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## NewsLines

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### EPA tightens lead and dust standards

In June, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced new, tighter standards for lead in dust on floors and windowsills.

These strengthened standards will reduce the amount of lead in dust that is considered a hazard, and they are designed to further protect children from exposure to lead-contaminated dust. Paint in deteriorating condition, on a friction



or impact surface, or on certain chewable surfaces is also defined as a hazard.

The dust-lead hazard standards are being lowered from 40 micrograms of lead per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ) to 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  on floors and from 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  to 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  on windowsills.

These new regulations should be noted by dealers and professionals in the door industry. They will apply to inspections, risk assessments, and abatement activities in pre-1978 housing and certain schools, childcare facilities, and hospitals.

While the revised standards do not directly affect the EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP Rule) requirements established in April 2010, dealers should continue to adhere to the RRP guidelines.

The RRP Rule requires that companies performing renovation, repair, and painting projects on properties such as homes and daycare facilities built before 1978 must be certified by EPA (or an EPA authorized state) or use certified renovators who are trained by EPA and follow lead-safe work practices.

New EPA lead-dust regulations go into effect Jan. 6, 2020. ■



## 19th DASMA Fall Forum features extended meeting times

From Sept. 17-19 in Chicago, DASMA held its 19th Annual Fall Forum, the industry's technical event of the year. Thirty-seven individuals representing 24 member companies had the opportunity to attend four meetings and nine forum sessions addressing DASMA's hottest technical issues.

Speakers included representatives of MBMA, IBHS, ASTM, FEMA, and a DASMA associate member company. They presented on topics that included building internal pressure research, door wind-

resistance research, tornado and hurricane damage investigations, flood damage resistance, and tornado resistance design.

Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, said, "There were over 80 topics on the agenda. This year, we scheduled an additional hour for each of the four meetings to allow sufficient time to cover all of the topics." New DASMA standards were created, several standards proposals were developed, and a number of DASMA Technical Data Sheets were updated. ■

## Specification changes approved

In August, two important specification-related changes were approved. CSI MasterFormat was revised to add coiling fire door and coiling fire shutter categories, and the Avitru MasterSpec now includes provisions involving U-factors for rolling doors.

Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, said, "The new language clearly differentiates rolling fire doors from non-fire-rated doors and requires that the thermal performance number for rolling doors be consistent with other fenestration products."

The revised specifications are in effect. ■

## DASMA presents to ICC St. Louis Chapter

In September, DASMA technical director Joe Hetzel conducted a seminar on high-speed doors and energy to over 80 code officials in St. Louis. Hetzel outlined codes and standards addressing high-speed doors and highlighted the energy-saving value that higher-cycle high-speed doors bring to the marketplace.

Hetzel said that DASMA will continue to present this material in key locations throughout the U.S. where high-speed doors may be a viable product for energy savings. ■

## DASMA publishes new state wind load guides

In September, DASMA published new wind load guides reflecting updated codes for North Carolina and Florida. For North Carolina, TDS-155h was revised to reflect ASCE 7-10. For Florida, new TDSs 155w and 155x were created, based on the 2017 and 2020 Florida Building Codes, respectively.

Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, said, "The 2020 Florida Building Code will not be effective until December 31, 2020."

DASMA staff also prepared a North Carolina wind load guide based on ASCE 7-16 that will be released "when that state adopts that version of the standard."

All DASMA TDSs are freely available at [www.dasma.com](http://www.dasma.com). ■

## ICC expands storm shelter standard

In September, the ICC 500 Committee expanded the ICC 500 standard to include rolling door and sectional door provisions. The approved provisions involve testing requirements for these doors when used in tornado and hurricane shelters.

The ICC 500 Committee chair, Marc Levitan of FEMA, initiated the proposal and coordinated with DASMA technical director Joe Hetzel and an ICC 500 working group. "Participants unanimously agreed that rolling and sectional door provisions were needed to create clarity and consistency in qualifying such doors," said Hetzel.

The updated ICC 500 will be published in 2020 and referenced in the applicable 2021 ICC model codes. ■

## The most-used Technical Data Sheets

Page Views*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
763	<b>Wind Load Calculator</b>
438	<b>TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors</b>
323	<b>TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides</b>
242	<b>TDS 190 Factors Affecting Spring Cycle Life</b>
192	<b>TDS 161 Connecting Garage Door Jambes to Building Framing</b>

\*Unique page views from Jan. 1 - Oct. 15, 2019

More than 130 Technical Data Sheets are freely available at [www.dasma.com](http://www.dasma.com) under Publications. These documents have been prepared by and are continually reviewed and updated by the DASMA Technical Committees and staff. ■