

CODA announces 2018 show



The California Operator and Door Association's 2018 Western Regional Door and Gate Show will be held at the Long Beach (Calif.) Hilton on Oct. 12-13. Prospective exhibitor information and pricing for sponsorship opportunities are available at <http://bit.ly/2EZnbrz>.

Dealers and their staff are admitted free; registration is at <http://codaonline.org>. The show includes a golf tournament, exhibitor demonstrations, classes, hands-on training, and IDEA testing and certification. The hotel is near the Aquarium of the Pacific as well as the Queen Mary, Catalina Island Tours, Shoreline Village, and Naples Island. ■



R+T 2018 final report at a glance

Messe Stuttgart issued a final report (see graphic) on the R+T show held in Stuttgart, Germany, from Feb. 27 to March 2, 2018. The show, held once every three years, attracted 1,025 exhibitors (774 from abroad) and 65,603 visitors (38,706 from abroad) from 149 countries. ■

Home remodeling expected to remain strong into 2019

The pace of spending on home renovations and repairs is expected to stay strong over the coming quarters, according to the Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA) released in April by the Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University. The LIRA projects that annual growth in homeowner remodeling expenditure will remain above 7 percent throughout the year and into the first quarter of 2019.

Upward trends in retail sales of building materials and the growing number of remodeling permits indicate that homeowners are doing more—and larger—improvement projects. One area of concern is the slowing growth in sales of existing homes. The next LIRA update is July 19. ■



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Binational UL 325 published

On May 19, 2017, about one year ago, Underwriters Laboratories announced that the safety requirements for automated door and gate systems in the U.S. and Canada were finally aligned with the publication of ANSI/CAN/UL 325, “Standard for Safety for Door, Drapery, Gate, Louver, and Window Operators and Systems.” This standard has now been published in the 2018 Canadian Electric Code, and products that comply with the new standard are now beginning to be available on the market.

Door and Access Systems Manufacturers Association (DASMA) and the Canadian Door Institute (CDI), with input from approximately 40 U.S. and Canadian industry representatives, worked as part of the UL 325 Standards Technical Panel to successfully publish the standard as a joint Canada-United States National Standard.

As a result of this cooperative effort, the same products can now be manufactured, purchased, and used in both countries. Prior to this, manufacturing a product and selling it into both countries often meant having two different products, sometimes with two different levels of safety.

The new standard effectively requires changes to gate operators, commercial door operators, and residential garage door operators intended for sale in Canada.

For example, gate operators (1) must now have a minimum of two independent safety entrapment protection devices installed to protect each entrapment zone and (2) must now monitor the proper operation of the entrapment protection safety devices when they are external to the operator; otherwise, the operator must be limited to constant-pressure-to-close (or open) operation.

For commercial door operators, a system with automatic operation (such as with remote control, a loop, or a timer) (1) must have a safety entrapment protection device, such as a photo eye or sensing edge, installed protecting the entrapment zone at the door and (2) must monitor the proper operation of these entrapment protection safety devices, or the operator must be limited to constant-pressure-to-close operation.

For residential garage door operators that have the ability to close the garage door from a smartphone or mobile device, new visual and audible alerts are required before the door moves.

These are just a few of the new safety requirements that must be incorporated into new products for the Canadian market. Products intended for the U.S. market also need to meet these same requirements, although many of these requirements have already been met and solutions put in place. More information is at www.ul.com/AccessSystems. ■



DASMA begins educational efforts on gates and codes

DASMA has begun a three-year plan to educate key parties on automated vehicular gate systems provisions in the International Code Council model codes. Educational seminars are scheduled to begin in mid-2018 for an AIA group in Northern Ohio and ICC chapters in Ohio, Colorado, and Florida.

The seminar gives the code development background, gate types, applicable code sections, aspects of compliant gates, and a helpful checklist for maximizing inspection efforts. The seminar is expected to help refine educational materials for online and in-person use by DASMA members and staff.

A brochure on automated vehicular gate system safety and many gate-related Technical Data Sheets can be found at www.dasma.com. ■



Fire Related Standards and Rolling Steel Fire Door Ratings

This Technical Data Sheet outlines various fire related standards referenced in model building codes, and assesses their applicability to rolling steel fire doors from a ratings standpoint.

Applicable to Rolling Steel Fire Doors:

NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protection

DASMA posts new TDS on fire doors

This spring, DASMA published a new Technical Data Sheet titled “Fire Related Standards and Rolling Steel Fire Door Ratings.” TDS 297 outlines various fire-related standards referenced in model building codes and assesses the standards’ applicability to rolling steel fire doors from a ratings standpoint.

The new document includes handy lists of six key standards that apply to rolling steel fire doors and six key standards that do not apply.

Milt Prosperi, DASMA Rolling Door Division chair, said that the TDS should be helpful in code enforcement situations. “Many times we have to explain why a standard like ASTM E119 does not apply to rolling steel fire doors, and this new DASMA document should clarify that reasoning.”

The new Technical Data Sheet can be viewed, downloaded, and printed for free at www.dasma.com. ■

Two DASMA proposals in California advance

In early 2018, DASMA had two California code proposals approved for public comment circulation. The proposals address garage door spring provisions and gaps around garage doors.

The proposals provide proper terminology and better descriptive language to help make the code easier to understand and enforce. Spring-related standards were updated to include reference to ANSI/DASMA 103, while wildland-urban interface provisions clarify methods of reducing garage door gaps to less than 1/8" to guard against flying or burning embers.

Joe Hetzel, DASMA Technical Director, said that working groups indicated support for the DASMA proposals. "Consultants and personnel from various industries as well as code staff were

very helpful toward crafting useful language benefitting code users and the built environment," he said.

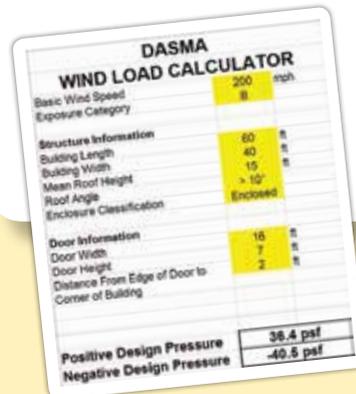
Hetzel will be monitoring the process through the publishing of the 2019 California codes. ■



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