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### Grandfathered fire door?

**Q** What if I discover something improper about an existing rolling steel fire door installation? Is it considered to be “grandfathered in” so that no correction is needed?

**JOE:** Correction would normally be needed. There are two primary reasons for this. One is that the door itself must be maintained so that it will fully perform its intended function. If a concern is identified and not corrected, the door might be unable to perform its intended function, thereby increasing liability. The other is that the terms and conditions of the labeling and listing of the door must be maintained from a liability standpoint. The door manufacturer is vitally interested in both of these issues. ■

### ASK JOE!

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