

Ford

UK door accident involving Harrison Ford brings \$2 million fine

Note: This story was reported on CNN, Fox Business, Entertainment Weekly, US News, Variety, and Reuters; throughout UK media; and elsewhere.

In October, Foodles Production, a Disney company responsible for a metal door that badly injured actor Harrison Ford on a Pinewood Studios film set, was fined 1.6 million British pounds (about \$2 million USD).

In court, it was said that the door acted like a “blunt guillotine,” coming down millimeters from Ford’s face as he was pinned to the ground by the pelvis. The incident, which broke Ford’s leg and caused a deep laceration to his left hand, occurred during the production of a Star Wars film in 2014.

The Door & Hardware Federation (DHF), which represents the metal door and powered-gate sectors in the UK, is campaigning for higher standards of safety for doors, automated gates, and barriers. The large fine “demonstrates that the courts will show no leniency to companies that put human life at risk by having faulty doors and gates. We believe this latest fine is the highest ever to be levied in the industry,” said DHF CEO Bob Perry.

In the Harrison Ford case, the judge said the most serious breach was that the production company had carried out a risk assessment on the door, but failed to tell the actor about the dangers. ■

UK gate death brings \$600,000 court fine

In October, a UK company was fined 500,000 British pounds (about \$600,000 USD) after a man was killed by a gate in Wales. The sentence was imposed on wholesale company AF Blakemore and Son on Oct. 7. The company admitted a breach of the UK’s Health and Safety at Work Act of 1974.

Delivery driver Ronald Hayward died when he was pinned under a 300-kg (660-lb.) steel gate that collapsed at the company’s premises. The company admitted failing to ensure that the gates and gateposts were maintained and in working order.

“This tragic accident would have been avoided if the gate in question had been structurally sound, regularly maintained, and inspected for safety,” said DHF CEO Bob Perry.

In June 2016, a new UK industry code of practice was launched to reduce the safety risks associated with powered gates and traffic barriers. All DHF members must abide by the code. ■



Expo 2017 hotel registration is now open

In November, the International Door Association (IDA) announced that hotel registrations are now being accepted at the Omni Hotel in Atlanta, the official host hotel of Expo 2017. The event runs from April 19-22 at the nearby Georgia World Congress Center.

If you book your reservation by March 27, you can receive the discounted rates starting at \$189. When making your reservation, identify yourself as part of the IDA group.

The annual event will feature a keynote presentation by Greg Gumbel of CBS, host of “The NFL Today.” Gumbel has been one of the most visible sports broadcasters on network television in his 30+ years in broadcasting.

The IDEA workshops will feature a special two-day sales training course by Rodney Webb, a top home improvement sales expert. Webb is an author, publisher, international keynote speaker, and a highly in-demand sales trainer.

Another featured workshop, “The Irresistible Power of Strategic Storytelling,” will be presented by Kindra Hall, former National Storytelling Champion. Hall is considered a master at helping companies sell their brands through the magic of storytelling. ■



Gumbel



Webb



Hall

Growth in remodeling spending projected to peak in 2017

Strong gains in home renovation and repair spending are expected to continue into 2017 before tapering, according to the Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA) released in October by the Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

The LIRA projects that annual growth in home improvement and repair expenditures will continue to increase, surpassing eight percent by the second quarter of 2017 before moderating later in the year.

“Homeowner remodeling activity continues to be encouraged by rising home values and tightening for-sale inventories in many markets across the country,” said Chris Herbert of the Joint Center. “Yet a recent slowdown in the expansion of single-family homebuilding and existing home sales could pull remodeling growth off its peak by the second half of 2017.” ■

Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity – Third Quarter 2016



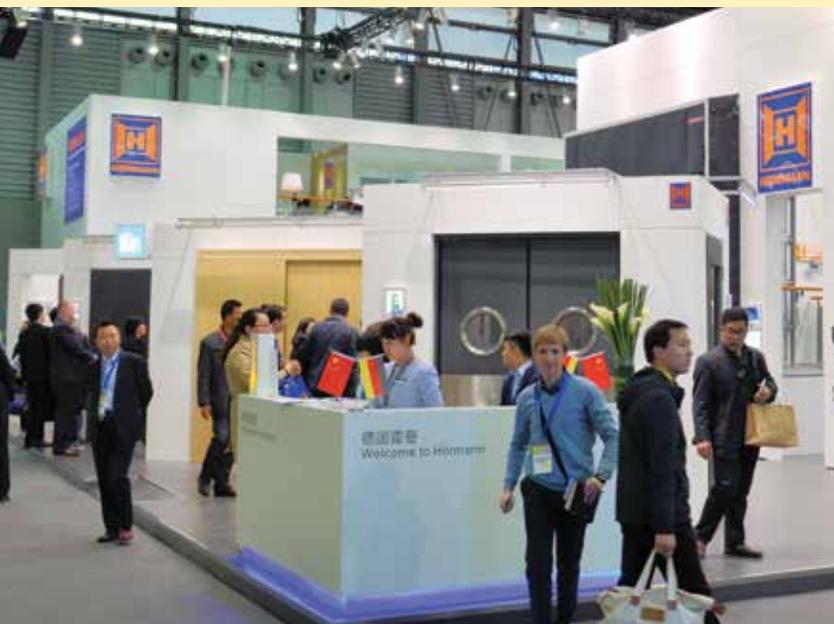
Notes: The revised LIRA excluded homeowner improvement activity only, while the re-revised LIRA includes home improvement and repair activity. Historical estimates are produced using the LIRA model with Advanced Housing Survey data before release. Source: Joint Center for Housing Studies.



New hall added for Europe's R+T 2018

R+T 2018, the industry's European trade fair held once every three years, will feature a new hall and an extended West Entrance to allow even distribution of visitors. The door and gate industry will obtain its own entrance with Alfred Kärcher Hall (Hall 8) and Paul Horn Hall (Hall 10), allowing a more compact area for its displays.

The Stuttgart, Germany, event is slated for Feb. 27-March 3, 2018. After 2020, the halls will be connected to the urban rail network. ■



R+T Asia 2017 returns to Shanghai

R+T Asia, the global showcase for roller shutters, doors/gates, windows, and sun protection systems, returns to Shanghai and the New International Expo Centre (SNIEC) from March 21-23, 2017. As of November, more than 465,000 sq.ft. of exhibit space has been sold to 393 companies, which is 8.5 percent more than last year at this time.

In support of the G20 summit, R+T Asia 2017 is offering to certain international door/gate exhibitors a reduced cost of exhibiting at the 2017 show, free additional branding opportunities, and Chinese language support. This offer has limited availability; an application is required.

Certain attendees can also apply to be a Hosted Buyer to receive free hotel accommodations, prescheduled meetings with desired exhibitors, and VIP access. The program is available to certain senior-level decision-makers from Canada and the U.S. More information is at www.rtasia.org/en. ■



FALL TECHNICAL FORUM

16th DASMA Fall Forum addresses technical items

From Sept. 28-30 in Chicago, DASMA held its 16th Annual Fall Forum, the industry's technical event of the year. The 2-1/2-day event was again well attended and featured four meetings and 13 forum sessions addressing most of DASMA's hottest technical items.

Outcomes of the forum session included the following activities to be undertaken by DASMA.

- Updating and/or creating several Technical Data Sheets
- Completing a number of Technical Research Documents (available only to DASMA members)
- Exploring research testing relevant to wind load, windborne debris resistance, and thermal performance
- Reviewing and commenting on a number of codes, standards, and other enforceable documents prepared by others
- Identifying new venues for DASMA presentations

Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, said that he anticipates DASMA increasing its efforts to emphasize product acceptance. "We want to increase clarity on regulatory, technical, and product matters all the way through the supply chain," he said. ■

ICC approves record number of DASMA proposals

The International Code Council (ICC) recently approved 13 proposals that DASMA either submitted, co-proposed, or supported during the 2016 code development year.

The DASMA changes resulted in the following:

- Consistency in the definition of an "opaque door"
- New U-factor requirements for garage doors
- Expanding the list of automated vehicular gate system types for "fire apparatus access roads"
- New default U-factors for rolling doors
- Label content requirements for wind-rated garage and rolling doors

Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, said that in 2016, DASMA achieved more than 30 approved proposals in ICC, ASHRAE, and some state codes. "All these proposals benefitted the industry by clarifying requirements and keeping what is working," he said. He added that DASMA is now preparing materials for the 2021 ICC code cycle that begins in 2018. ■



Hetzel speaks at St. Louis ASHI chapter

In August, Joe Hetzel, DASMA technical director, presented a garage door and operator inspection seminar in St. Louis to one of the nation's largest chapters of the American Society of Home Inspectors. The

presentation is part of a DASMA effort to educate and inform home inspectors about DASMA products.

The presentation provided a 10-point inspection checklist as contained in DASMA TDS 167, noting an inspector's limited amount of time. Hetzel added that DASMA is reviewing and providing input on related content in the ASHI training manual. ■

DASMA begins correlation testing of garage door U-factors

DASMA recently began a project to correlate U-factor results with three different testing laboratories. The purpose of the correlation is to develop a list of approved laboratories that manufacturers can use to obtain U-factors for sectional doors.

The project is part of an overall DASMA effort toward implementing a new thermal performance verification program planned for rollout in 2020. The voluntary program is expected to have both

code compliance and marketing-related benefits.

Doug Geeslin, DASMA Commercial & Residential Garage Door Division chair, said that government-initiated changes involving the chemical content of insulation will require manufacturers to reevaluate their product offerings anyway. "We want to coordinate our effort with market forces to result in a program we hope will have widespread participation," he added. ■



DASMA completes terminology update project

DASMA recently completed updates to industry terminology as identified in Technical Data Sheets 160



(sectional doors), 277 (rolling doors), and 401 (high performance doors). The updates include new and revised terms and definitions in documents inside and outside of DASMA.

For example, the term “sectional door” may appear in places as “sectional type door,” “sectional overhead-type door,” and “sectional garage door.” The updated TDS 160 defines “sectional door” as the primary and preferred term.

Pat Hunter, chair of the Joint Technical Group comprising representatives of the three DASMA door divisions, said, “It was important to have people recognize the need and champion the cause to better coordinate the terms our industry uses.”

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

The most-used Technical Data Sheets

Page Views*	DASMA Technical Data Sheet
118	TDS 155 Residential and Commercial Wind Load Guides
81	TDS 151 General Code Inspection Guidelines for Garage Doors
59	TDS 190 Factors Affecting Spring Cycle Life
58	TDS 161 Connecting Garage Door Jambs to Building Framing
47	TDS 160 Sectional Garage Door Terminology

*Aug. 15, 2016-Nov. 15, 2016

More than 120 Technical Data Sheets are freely available at www.dasma.com under Publications. These documents have been prepared by and are continually reviewed and updated by the DASMA Technical Committees and technical staff. ■

UL 325 seminar to be offered at Fencetech



The Automated Vehicular Gate Systems Coalition will present a UL 325 update at the 2017 Fencetech event in San Antonio. The presentation will include content on correct and compliant installations.

Tom DeSilvia, coalition chair, said that the UL 325 standard has undergone several major changes recently and that more are coming. He urged anyone installing or servicing gate operators to attend this eye-opening seminar.

The 2017 Fencetech, for the first time, will be co-located and co-promoted with NOMMA’s MetalFab event. The event, promoted as “history in the making,” will be held Feb. 1-5. The coalition comprises representatives of AFA, NOMMA, DASMA, and IDA. ■

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