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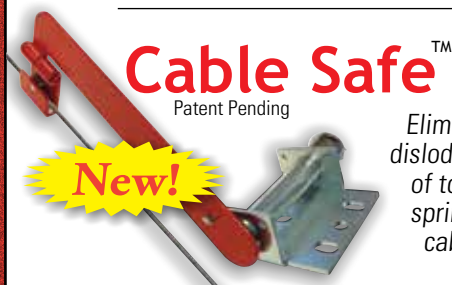
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IDEA hires new management company

On Aug. 1, Welhener & Associates became the new association management company for the Institute of Door Dealer Education and Accreditation (IDEA). Debra Welhener, who had previously served as IDEA managing director under Long & Associates, will continue as IDEA managing director under her own company, Welhener & Associates.



Welhener has been with IDEA for seven years and has been managing director for two years. Michelle Hardisty, who also works with Welhener & Associates, has been with IDEA for two years as administrative manager.

IDEA has over 4,000 certified technicians and accredited dealers. The Institute has a 12-member board of directors that includes six members from IDA and six from DASMA.

With the change, IDEA's new offices have moved from West Milton, Ohio, to 565 Helke Road, Vandalia, OH 45377. IDEA can be contacted at P.O. Box 236, West Milton, OH 45383-0236, 937-698-1027, or at debra@welhenermgt.com or michelle@welhenermgt.com. ■

Robust outlook for residential remodeling

Homeowners are expected to increase spending on improvements and repairs at a solid clip over the coming year, according to Harvard's July report of Leading Indicators of Remodeling Activity (LIRA). The report projects that annual growth in homeowner remodeling expenditure will taper somewhat in the first half of 2019, but still remain around 7 percent.

"A growing economy and stronger job market are boosting owners' willingness to invest in home improvements," said Chris Herbert, managing director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies. "Rising home values and increased home equity levels are also encouraging more owners to do larger upgrade and replacement projects."

The low inventory of existing homes for sale is holding back even larger gains, since significant remodeling and repair often occurs around the time of a sale. ■

Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity – Second Quarter 2018



Note: Historical estimates since 2015 are produced using the LIRA model until American Housing Survey data become available. Source: Joint Center for Housing Studies.



DASMA submits first-ever proposals on NFPA Life Safety Code

In July, the NFPA 101 Technical Committee considered six proposals submitted by DASMA. Four involved expanding the door requirements to include vertical rolling grilles, while the other proposals addressed descriptions of vertical rolling doors and general doors.

As a next step, DASMA will likely seek to separate grille requirements from door requirements. That activity is expected during the NFPA 101 public comment period during the first half of 2019. ■

DASMA revises garage door inspection TDS

In June, the DASMA Commercial & Residential Garage Door Division approved extensive revisions to TDS 181, “DASMA General Code Inspection Guidelines for Wind Load.” The popular TDS helps code officials who perform a final inspection on an installed garage door system with a focus on wind-rated doors.

The checklist was streamlined to optimize the user’s time while focusing on the key code-related elements of the door system. The rewrite also included converting the checklist into a “Yes/No” format.

Pat Hunter, DASMA Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee chair, believes that the revised TDS checklist provides a clear understanding of an installation. He said the new format will be useful to dealers in their communication with code officials. “The new format will more concisely convey any item needing attention, increasing safety and effective door operation,” he said.

The updated TDS is at www.dasma.com. ■



The most-used Technical Data Sheets

Page Views*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
508	Wind Load Calculator
340	TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
249	TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors
167	TDS 190 Factors Affecting Spring Cycle Life
148	TDS 168 Wind Loads on Garage Doors – FAQ

*Unique page views from Jan. 1 - Aug. 15, 2018

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 staff. ■

New spring standard released

In July, DASMA released the 2017 version of the ANSI/DASMA 103 standard for counterbalance systems on residential sectional garage doors. The new standard includes several editorial changes from the 2006 version.

- The 2017 version deletes definitions for residential garage door and residential sectional garage doors. These definitions were deemed unnecessary, particularly with respect to specifying cycles per year.
- “Sectional Type Door” is now referred to as “Sectional Garage Door.” This change makes the standard more consistent with other DASMA standards and documents.

The standard is referenced in the California Building Code and is otherwise a voluntary industry standard. The new standard can be found at the DASMA website. ■





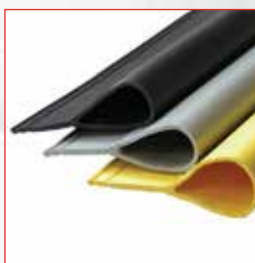
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California approves two DASMA code proposals

During code hearings in July, the California Building Standards Commission approved revisions that involved garage door springs and garage door perimeter gaps.

The changes for garage door springs include (1) referencing the ANSI/DASMA 103 spring standard, (2) correcting the definition of a door cycle, (3) changing the phrase “containment device” to “restraining device,” and (4) a number of other improvements to building code language. The changes for garage door perimeter gaps expands on weather stripping requirements, while giving three options for controlling gaps between doors and door openings.

DASMA Technical Director Joe Hetzel headed up one of the Working Groups charged with reviewing various Wildland-Urban Interface proposals including the garage door perimeter gap proposal. The 2019 edition of the California Code of Regulations will become effective Jan. 1, 2020. ■



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