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TDS vs. TRD

Q *What is the difference between a DASMA Technical Data Sheet and a DASMA Technical Research Document?*

JOE: Both types of documents are produced by DASMA through a consensus process within the organization. Both help DASMA achieve its mission of addressing regulatory, technical, and product issues, but there are key differences.

TDSs are voluntary industry-recommended practices, guidelines, or interpretations. They are publicly available at the DASMA website and are subject to periodic review.

TRDs are test reports or engineering data/formulas/explanations that apply to DASMA-member products. These documents are available for DASMA members' use internally or in the public realm as needed and are permanent files not subject to periodic review.

Gate operators and UL 325

Q *I am a gate operator installer. What should I do if I cannot completely follow the UL 325 instructions due to site limitations?*

JOE: We recommend that you contact the gate operator manufacturer and describe the situation. A written waiver from the property owner may be needed to describe how the installation deviates from UL 325 requirements.

High-speed doors and safety devices

Q *When installing a high-speed door, what safety devices must be included?*

JOE: Safety devices are always identified in the manufacturer's installation instructions. Those instructions should include any limitations as to types and locations of devices such as sensing edges and photoelectric eyes.

Converting sectional doors to high-speed doors

Q *Can I convert a conventional sectional or rolling door into a high-speed door?*

JOE: No. Conventional motor-operated doors (that typically open about 6" per second) should never be reconfigured or reprogrammed to operate at any higher speed. Altering such a motor would violate the manufacturer's intended design and create a different set of safety-related issues. Even if the motor were to be replaced, these doors are typically not originally designed to operate at higher speeds or higher cycles. ■



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