

## Harvard reverses remodeling projections amid pandemic

National spending for repairs and renovations on owner-occupied homes is expected to decline beginning in the third quarter due to fallout from

the COVID-19 pandemic and economic shutdown, 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.

Pre-pandemic, the LIRA forecasted a rebound in home remodeling spending with annual growth of 3.9% by the first quarter of 2021. The latest data suggests the opposite, with the greatest downturn projected in 2021.

The next LIRA release date is July 16, 2020. ■



## DASMA installs new board members and officers

At the 2020 DASMA Annual Meeting in January, several industry leaders were elected to positions on the board of directors of the Door & Access Systems Manufacturers Association.

- Michel Gendreau, president of Garaga, now serves as president of DASMA.
- Steve Lynch, president of Clopay Building Products, is now past president.
- Val Sigmon, president of Entrematic, was elected first vice president.
- Michel Beaudoin, chief strategist of Manaras-Opera, is now the second vice president of the board.
- Dave Monsour, Wayne Dalton engineering manager, applications, has joined the board as the new chair of the Rolling Door Division.
- Joseph Nadolski, regional sales manager at Continental Coatings, has joined the board as the new chair of the Associates Division.
- Shea Goble-Smith, AkzoNobel, N.A. Metal Coatings account manager, commercial products, has joined the board as first vice chair of the Associates Division. ■



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## Years of DASMA effort leads to new door standards



After years of research, the High Performance Door Division approved two standards: DASMA 402, addressing high performance doors, and DASMA 403, addressing high-speed doors. Both include provisions for doors produced by manufacturers eligible for DASMA division membership.

Nick Marando, High Performance Door Division chair, said the new standards “bring together all our collective effort into standards with consistent requirements, helping bring clarity to users of our products.”

Both standards were approved and published in January and are expected to be published as ANSI/DASMA standards later this year. ■



## DASMA releases new water infiltration TDS

In March, the DASMA Rolling Door Division approved a new Technical Data Sheet (TDS) addressing water infiltration for rolling steel doors. TDS-298 describes methods of preventing rainwater from penetrating past the bottom edge of a door into a structure.

The TDS is most applicable for new construction before a door is installed. For existing and counter doors, the concepts outlined can be applied where feasible. ■

## Pedestrian access language for UL 325 and ASTM F2200 approved

In February, the UL Standards Technical Panel and the ASTM F14 Committee on Fences approved new language addressing pedestrian access requirements associated with automated vehicular gate systems.

The following content will be included in UL 325 and ASTM F2200 standards:

- In the vicinity of an automated vehicular gate, separate pedestrian access shall be provided or available.
- The pedestrian access should be located where a pedestrian cannot come in contact with a moving vehicular access gate during the entire path of travel of the vehicular gate.

The new content is intended to bring consistency between the gate operator standard (UL 325) and the gate construction standard (ASTM F2200). It will appear in the next respective updates to UL 325 and ASTM F2200, to be published later this year, and should be available for inclusion in gate installation instructions. ■

## The most-used Technical Data Sheets

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382	Wind Load Calculator
137	TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors
102	TDS 190 Factors Affecting Spring Cycle Life
90	TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
65	TDS 352 Automatic Vehicular Gate Operating Systems: Guidelines for Specifiers, Designers, Dealers, Installers and End Users

\*Unique page views from Jan. 1 - April 15, 2020

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