

EPA RRP LEAD PAINT UPDATE

News Briefs That Affect Door Dealers

- **Get Instant RRP Updates.** In September, EPA launched GovDelivery, a new communication tool that automatically delivers the latest updates on the RRP (Renovation, Repair, and Painting) program to renovators. To subscribe, enter your email address at public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USA-EPA/subscriber/new?topic_id=USA-EPA_426.
- **EPA to Step Up Inspections.** On Sept. 5, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) reported that EPA is increasing enforcement of RRP. NAHB says the inspections focus on company certification and recordkeeping. "They're rarely inspecting renovation activities," says Matt Watkins of NAHB.
- **Iowa Begins RRP Fines.** On Sept. 1, Iowa's state-run RRP program began exerting its authority to fine contractors who are caught working on old buildings without being certified and following lead-safe practices.



The fines can reportedly run up to \$5,000 per incident, but are mostly likely "in the hundreds of dollars."

- **"Opt Out" Likely to Stay Out.**

On Nov. 14, NAHB reported that efforts to reinstate the so-called "opt-out" provision are unlikely to find success in the Obama administration. NAHB's assessment was based on statements made Nov. 1 by an appellate judge from the U.S. Court of Appeals (D.C.).

The opt-out provision, killed by

EPA in April 2010, would have allowed contractors to disregard RRP practices when granted permission by homeowners who had no children or pregnant women in the home.

"The EPA's Lead-Paint Lead Balloon"

On Nov. 13, The Fiscal Times published a provocative story with this title by Jennifer DePaul. The article aptly made several points that illustrate problems of the RRP program:

- In a tough economy, the additional RRP requirements and costs are hurting many small businesses.
- "This is exactly the sort of regulatory bungling that's costing us jobs and slowing economic recovery," says Rep. Denny Rehberg, R-Mont.
- RRP has improved business for contractors who don't follow lead-safe practices.
- RRP is "tempting contractors to jump into the fray of operating illegally just to survive," says Shawn McCadden, a former remodeler in Massachusetts.
- Ironically, it's the certified contractors who are being inspected, not those who fail to follow the law. This makes life even harder for certified contractors.
- Last year, only 206 special EPA agents oversaw all lead-paint-related issues throughout the country. ■

Triennial R+T Show Starts Feb. 28

R+T, the world's largest trade show involving garage doors, shutters, door and gate operators, and rolling doors, holds its once-every-three-years event at the Stuttgart Trade Fair Centre from Feb. 28 to March 3, 2012.



The last R+T in 2009 attracted 60,000 trade visitors to Stuttgart. Even more visitors and approximately 800 exhibitors are expected at R+T 2012. The Russian version of R+T will be held Sept. 26-28, 2012, in Moscow. ■

CODA Trade Show Attracts 218

The California Operator & Door Association (CODA) held its annual trade show Oct. 7-8 at the Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula, Calif. The 218 attendees came from 107 companies, a 32 percent increase in attendees. Exhibitors increased from 34 in 2010 to 50 in 2011.

Information about the 2012 CODA show will be announced in January at www.codaonline.org. ■



Fencetech 2012 Features Gate Operator Seminars

Experts from the Automated Gate Operator Installer School will be giving three free seminars at Fencetech 2012 from Jan. 25-27 at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Attendees will learn about automated gate system design, electrical training, and the UL 325/ASTM F2200 standards.

"Expertise in designing, installing, and troubleshooting gate systems is continually changing and evolving, and we want to stay on top of this to enhance public safety," says Buck Buchanan of B&B Controls, a veteran instructor. See www.AmericanFenceAssociation.com. ■

DASMA 11th Annual Forum Has Record 13 Speakers

DASMA's 11th Annual Technical Forum, held Sept. 26-29 in Chicago, attracted 32 DASMA representatives and featured five meetings and 13 technical sessions—the most in DASMA Forum history.

Speakers and subjects included:

- Dr. Lee Shoemaker, MBMA director of research and engineering, on ongoing research involving the interface between rolling doors and metal building framing
- Nelson Bryner, NIST deputy chief of fire research, on a recent furniture store fire involving rolling fire doors
- Susan Dowty, S.K. Ghosh & Associates, on ASCE 7 seismic requirements
- Jim Rossberg, ASCE staff, on ASCE 7-10 wind-load provisions
- Jeff Lowinski, WDMA staff, on the joint AAMA/WDMA/FMA/DASMA Technical Bulletin on ASCE 7-10 wind loads on fenestration products
- Ray McGowan, NFRC staff, on international energy codes and standards
- Roger Franz, UL Environment staff, on a new standard for doors
- Brad Douglas, American Wood Council staff, on the updating of the Wood Framing Construction Manual
- Mike Thoman, Architectural Testing Inc., on recent DASMA research testing involving polyurethane K-factor



“DASMA has built such goodwill among so many other groups that the speakers were enthusiastic about speaking at our Forum,” says Pat Hunter of C.H.I., who serves as Joint Technical Group facilitator.

As a result of the Forum, DASMA members are investigating various research opportunities and advancing seismic, green, thermal, and wind-related activities. ■

Hetzel Educates ASHRAE Group on High-Speed Doors



As a result of DASMA efforts, ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers) has established a working group to study the relationship of high-speed doors to the provisions of an ASHRAE standard and to consider revisions.

The new working group resulted from an October presentation by DASMA Technical Director Joe Hetzel to the Envelope Subcommittee of ASHRAE 90.1, a codified energy standard for non-residential buildings. The subcommittee develops and maintains provisions for the exterior envelope of a structure.

“Building codes have not typically appreciated the environmental benefits of high-speed doors,” explains Hetzel. In his presentation, Hetzel defined a high-speed door and identified the energy-related attributes of such doors and their relationship to current ASHRAE 90.1 provisions.

Ray McGowan of NFRC, a member of the new working group, understands the necessity of considering ASHRAE 90.1 content in light of high-speed doors. “We need to allow for products that help buildings achieve energy savings and move 90.1 towards the 2013 energy-saving goals,” he says.

The new group will work with the DASMA High Performance Door Division to develop recommendations and an eventual 90.1 ballot for review in 2012. ■

Florida Alert: New Wind Regs Coming in March

In September, DASMA Technical Director Joe Hetzel presented a 90-minute seminar at the IDA regional conference in Orlando on new Florida Building Code wind requirements set to become effective March 15, 2012. More than 40 attendees learned of the new wind-speed maps and conversion factors needed to use the existing garage door wind-load tables in the Building and Residential code volumes.

Hetzel reported that new DASMA Technical Data Sheet 155t includes simplified wind-load charts to help determine garage door wind-load requirements. Attendees also interacted with Hetzel on wind-borne debris requirements, “code-plus” requirements, and insurance industry involvement in wind mitigation.

Todd Thomas, IDEA managing director, says that Florida dealers and installers need to stay current with the latest code information. “DASMA and IDA working together helps the industry anticipate changes and advances clarity to the code provisions affecting the Florida market,” he explains.

DASMA TDS 155t is posted at dasma.com. ■



New Wind-Load Calculator Now Available

In August, DASMA posted a new wind-load calculator based on the new ASCE 7-10 provisions being adopted into model building codes. DASMA also teamed with fenestration industry organizations AAMA, WDMA, and FMA to produce a Technical Bulletin on ASCE 7-10.

The ASCE 7-10 wind-load calculator relies on the user to enter the correct design wind speed based on the code-based “risk category” of the garage structure. The Technical Bulletin explains ASCE 7-10 provisions for fenestration, while also comparing wind-load calculations using ASCE 7-10 versus ASCE 7-05 for selected U.S. locations.

Mark Westerfield of Clopay says that the additional calculator and Technical Bulletin enhance the industry’s supporting information of the new wind-load method. “The added calculator tool and bulletin complement DASMA’s recently published TDS 155s for the model code and TDS 155t for Florida,” he says.

The new wind-load calculator and Technical Bulletin are posted at dasma.com. ■



DASMA Studies Requirements for Garage Door Bottom Corner Brackets

In September, the DASMA Commercial & Residential Garage Door Technical Committee formed a subcommittee to study and clarify garage door corner bracket provisions in ANSI/DASMA 102. The subcommittee will review the required factor of safety, develop provisions to convey the requirement, and review the test methods used to establish the factor of safety.

Jerry Schutt of Arrow Tru-Line, who serves as subcommittee chair, sees this activity as an important step toward greater door safety. “We want to ensure that the standard and testing methodology translates into a safe product for the installer and the end consumer,” he says.

Schutt adds that a new DASMA test standard may result from the subcommittee work. ■

The Most-Downloaded Technical Data Sheets

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

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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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