

Swiss Army Knife Doubles as GDO Remote

In January at the Consumer Electronics show in Las Vegas, Victorinox unveiled the Victorinox Remote, a Swiss Army Knife that also serves as a remote control for a garage door opener.

The technology inside the Victorinox Remote learns the high-frequency transmitter signal of post-1996 garage door openers. With the touch of a button on the knife, the garage door can be opened and closed.

A second button allows the remote to learn the signal of a second device, such as another garage door opener, lights, and other electronic home products. The product is expected to be available in mid 2010.

www.swissarmy.com ■



Chamberlain to Preview New Commercial Operators at Expo

In April at Expo 2010, Chamberlain will preview its full line of LiftMaster commercial operators that are compliant with the new UL325-2010 standard. At Expo, Chamberlain plans to display its new UL-compliant LiftMaster Logic 4.0 operators and Medium Duty Logic operators with the new CPS-U and CPS-UN4 (NEMA 4) photosensors.

A key requirement of the new UL325 standard is a continuously monitored primary entrapment protection safety system. Manufacturers must comply with the new standard by Aug. 29, 2010, in order to bear the UL mark.

The newest addition to the commercial operator line is the Timer Light Status Card (TLSCARD), a plug-in option board exclusive to Logic 4.0. The card enables control of auxiliary devices such as warning lights, bells, horns, and strobes. It also provides an adjustable pre-warning timer that operates with the timer-to-close feature. www.chamberlain.com ■

Overhead Door Unveils RapidSlat System

In January, Overhead Door launched RapidSlat, a door system that combines the speed of a fabric door with the strength of a rolling steel door.

"This unique product eliminates the need for business owners to install two doors," says Karen Cohen, senior product manager. Compared to standard rolling steel doors, she says, RapidSlat doors provide increased productivity and maximum energy efficiency.



RapidSlat features include springless operation, universal components, advanced diagnostics, and a variety of wind load, insulation, and weatherseal options. Also included are a sensing edge and photo edge, a self-energizing stop lock brake, an anti-graffiti powdercoat finish, a two-year or 300,000-cycle limited warranty on components, and a five-year limited warranty on the motor. www.overheaddoor.com ■

Hörmann Flexon Adds High-Speed Security Door

In January, Hörmann Flexon announced the Speed-Guardian 4000 U, a high-speed security door for exterior or interior applications. Doors are offered in sizes up to 24' wide x 21' high, with an opening speed up to 120" per second.

The 1-5/8"-thick panel sections are made of hot-dipped galvanized steel with a urethane foam core for an R-value of 12.4. Section joints with intermediate seals create a pinch-resistant panel and allow individual sections to be quickly replaced. A light curtain is built into the guide tracks for added safety.

Acrylic double-pane 7"-high windows have a Duratec synthetic glazing for a clear view even after heavy use. An optional full-view panel is available. www.hormann-flexon.com ■



Raynor Announces Corporal Openers

In November, Raynor announced the Corporal 1/2-HP chain-drive residential opener.

Corporal features a lighting system and is HomeLink compatible. Standard accessories include a multi-function control panel and the Safety Signal transmitter. www.raynor.com ■



Lawrence Adds Insulated Fire Door

In February, Lawrence Roll-Up Doors announced the addition of an insulated fire door to its line of products.

The new Model IL Insulated Fire Door features a double-slat curtain construction with mineral wool insulation, combining fire protection with thermal and sound control. This “Easy-Reset” or “Auto-Reset” chain- or motor-operated door is available in steel or stainless steel. It can be fire rated up to four hours and provided with an S-Label as an air-leakage-rated smoke door assembly. www.lawrencedoors.com ■

Clopay Announces Factory Stain Option

In February, Clopay announced that it is now offering a factory-finished stain option on its Reserve Collection and Classic line of wood doors. The company believes the factory option will increase customer satisfaction and revenue for its dealers.

“Clopay factory-finished wood doors arrive ready to install,” says Pat Lohse, vice president of residential marketing. “We’ve eliminated the extra steps of hiring a contractor to finish the door on site and the added worry that the job will be done right.”

Doors and windows are sanded and caulked, then finished with Sikkens stain on all six sides under controlled conditions. The finish is backed by a two-year limited warranty. Seven stain finishes are available. www.clopaydoor.com ■



New Photo-Eye From Fraba

In February, Vitector Fraba announced that its optical sensing edge sensors are now equipped for use in Toughbeam adapters as NEMA 4-rated photo-eyes.

New LEDs indicate power and alignment, simplifying installation. The same sensors can still be installed in weatherseals as a sensing edge. The new sensors are UL325 recognized. www.vitector.com ■



Sommer Opener Selected in Top 15 at IBS

The Sommer Synoris opener was selected as one of the top 15 products at the International Builders’ Show in January. The opener was chosen by Allen Lyle, co-host of the national home improvement show “Today’s Homeowner with Danny Lipford” and the syndicated radio program “Homefront.”

Lyle has 25 years of experience in the construction industry, 15 years in television, and 40 years on stage. His “Top 15” list is posted at www.allenlyle.com and at www.dannylipford.com. www.sommer-usa.com ■

Lawrence to Produce Side-Folding Products

In January, Lawrence Roll-Up Doors announced that it will begin producing a line of side-folding closure products.

Popular styles to be offered will include glazed, perforated, solid, and open-panel configurations, as well as a "rod and link" type side-folding grille. The new line, based on an established design, will carry the AlumaTek name.

In addition, Lawrence also plans to add a new glazed rolling grille.

www.lawrencedoors.com ■



Raynor Improves ShowCase Door

On January 1, Raynor reintroduced its ShowCase residential door with several changes.

For homes in coastal environments, Raynor introduced ArmorFinish, a new white fade-resistant laminate film option for ShowCase doors. The film protects against harsh winds, rain, ocean spray, and sand.

Additionally, ShowCase models are now available in a carriage house stamp design at no additional charge. The carriage house stamp is an addition to the current embossment options of colonial, flush, and ranch.

www.raynor.com ■

C.H.I. Adds Polyurethane-Injected Carriage Doors

In February, C.H.I. Overhead Doors introduced three new carriage house doors. The 5600, 5700, and 5800 door series feature a 2" section with a polyurethane-injected core for a more rigid construction and a higher insulation rating. The new doors are available in the current color, hardware, and window options.

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Linear Offers New Solar Accessories

In February, Linear launched three new solar-compatible accessories for its line of DC and solar gate operators.

“With the ever-increasing attention being paid to alternative energy, Linear is bringing more solar options to deliver lower power consumption to its line of DC and solar-powered gate operators,” says Mark Mattson, product line manager.

The new accessories include the 2500-2346-LP loop detector (pictured) that draws 80 percent less power. The 2500-2508 is a single-piece probe detector with adjustable sensitivity. The 2500-2509 wiring harness enables non-plug loop detectors to be used on the Linear APeX gate controller plug-in loop detector positions. www.linearcorp.com ■



Amarr Adds Commercial Full-View Door



In January, Amarr added the new Model 3550 heavy-duty aluminum full-view door for commercial applications up to 24'2". It features an aluminum strut that does not restrict the viewing area.

White powder coat and anodized aluminum are standard finish options; custom powder-coated colors are also available.

Glazing options include single-pane

glass, insulated tempered glass, insulated obscure glass, polycarbonate glazed, acrylic glazed, wire glass solid aluminum panels, and other custom glazing options. www.amarr.com ■



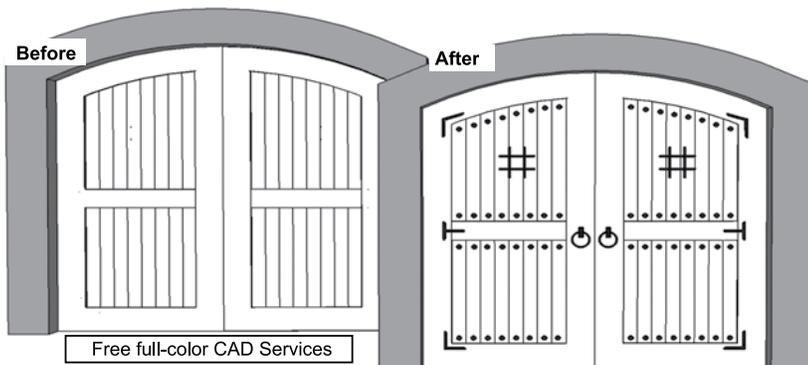
Sommer Launches Redesigned Synoris

In January, Sommer USA announced a new look for its Synoris 550 residential garage door opener. The unit now features a sleeker, smaller design on its 1/2-HP-equivalent motor (3/4-HP-equivalent motors are also available). www.sommer-usa.com ■

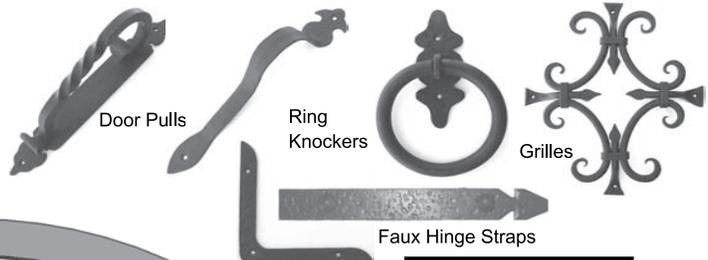


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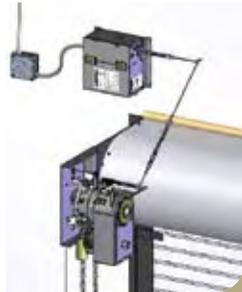
Lawrence Introduces Fire Door Release

In January, Lawrence Roll-Up Doors announced a new Fire Door Release to supplement its fire- and smoke-control door products.

The new Model AR-D "fail-safe" time-delayed release device works with new or existing manual- or motor-operated fire doors. It is UL864 compliant without the need for battery backup.

Features include a constantly energized solenoid that will cause a fire door to close after a preset time delay upon a loss of power or initiation by alarm or local detector(s). Audible/visible warnings and closed-position detection options are also available.

www.lawrencedoors.com ■



FlexiForce Completes Stocking of Tubes and Shafts

In February, FlexiForce completed its stocking program of torsion tubes and shafts at its U.S. distribution center in Dixon, Ill. Its 1" and 1-1/4" tubes and shafts have been used in European and other world markets.

Unique to the series is an 11-gauge galvanized tube shaft with a continuous key-way. This product is suited for heavy garage doors or doors with a jackshaft operator. All shafts and tubes are available in a variety of stocked lengths.

www.flexiforceusa.com ■



C.H.I. Introduces New Options

In February, C.H.I. Overhead Doors announced the addition of long panels and new color options for its residential product line.

The 4283 model long-panel door (pictured) is now available. The 4283 features a 27-gauge steel face versus the 26-gauge face on the 4285, but its interior skin and polystyrene core are the same.

In addition, the 2283, 2284, and 4283 models are now available in all seven standard C.H.I. steel colors instead of only white, almond, and sandstone.

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C.H.I. Adds New Fiberglass Door Models

In January, C.H.I. Overhead Doors introduced two new models in the 2700 series of high-definition fiberglass doors. The new 2761/62 models feature the same impact-resistant fiberglass exterior as the 2751/52 but use polystyrene insulation.

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Amarr Introduces Decorative Carriage Door Hardware

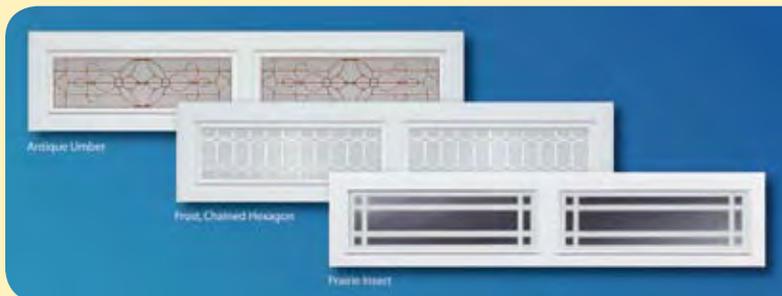
In December, Amarr Garage Doors announced the new Santiago Collection of decorative hardware for its Amarr By Design, Bob Timberlake, and Biltmore For Your Home collections of wood carriage house doors.

The Santiago Collection includes six items, consisting of door handles, strap hinges, door knockers, and hinges in the cross and fleur-de-lis designs. All items are hand forged and can vary slightly from piece to piece. www.amarr.com ■



Raynor Announces New Windows and Inserts

In November, Raynor introduced an updated window and insert for many of its residential doors. The new windows and inserts offer new designs, new coming colors, higher quality, and more choices. www.raynor.com ■



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Royal Introduces Never-Rot Garage Door Lite Systems

In February, Royal Mouldings announced that its 100 percent cellular vinyl PVC door lite profiles can be used to create garage door window frames and retainers for a complete Never-Rot System.

The profiles are formulated for cold-weather performance, greater impact resistance, and better welded-corner holding power. The product offers multiple finish options, energy efficiency, low maintenance, and a 10-year color fade warranty. www.royalbuildingproducts.com ■



C.H.I. Makes Changes to Carriage Door

In February, C.H.I. Overhead Doors announced improvements to the 5400 Series wood-faced carriage house door. The door now incorporates tongue-and-groove western red cedar vertical boards adhered to the steel sandwich base section. The cedar replaces a pine plywood bead-board and creates a better look. www.chiohd.com ■



Siren-Operated Sensors Announces SOS VIII

In January, Siren-Operated Sensors announced its new SOS VIII, a cost-effective way for emergency vehicles to open automated gates quickly with their sirens.

The SOS VIII offers several improvements over its predecessors. An upgraded processor reads signals more accurately, improving siren detection and response. A redesigned sensitivity dial makes it easier to adjust the unit's sensitivity and the length of time the gate remains open. www.sosgate.com ■

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