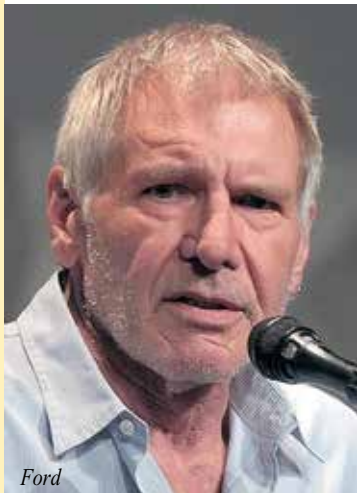


DHF warning follows Harrison Ford accident and court case

Sentencing for the company charged in Harrison Ford's hydraulic door accident in England has been adjourned until October. Foodles Production, which is owned by Disney, has pleaded guilty to criminal charges in a "foreseeable" accident that broke Ford's leg in June 2014. Experts say the accident "could have killed him."



Ford

"This court case serves as a warning to everybody involved in the powered-access sector that they must ensure that all adequate safety measures are provided wherever there is the risk of people being injured by a moving door, gate, or barrier," said Nick Perkins, training officer for the UK's Door & Hardware Federation (DHF).

The accident occurred at Pinewood Studios near London during the production of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," released in 2015. Harrison Ford was hit by the rapidly closing metal-framed door on the Millennium Falcon and pinned to the ground.

In testimony, the power of the door's drive system was said to be comparable "to the weight of a small car." Immediately after the accident, an emergency stop was activated, reportedly preventing further injury to the actor. ■



Angie's List now offers free membership nationwide

In July, Angie's List announced that access to all reviews of home services professionals is now free of charge.

"This is a transformative moment for the new Angie's List as we welcome more consumers into our community," said Scott Durchslag, Angie's List president and CEO.

After making the review services free, new member sign-ups increased nearly fourfold compared to a year ago, and unique visits more than doubled. In addition to the free membership, Angie's List also announced two new premium membership tiers that offer guarantees and value-added services beyond those reviews.

Since its beginning 21 years ago, Angie's List has amassed more than 10 million verified reviews on home services professionals in the industry, more than double its nearest competitor. More than three million consumers nationwide use Angie's List in over 700 service categories. ■

DASMA revamps operator division

In June, the DASMA Operator & Electronics Division officially separated into two groups: one focused on door operators and the other focused on gate operators and other access control systems. Door operator activity now takes place within the new Door Operator & Electronics Division, while gate operator activity has moved to the new Gate Operator and Access Control Point Systems Division, which also maintains oversight of access control point activity.



Gioia



Matias

Greg Matias of Genie was elected chair of the Door Operator & Electronics Division, and Bill Gioia of LiftMaster was elected chair of the new Gate Operator and Access Control Point Systems Division. In these roles, both will also serve on the DASMA board of directors.

The reorganization was approved by the board in January. In June, the DASMA membership approved a bylaws revision that formalized the new structure. The new structure is designed to allow more focused and efficient approaches to relevant topics. Work that is relevant to both groups will be addressed in joint task groups. ■

EPA RRP LEAD PAINT UPDATE

RRP application process goes green

In July, the EPA announced that all lead program applications must now be submitted electronically rather than by mail. This applies to all individual, firm, and trainer applications required by EPA's lead renovation and abatement programs.

Submitted applications will be processed in two to three weeks. Upon their completion, you will receive an email from lead.paint@epa.gov that includes your approval letter, certificate, and customized logo.

Firm recertification required every five years

Since the RRP program began in 2010, many renovation firms are now finding that their certifications are expiring. Firm certifications expire every five years. Firms must apply for recertification to extend their certifications an additional five years.

Firms are encouraged to apply at least 90 days before their certification expires to ensure their application is processed before the certificate expiration date. More information is at www.epa.gov/lead/getcertified.

Renovator refresher training update

A renovator must take the 4-hour refresher course before the expiration of their current training or they'll need to retake the 8-hour initial course to be certified again. Renovators must submit a copy of their current training course completion to the trainer to be eligible to take the refresher course.

Renovator refresher training can be done with or without a hands-on component. The version without hands-on training can be done entirely online.

Renovator training expiration extended

If you took the certified renovator training before April 1, 2011, your training expiration date has been extended to six years from the date you completed the course. If you completed the training on or after April 1, 2011, expiration is five years from the date of course completion. Renovators must take the refresher training before their training expiration in order to have valid certification. These extensions do not apply to firm certifications.

Authorized states now include 14 states

To date, EPA has authorized 14 states to run their own renovation programs. Renovators and firms that work within an authorized state must be certified by the state in which they perform work. Individual renovators who are certified by an authorized state are also qualified to work in EPA-administered states with no additional training.

The authorized states are Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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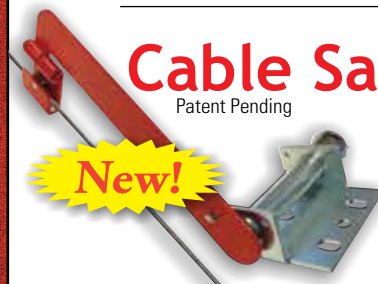
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Gains in home renovation spending expected

In July, the Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University announced that homeowner remodeling activity is projected to accelerate at an above-average rate over the coming year. The Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA) anticipates that growth in



home improvement and repair expenditures will reach 8.0 percent by the start of 2017, well in excess of its 4.9 percent historical average.

“A healthier housing market, with rising house prices and increased sales activity, should translate into bigger gains for remodeling this year and next,” said

Chris Herbert, managing director. “As more homeowners are enticed to list their properties, we can expect increased remodeling and repair in preparation for sales, coupled with spending by the new owners who are looking to customize their homes to fit their needs.” ■

UK association launches Gate Safety Week 2016

From Oct. 10-16, the Door & Hardware Federation (DHF) in the United Kingdom will mark its Gate Safety Week 2016.

DHF is promoting the week to call attention to deaths and serious injuries caused by incorrectly installed and poorly maintained automated gates.

The week promotes this year’s slogan, “Safe Gates Save Lives.” The campaign seeks to educate specifiers, dealers, installers, and users in the correct specification, installation, and operation of powered gates and to emphasize the importance of CE-approved products and installations.

DHF CEO Bob Perry said that only 30 percent of the 500,000 automated gates in service in the UK are, in fact, safe. More information is at www.gatesafetyweek.org.uk and on the DHF Facebook page. ■



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DASMA completes new TDS on PSF vs. MPH

In July, DASMA published new Technical Data Sheet 194, titled “PSF vs. MPH in Door Specifications.” The long-awaited TDS is expected to help dealers explain to building owners the proper terminology to use when seeking wind-based door performance information.

The TDS explains the wind-pressure determination basis, how manufacturers determine which products to supply, and why wind design pressures and test pressures cannot be converted into mph wind speeds. Eight different factors influencing the required wind design pressure for a garage door are noted.

Pat Hunter, Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee chair, said that the publication could be one of the most significant wind-related set of guidelines in the history of the organization. “This should settle the issue as to why a miles-per-hour rating should not be placed on a garage door,” he said.

The new TDS can be found at www.dasma.com. ■

Door terminology project underway

This fall, the three DASMA door divisions will embark on a review of all key terms involving the word “door” within DASMA documents in order to clarify terminology with their respective DASMA Technical Data Sheets.

Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, said that terms such as “garage door” and “rolling door” are occasionally misunderstood outside the industry and particularly where those terms are used in codes and standards. Terms such as overhead, sectional, sectional-type, tilt-up, and one-piece have all been used interchangeably with “garage door.”

“This is a project that is 20 years in the making,” Hetzel said, “and we can handle this within the DASMA documents as a starting point.” DASMA TDSs 160, 277, and 401 are expected to be updated as part of this project. ■

The most-used Technical Data Sheets

Page Views*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
104	TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
69	TDS 190 Factors Affecting Spring Cycle Life
66	TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors
54	TDS 161 Connecting Garage Door Jambs to Building Framing
50	TDS 160 Sectional Garage Door Terminology

*May 15, 2016 – Aug. 15, 2016

More than 120 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 technical staff. ■

DASMA gets new content into ASHRAE Handbook

After five years of effort, DASMA successfully incorporated new high-speed door content and revised U-factor table content into the 2017 edition of the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals. The handbook is used by building energy analysis professionals.

The high-speed door content explains how that type of door positively influences building energy performance and how it must be evaluated as part of a building’s annual energy performance. The U-factor content clarifies door types, sizes, and foam plastics-based data and adds a value for polyurethane foam.

“We have succeeded in getting high-speed doors recognized in energy codes and standards. Now we can make further inroads to design professionals through the highly used ASHRAE handbook,” said Jeff Wendt, High Performance Door Division chair. ■

DASMA submits California code proposals

In July, DASMA submitted two garage door-related proposals for the 2019 California code development cycle. One of the proposals involves the building code, while the other involves the fire code.

The building code-related changes address garage door spring-related terminology and applicable reference standards. The fire code-related changes seek to clarify panel and core-related options.

Dave Monsour, a DASMA member who worked to develop the proposed spring changes, noted the importance of the spring content from an enforcement standpoint. “The updated content is more reflective of the industry and should be easier to enforce,” he said.

The proposals are expected to be considered by California code development authorities during the latter half of 2016. ■