

### DASMA relaunches social media platforms

DASMA (Door & Access Systems Manufacturers Association) has relaunched their Facebook and Instagram sites. Stay up to date with the latest industry news, technical information, code and guidelines updates, innovations, and trends in door, gate, and access control systems.

Whether you're a manufacturer, an installer of door, gate, or access control products, a specifier, architect, home builder, or industry professional, our social media platforms will keep you connected and on the pulse of the industry news.

Take advantage of the news and resources available on these DASMA-affiliated platforms. Follow us today for valuable insights, expert tips, and community engagement:

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### Vertical Lift Outreach nonprofit offers support to door and access industry

Vertical Lift Outreach (VLO) is a new nonprofit 501 c3 organization designed to support the door and access industry. The board consists of five door dealers and two suppliers. With the support of VLO's Platinum Sponsors (Door & Gate Domination and Lodi Garage Doors), several manufacturers (Amarr, Genie, Sommer, and Surewinder), and suppliers (Titan Home Products and more individuals), enough seed money was contributed for the organization to launch in late 2023.

Since its launch, VLO has awarded thousands of dollars to individuals requesting assistance. Every application for assistance gets reviewed and scored, and some form of assistance is provided.

The VLO has periodic auctions and raffles and appreciates the donations they receive during these events; VLO relies on these fundraisers, T-shirt sales, and private donations to help those in need. All funds raised go back to the door and access industry.

For more information, visit [www.VLOcares.org](http://www.VLOcares.org) or join the Vertical Lift Outreach Facebook page. ■






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### Several UL 325 proposals approved

In September, two DASMA-proposed revisions to UL 325, Standard for Door, Drapery, Gate, Louver, and Window Operators and Systems, received near-unanimous approval from the UL 325 Technical Committee (TC). The first proposal includes important instruction manual changes and the second revises the definitions for “door” and “gate,” clarifying the crucial distinction that a rolling door is a door and not a gate.

The third DASMA proposal, including new provisions for battery-powered applications, did not achieve consensus; the next steps will be considered by the Door Operator & Electronics Division. Of the 17 non-DASMA proposals, 14 were approved by the TC and three were not, matching the DASMA recommendations exactly. ■



### New TDS 2502 details rolling door repair practices

In June, the Rolling Door Division approved a new Technical Data Sheet, TDS 2502, Rolling Steel Fire Door Repair and Parts Replacement. The new TDS summarizes information from various sources, including NFPA 80, Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Factory Mutual (FM), and other DASMA TDSs, to combine all relevant rules and recommendations into one document.

TDS 2502 is a handy reference for dealers and technicians since it provides information that they need in order to conduct reliable and compliant repairs. TDS 2502 can be found on the DASMA website. ■



### New TDS 461 educates on 208V power supply and high-performance doors

In September, the High Performance Door Division approved a new Technical Data Sheet: TDS 461, 208V 3-Phase Supply and High Performance Doors. The new TDS assists designers, specifiers, and end users in navigating the challenges involved in certain applications involving a 208V three-phase power supply.

A diverse task group of manufacturers and suppliers developed the document, which presents the most important insights related to 208V operation. The new TDS can be found on the DASMA website, and like all DASMA TDS documents is free for public download, use, and distribution. ■

### DASMA members visit IBHS Research Center

In October, 15 members of various DASMA divisions enjoyed a visit to the IBHS Research Center in Richburg, S.C. IBHS, the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety, has collaborated with DASMA for many years on research involving garage doors and rolling doors.

The IBHS Research Center is a unique testing and training campus where researchers evaluate building materials and methods through both full- and small-scale testing on homes and other buildings. Dr. Murray Morrison, the Center’s Director of Research, led the DASMA visitors on a tour of the facility. Afterwards, the group met and discussed possible research plans for 2025 and beyond. ■

