

EPA LEAD PAINT NEWS UPDATE

Proposed Clearance Rule Stopped

On July 15, EPA finalized its Clearance Rule amending its Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule. The agency decided not to impose additional “clearance” requirements because existing RRP work practices and cleaning protocols were deemed to effectively reduce lead hazards.

For most work performed by the garage door industry, the decision means little. However, the new decision requires that a new insert page be added to its 2010 Renovate Right brochure. The new page and the new 2011 brochure are available at www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/brochure.htm.

The proposed clearance rule would have imposed more requirements and created more costs for lead-safe renovation work. Several senators and industry associations such as WDDA, NARI, and NAHB had formally opposed the rule. ■



Georgia Establishes Its Own RRP Program

On July 5, 2011, EPA authorized Georgia to administer and enforce its own Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) program. The Georgia programs, by law, cannot be more lenient than the federal program.

The Georgia program is now in effect in lieu of the federal RRP program. For more information about Georgia’s new program, including information on applying for certification or how to find training, contact the Georgia Environmental Protection Division at 404-363-7026 or visit www.gaepd.org/Documents/index_land.html.

In all, 12 states now run their own RRP programs: Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin. ■

DASMA Board Welcomes New Member

At the 2011 DASMA Mid-Year Meeting in June, Michel Beaudoin of Canimex was elected to a position on the DASMA board of directors. The 17-member board is the governing body of the association.



Beaudoin

Beaudoin, division manager of Canimex, also now serves as the vice chair of the Associates Division. He has more than 30 years of experience in the garage door industry and has been involved in the manufacturers’ trade association for most of those years. ■



BVT: Positive Outlook for European Door Industry

In April, a survey by BVT, the National Federation of Door and Gate Manufacturers, indicated that 69 percent of European manufacturers, suppliers, and specialist retailers are anticipating an increase in incoming orders and 31 percent expect a stable demand.

The survey, reported by promoters of the R+T 2012 trade fair, also said that 78 percent of those surveyed are even expecting increasing sales in the next six months. “Official figures for the first half-year (of 2011) indicate an increase in sales of 15 percent,” said the report.

R+T 2012 will take place from Feb. 28 to March 2, 2012, in Stuttgart, Germany. The event takes place once every three years, and is considered the leading world trade fair for roller shutters, doors/gates, and sun protection systems. The 2012 exposition is expected to attract 800 exhibitors and more than 50,000 visitors. ■



Florida Delays Implementation of 2010 Codes

In July, the Florida Building Commission announced that implementation of the 2010 Florida Building Code would be delayed from Dec. 31, 2011, to March 15, 2012. The code was finalized by the commission in the spring of 2011.

Most noteworthy in the 2010 code volumes are the new ASCE 7-10 maps and calculation method. Garage/rolling door wind load charts continue to remain in the code volumes, with revisions to help clarify their use with the new maps.

Mo Madani, Florida Building Commission staff member, notes that the delay was to allow commission staff time for an additional round of in-depth reviewing of the code volumes. The delay will also correspond with the implementation date of the 2010 Florida accessibility code.

“We hope to have the code volumes online by the fall of 2011 to allow manufacturers time to make any needed changes to their product approvals,” he adds.

For more information on the Florida Building Code, visit www.floridabuilding.org. ■



UL Environment Services Qualify for New LEED Program

In June, UL Environment, a business unit of Underwriters Laboratories, was among the first organizations whose services will help building products qualify for the recently released Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Pilot Credit 43, Certified Products.

Over the last decade, LEED has become the recognized green building program set forth by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Projects earn



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DASMA Environmental Committee Merges Into Joint Group

Citing a growing number of subjects needing to be addressed by one entity across multiple divisions, the DASMA Environmental Committee voted in June to merge its activities into the newly formed Joint Technical Group. The group, comprising members of the DASMA Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee and the High Performance Door and Rolling Door Divisions, first met in Cleveland in March.

Pat Hunter of C.H.I., who serves as Joint Technical Group monitor, sees this action as a positive step for the organization. “We now house all relevant common subjects in one place to simplify our coordinating efforts,” he says.

Hunter says that the Joint Technical Group will likely not become a full DASMA committee, but should continue to act as a coordinating group to promote consistency in documents affecting all three DASMA door-based divisions. The group was scheduled to meet in September at the 2011 DASMA Fall Forum. ■

Training Programs Coming for Gate Systems Designers and Technicians

The Automated Vehicular Gate Systems Coalition will be enhancing industry training options by developing programs for systems designers and technician certification. The programs will be coordinated by IDEA, as is the gate operator installer certification program.

The training materials for systems designers will feature information on site surveys, applicable codes/standards/laws, gate and gate operator types, access control devices, maintenance and service, and warranties.

Frank Hinds, coalition chair, says that the systems designer program has first priority in the hope that it will be completed by mid-2012. “We will begin working on the technician training curriculum as soon as practical next year,” he says. The technician certification program, as opposed to the installer program, will be designed for those who troubleshoot and repair gate systems.

The coalition, first formed as an ad hoc committee in 1998 to develop ASTM F2200, comprises members of AFA, DASMA, IDA, and NOMMA. Hinds notes that the coalition would be a standing group to address industry matters as needed. ■

High Performance Door Division Initiates Energy Research Project

This summer, the DASMA high performance door division began researching the energy savings generated by high-speed doors. Doors used in exterior building walls, interior environment separation, and refrigeration applications will be examined.

The work is expected to involve testing and calculations, resulting in proposed revisions to model energy codes and relevant ASHRAE handbooks. Energy assessments are expected to include the total high-speed door effect involving U-factor, air infiltration, air exchange through the door opening, and power usage.

Jeff Wendt of Rytec, division chair, notes that the work should bring high-speed doors further into the spotlight as energy-saving products. “We want building designers and specifiers to accurately consider high-speed doors toward improved building energy performance.”

Wendt says DASMA welcomes new high performance door manufacturer members to help contribute toward the project. ■

DASMA Releases Two New Wind-Load Guides

Keeping up with the recent completion and releasing of new relevant codes and standards, this summer DASMA released the wind-load guides TDS 155s, based on ASCE 7-10, and TDS 155t, based on the 2010 Florida Building Code.

TDS 155s reflects wind-speed contour values of 100 to 200 mph in the new occupancy-based wind-speed maps. TDS 155t shows conversions between the former wind-speed map values in the 2007 Florida code and the new ASCE 7-10 occupancy-based maps, also in 100- to 200-mph tabulated columns.

Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, notes that the new 2012 ICC codes reference ASCE 7-10 and will be adopted in the near future, while the new 2010 Florida Building Code will be enacted within the next year. "We're staying ahead of those publications to allow the industry to be ready for new maps," he says.

The new TDSs can be found at www.dasma.com. ■



DASMA Investigates Wind Loads on Non-Windlock Rolling Doors

In June, the DASMA Rolling Door Division began researching an industry method of calculating wind-load performance of rolling doors without windlocks. The research is expected to be limited to the door performance only and not the surrounding framing.

The research is expected to study whether certain aspects of door designs and door width affect failure due to a door breaching an opening as opposed to door buckling.

Joe Dixon, a structural engineering consultant and a professional member of the division, says, "Publishing an industry calculation method for manufacturers to use may contribute toward more efficient door designs and better opening protection."

The division work is expected to result in a DASMA Technical Research Document for DASMA member use. Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, adds that research testing may also be considered at a future time. ■

The Most-Downloaded Technical Data Sheets

Downloads*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
120	TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors
119	TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
105	TDS 171 Official Color Codes for Torsion and Extension Springs
94	TDS 161 Connecting Garage Door Jambs to Building Framing
93	TDS 156 Standard Wood Header and Jamb Detail Guidelines

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More than 100 Technical Data Sheets are freely available at www.dasma.com under Publications (www.dasma.com/PubTechData.asp). These documents have been prepared and are continually reviewed by the DASMA Technical Committees and technical staff. ■

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