

FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY

Door & Access Systems Manufacturers Association



*DASMA's First Officers:
(from left) Joe Kee of Gadco,
John Moravec of Chamberlain,
Brian Bolton of Overhead Door,
Geoff Foreman of Wayne Dalton.*

Milestones

- 1996
 - ▶ DASMA is established on January 1 with the merger of the National Association of Garage Door Manufacturers (NAGDM) and the Door Operator & Remote Controls Manufacturers Association (DORCMA). The new organization has 86 companies in its active and associate divisions.
 - ▶ DASMA takes its place on the board of the Institute for Door Dealer Education and Accreditation (IDEA), begun in 1995 as a joint effort of dealers and manufacturers to promote education and professionalism among door dealers. DASMA would continue to work with the International Door Association (IDA), also launched in 1996, to work for the betterment of the industry.
 - ▶ DASMA hires Joe Hetzel as the association's first technical director to help the industry present a united voice for regulatory, technical, and product issues.
- 1997
 - ▶ DASMA sponsors its first research project, a successful test of a rolling steel fire door welded to steel guides, saving members the cost of conducting independent tests.
 - ▶ DASMA launches a major safety campaign, using television, radio, newspapers, and other media to educate consumers about the safe operation of a garage door system.
- 1998
 - ▶ The association's technical committees publish new wind-load guides, proactively meeting the varying requirements of the building codes.
- 1999
 - ▶ Representatives of the American Fence Association (AFA), the National Ornamental & Miscellaneous Metals Association (NOMMA), and DASMA meet in Dallas to begin development of a standard for automated vehicular gates. The International Door Association (IDA) would later join the group to form the Automated Vehicular Gate Systems Coalition.
 - ▶ DASMA launches its first website at www.dasma.com, which gradually increases its role as a key repository for industry information.
- 2000
 - ▶ New changes to the gate operator provisions of UL 325 become effective, incorporating extensive DASMA input.
 - ▶ Utilizing DASMA input, the new International Code Council (ICC) creates the set of international model building codes, merging three regional model building codes into one.
- 2001
 - ▶ DASMA's technical committees begin producing Technical Data Sheets and DASMA standards to provide the industry with DASMA-approved technical information. DASMA membership grows to 90 companies.
 - ▶ The first DASMA fall forum is held to focus on emerging technical topics.
- 2002
 - ▶ The National Fire Protection Association releases a building code, and ASTM publishes F2200-02, the new standard for automated vehicular gates. DASMA is proactively involved with both documents.
- 2003
 - ▶ The association launches an overhauled website, giving free access to all DASMA standards, Technical Data Sheets, and an extensive collection of its magazine articles.
- 2004
 - ▶ DASMA adds a new division for High Performance Doors, with seven companies as charter members.
- 2006
 - ▶ The American Rolling Door Institute (ARDI) merges into DASMA's Rolling Door Division. DASMA membership reaches 104 companies.
 - ▶ Through direct communication with the IRS and U.S. legislators, DASMA secures energy tax credits for consumer purchases of insulated garage doors through 2010.
- 2007
 - ▶ Working through the Automated Vehicular Gate Systems Coalition, DASMA secures approval for automated vehicular gate provisions for the International Building Code and International Fire Code.
 - ▶ DASMA and IDA launch GarageWowNow.com, the industry's first national public relations campaign to support professional dealers and stimulate purchases of upscale garage doors.

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*John Addington,
executive director since 1996*



*Joe Hetzel, technical director
since 1996*

Milestones (continued)

- 2009 ▶ The International Code Council (ICC) approves five proposals addressing the major products represented within DASMA, marking a significant achievement in DASMA's ongoing work with building codes.
- 2011 ▶ DASMA forms a Joint Technical Group to streamline the technical work of its Commercial & Residential Garage Door, Rolling Door, and High Performance Door divisions.
- 2012 ▶ DASMA develops seismic calculation templates for sectional doors, rolling doors, and high performance doors, giving the industry a valuable tool for affected job specifications.
- 2013 ▶ DASMA efforts help achieve recognition for high-speed doors in energy codes and standards, identifying the doors' U-factor and air infiltration requirements.
▶ The association adds the Access Control Point Systems Division for manufacturers of active vehicular barrier access systems.
- 2014 ▶ Using input from DASMA, the city of Moore, Okla., establishes the nation's first building code that requires tornado-resistant garage doors.
- 2015 ▶ DASMA conducts extensive thermal performance research on doors with glazing. The work seeks to support a major need for building codes.
▶ Today, DASMA's six divisions include 117 members. As a part of its body of work, 15 standards, 120 Technical Data Sheets, and hundreds of magazine articles are freely available on the DASMA website.

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