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## ASK JOE HETZEL

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### Questions about automated gate systems

**Q** *If I find an entrapment protection issue with an existing gate, should I fix it?*

**JOE:** The property owner should be notified in writing of the entrapment protection issue first. No work should be performed until the gate system is brought into compliance with UL 325 and ASTM F2200.

**Q** *Can I disable an audio alarm on an existing gate?*

**JOE:** The audio alarm should be kept functional, regardless of whether or not it was originally installed to comply with UL 325 for entrapment protection.

**Q** *What do I do about other dealers not following UL 325 or ASTM F2200 for gates?*

**JOE:** Dealers make individual business decisions involving compliance to standards involving automated vehicular gate systems where they are not regulated. However, industry professionals should be responsible for educating customers on the proper design and installation of such systems. Resources are available at [www.dasma.com](http://www.dasma.com) and at many gate operator manufacturers' websites. ■



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