Greener World" ad, and Upwardor's "Why Stop at the Door" ad. ■

Register for the IDA Spring EduCon & Tradeshow

On April 20-22, 2023, the International Door Association (IDA) will host its second EduCon & Tradeshow in Louisville, Ky. The event includes two days of training seminars and workshops and gives IDA members and industry representatives throughout the country a venue to connect. Dealers can also view the latest products from attending door manufacturers, earn IDEA-approved CEU credits, network with colleagues, and stay up to date on the latest services available to business owners. ■

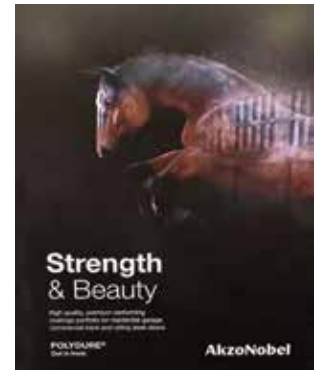


DASMA announces 2023 Poster Contest winner

In January, DASMA announced that AkzoNobel's "Strength and Beauty" poster was selected as the winner of DASMA's Annual Poster Contest.

AkzoNobel, along with Continental Coatings, Precoat Metals, Service Spring, and Westlake Royal Building Products, submitted posters for the contest that were on display throughout the 2023 DASMA Annual Meeting. The clean design and clever "Out in Front" tagline featured in the AkzoNobel poster won over the judges.

For winning the contest, AkzoNobel received a free ad in this issue of Door + Access Systems Newsmagazine. Associate Members are encouraged to create and submit posters next year. ■



Federal jury awards Chamberlain \$43.4 million in patent infringement trial

In January, a Texas federal jury found that Overhead Door Corp. infringed on one patent of the Chamberlain Group (CGI). The latest verdict requires Overhead Door to pay lost profits and a running royalty of reportedly \$43.4 million for selling infringing garage door products between May 2017 and March 2022.

The trial is the second in the dispute involving Chamberlain technology. In the March 2021 trial, the jury determined that no infringement of the three patents had occurred and ruled in favor of Overhead Door.



Following the trial, U.S. District Judge Rodney Gilstrap said

Overhead Door waited to disclose key information until the day before jury selection. He ordered a partial new trial for one of the three patents: U.S. Patent No. 8,587,404. The original jury's findings that the two other patents were not infringed was upheld.

In addition to the \$43.4 million, Overhead Door was instructed to pay \$1.1 million in fees and expenses for the late disclosure. ■

Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity – Fourth Quarter 2022



Decline in home remodeling predicted for 2023

Expenditures for home improvement and repairs are expected to grow modestly in 2023, according to the Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA) released in January by the Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University. The LIRA forecasts a "steep" decline from 16.3% in 2022 to just 2.6% in annual gains of homeowner remodeling expenditures by the end of 2023.

The next LIRA update is April 20, 2023. ■

DASMA submits NFPA 80 proposal

In October 2022, the first draft meeting for the NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protective was held at NFPA headquarters in Quincy, Mass. DASMA representatives, Steve Hahn of Lawrence Door and Curtis Schroeder of Janus International, submitted a proposal intended to continue to advance professionalism requirements in the rolling steel fire door industry.

First draft of the language proposed stated, “For doors complying with Chapters 11 and 13, repairs shall be made by a trained rolling steel fire door systems technician.” The new content will likely be inserted in Section N5.5.10.3 of the standard.

The proposal is consistent with the previous change promoted by DASMA, which was successfully incorporated into the 2022 version of the standard. It stipulated that “inspection and drop-testing shall be done by a trained rolling steel fire door technician.”

The NFPA 80 second draft meeting will be held in the second half of 2023. ■



DASMA supports outreach efforts on 2021 IRC labeling requirements

DASMA is taking initiative to educate the industry’s dealer base on the labeling requirements of the 2021 IRC. The building code,

which has already been adopted in at least seven states, requires the presence of a label on all residential garage doors as verification of wind-load rating.

DASMA’s Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee is preparing a document to be made public that will highlight the “what, when, where, and why” of these new requirements. The first draft has been sent out to members for review. ■



DASMA forms door and gate ad hoc committee

In January, members of the Gate Operator & Access Control Point Systems Division and the Rolling Door Division began reviewing the definitions of “door” and “gate” in the UL 325 standard content. The goal is to eventually submit a proposed change to UL 325 to clarify these definitions so that they reflect industry experience and manufacturers’ perspectives.

Members of the committee include Tom DeSilvia (Chamberlain), Steve Hahn (Lawrence Doors), Steve Kuscsik (UL), Greg Matias (Genie), Ray Ouyang (Overhead Door), Milt Prosperi (CornellCookson), Curtis Schroeder (Janus International), Rick Sedivy (DoorKing), Gary Vonnahme (Ameristar), and Kevin Ward (Miller Edge). ■

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- 16 ● **TDS 167** Residential Sectional Garage Door & Electric Operator Checklist for Home Inspectors and Consumers
- 14 ● **TDS 353** Gate Operators and the ANSI/UL 325 Standard
- 14 ● **TDS 364** Installation Location of Photoelectric Sensors on Residential Garage Doors

More than 150 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. ■

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