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New schedule for R+T Stuttgart

In October, R+T announced a schedule change to the industry trade fair on Feb. 22-26, 2021, in Stuttgart, Germany. The world trade fair for roller shutters, doors, gates, and sun protection systems will be held only on weekdays, beginning on Monday and ending on Friday.

Event organizers hope to increase trade fair attendance by eliminating the weekend day. The change was sparked by survey results and recommendations from management teams, manufacturers, and industry associations. ■



Accessible housing for older adults a concern

In November, the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies reported that over half of U.S. households are now headed by someone 50 or over. According to "Housing America's Older Adults 2018," living arrangements, financial resources, health, and functional abilities of those households will present serious challenges.

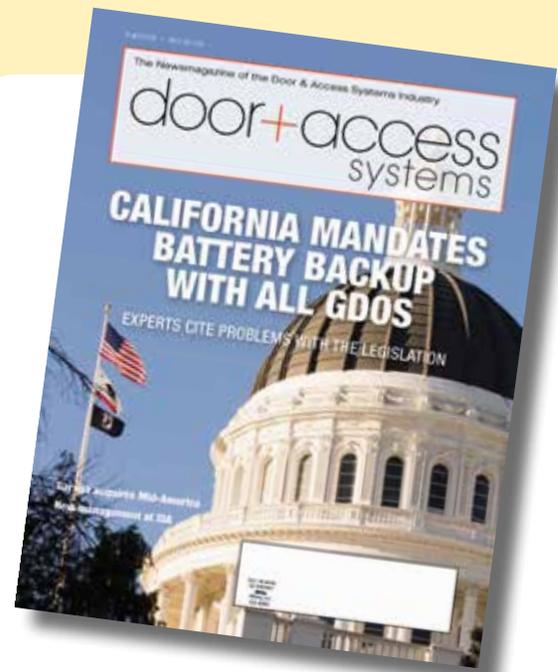
Aging baby boomers will need more accessible and supportive housing. For door manufacturers, this means extra-wide doors and halls. More homes will be needed with single-floor living and no-step entries. ■

18th DASMA Fall Forum tackles 80 issues

From Sept. 19-21 in Chicago, DASMA held its 18th Annual Fall Forum, the industry's technical event of the year. Forty individuals representing over 25 member companies had access to four meetings and 13 forum sessions addressing DASMA's hottest technical items.

Speakers included representatives of MBMA, ICC, NFPA, IBHS, FEMA, the Florida Building Commission, and two DASMA associate member companies. The panel discussed DASMA proposals involving energy, fire, egress, wind, and standardized specifications.

Attendees addressed over 80 technical items and were able to determine action on many of them. Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, said the event continues to be a valuable means of addressing technical items affecting the industry. ■



New TDS: How to exit a garage in a power outage

DASMA recently released Technical Data Sheet 385 outlining new guidelines for exiting a garage in a power outage. This document originated as a response to California legislation mandating battery backup with all garage door operators, but it can be used nationwide. The legislation, reported in the fall issue of Door + Access Systems, applies to operators sold in the state on or after July 1, 2019.

Operators with battery backups are useful in areas that are prone to power outages or susceptible to wildfires. In California, these operators will be required.

Key additional points include:

- If the operator fails to open the garage door, disconnect the operator and manually operate the door.
- Properly maintain the garage door and operator.
- Do not expect a garage door operator to compensate for a poorly maintained door.

The new TDS is available at www.dasma.com. ■

DASMA rewrites door inspection checklist

In October, the DASMA Commercial & Residential Garage Door Division published a revised version of Technical Data Sheet 151, General Code Inspection Guidelines for Sectional Garage Doors. The popular TDS is used by inspectors or code officials who perform final installation inspections on sectional garage door systems.

Modifications to the TDS

include well-defined options for each checklist item and clear distinctions between residential and commercial installations. Pat Hunter, technical committee chair, said the TDS will help the inspection process and help building owners better understand door performance. ■



ICC approves revision for gates



At the spring International Code Council hearings in Columbus, Ohio, the ICC fire committee approved a revision to the International Fire Code (IFC) involving automated vehicular gates. The revision expands the types of gates acceptable across "fire apparatus access roads," broadening the gate description from "swinging or sliding" to "horizontal swing, horizontal slide, vertical lift, or vertical pivot."

Brian Fritz of AutoGate said, "Gate type options in ASTM F2200 are now well represented and serve as a reminder of the choices available when considering site conditions."

The new language will be in the 2021 edition of the IFC. ■

DASMA launches educational effort

In November, the DASMA Rolling Door Division began an effort to increase education about inspecting and drop-testing fire doors. Such educational content already exists in the International Fire Code, the International Building Code, and DASMA Technical Data Sheet 271.

The first step in the effort is to contact organizations that represent code officials, insurers, building, state fire marshals, and door dealers and ask how to best promote information about drop testing and inspections.

David Dawdy of Cornell, a trainer for the IDEA Rolling Door Certification program, said that feedback received by IDEA indicates that drop testing is not being done often enough or at all. "The safety and well-being of building occupants is better provided if rolling steel fire doors are regularly and accurately inspected and tested." ■

The most-used Technical Data Sheets

Page Views*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
736	Wind Load Calculator
483	TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
353	TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors
250	TDS 190 Factors Affecting Spring Cycle Life
167	TDS 352 Automatic Vehicular Gate Operating Systems Guidelines

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