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Application for Certification, License Agreement and Program Manual

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Licensee Information

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Company Name			
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Brand Name (Exactly as you want it to appear in the Certified Products Directory)			
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Primary Contact Name	Phone	Email	
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Signature and Date			

1.0 The **undersigned manufacturer** hereby applies to the Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association, Inc. (“Association” or “BHMA”) for a license to assert compliance with this agreement and applicable BHMA standards. The Association’s obligations and agreements, as set forth herein, are expressly conditioned precedent upon Licensee’s continued compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Manual.

2.0 Licensee **is permitted to be any manufacturer** from any country whether or not a member of the Association. Any manufacturer of builders hardware, of the types covered by the Standard(s), and who has received a license hereunder may submit products for certification.

3.0 **This Agreement shall be governed** by the laws of the State of New York.

4.0 **Certification and testing shall be to represent compliance** with this agreement and the respective American National Standards copyrighted by the BHMA. The Licensee shall certify that products on which certification is asserted shall be in full conformance with the Standard.

5.0 **The license fee**, which is separate and apart from any other fee or payment set forth in this Application and Agreement, shall be calculated and paid in conformance with Schedule 2. Any failure to make a license payment within 60 calendar days shall result in the immediate and automatic revocation of the license herein granted. Reinstatement shall be subject to a fee of five thousand dollars, or such other amount that BHMA shall determine.

6.0 Licensee **shall agree to pay to the Test Laboratory** upon demand, the costs of all tests, inspections, and selections, wherever conducted, referred to in this Application, based upon the Test Laboratory’s schedule of charges effective at the time. Licensee agrees to pay costs incurred by the Test Laboratory in collecting any unpaid account of Licensee, including reasonable attorney’s and collection fees.

7.0 **Laboratories shall provide to BHMA annually**, a complete schedule of program fees including all services, tests, and witness program fees, which will be applied during the administration of the agreement. Fees shall not be changed without notice and the approval of BHMA members. Program fees shall be in effect for initial, recertification, and retesting. Payment by the Licensee shall be directly to the test laboratory in accordance with the test laboratory's terms and conditions.

8.0 **The Licensee is encouraged to use the Certification Mark** on each of its certified products or package solely to identify products that are certified according to the terms of this Agreement. Licensee is hereby granted a non-exclusive license to affix the Association's Certification Mark, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A, to the certified product, its specifications, advertisements, literature, or other information relating to the product.

9.0 **The Association shall hold in confidence** any confidential information provided by Licensee relating to Licensee's products. Detailed results of tests shall not be divulged to any person other than the Licensee by the Association except in response to a subpoena or other valid legal process. While neither the Association nor the Test Laboratory has any duty or obligation to resist responding to a validly issued subpoena or other legal process, the Association shall make reasonable efforts to notify any Licensee of any subpoena or process it receives relating to Licensee's products. If the Licensee elects voluntarily to divulge a test report to any person, it shall only be the complete report together with any TestLaboratory disclaimer which might be included.

10.0 By accepting this non-exclusive license, Licensee hereby acknowledges that **the BHMA Certification Mark is exclusively and validly owned, in all its rights, title, and interest, by the Association**. Licensee expressly waives any rights, past, present or future, to contest such ownership and agrees not to do or cause any act contesting or in any way impairing or tending to impair the Association's ownership, right, title, and interest in the Certification Mark. Licensee also agrees not to use the Certification Mark to the detriment of the Association. The scope of this non-exclusive license is world-wide. The Association expressly reserves its rights to grant similar licenses to other entities manufacturing or selling other certified products whether or not such other products compete with the Licensee's products.

11.0 Upon request by Association counsel, **Licensee hereby agrees to provide a representative sample of any advertisement, literature, package, or label** prepared by the Licensee using the Certification Mark. In the event Association counsel determines that the Licensee's materials are inaccurate or misleading in any material respect, Licensee shall either refrain from using the offending materials or Licensee agrees to make such modifications, as may be reasonably requested by Association counsel.

12.0 During the time that a product is listed in an Association-sponsored program, **the Licensee shall produce only products conforming in all material respects** to the certified products covered by the test report and as shown on the Test Laboratory's records prepared during or as a result of tests or inspection of product.

13.0 **The license herein granted to the Licensee is non-assignable** or otherwise divisible or transferable without the Association's prior written consent. Such consent is permitted to be withheld at the sole and absolute discretion of the Association. Any such assignment or transfer without such consent shall be null and void and of no effect. An assignment by a parent group to one of its entities, however, is permitted.

14.0 **Products sold to other manufacturers for resale** (sometimes referred to as Private Label Products) are permitted to be certified under the following conditions:

- a) The reseller must be a Licensee
- b) The reseller cannot alter the product
- c) The reseller or original manufacturer maintains the certification with BHMA

Private Label Products for resale shall be tested by either the originating manufacturer or reseller provided all the following are met:

- a) When testing is performed by the originating manufacturer, the originating manufacturer's test report number shall be referenced in the certification application and an authorization to use the originating manufacturer's test report will be provided to BHMA and the Test Laboratory
- b) When testing is performed by the reseller, the reseller's test report number shall be referenced in the certification application. The reseller shall ensure the product will remain in compliance with the applicable terms of the Operational Manual including, but not limited to, section 20.11 regarding "if a Private Label Product is materially altered or changed".

c) A one-time engineering evaluation or equivalent documentation shall be provided by the designated lab to confirm that the Originating Manufacturer's Product and the Private Label Manufacturer's Private Label Product are equivalent.

15.0 Licensee shall maintain a **policy of product liability insurance** with a reputable and solvent insurance company licensed to issue policies of insurance insuring against injury to persons or property arising from the use or sale of the certified products in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000. Such policy shall name the Association as an insured party. If the Licensee is self-insured for product liability and the Association agrees, Licensee shall maintain a certificate of self insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000. Such certificate shall name the Association as the insured party. Failure to maintain insurance, or provide certificate of self insurance, shall be deemed an automatic termination of this Application and Agreement in its entirety, including the license herein.

16.0 Upon **termination** of Certification for any reason, Licensee shall not thereafter affix the Association's Certification Mark to any product and its related marketing materials (i.e. catalogs, website, cut sheet, etc.) which was not completely manufactured and ready for shipment at the time of such termination. A representative of the Association, for a reasonable length of time after termination of Certification, shall have access to pertinent manufacturing facilities to verify that the markings are not being affixed to any product. The Association representative shall agree in writing to hold in strict confidence any and all confidential information provided by Licensee or relating to Licensee's products.

17.0 **The approval, renewal or continuation** of Certification shall be based upon compliance by Licensee with the provisions of this Application and the Manual. If the Association becomes aware that any product manufactured, produced, distributed or sold by Licensee bears any marking indicating that such product is certified when such product is not in fact certified, the Association shall give notice of such fact to Licensee. Licensee shall promptly (1) cease claiming or representing in any fashion compliance with the standard or (2) promptly cease to sell or distribute such products.

18.0 In granting a license to the Licensee, **the Association assumes no liability** to the Licensee, a purchaser or user of the product, or any other person with respect to the performance of the certified products. Except for claims of trademark infringement relating to the Certification Mark, the Licensee shall defend, indemnify and hold the Association harmless from and against any and all claims and expenses including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred by the Association relating to any claim against the Association by any person relating to the manufacture and sale of Licensee's certified products; provided, however, the Association shall promptly notify Licensee of any such claim, and provided further the Licensee is given complete control over the defense of any such claim, including selection of counsel, control of litigation and settlement, provided still further that the Association must cooperate in all respects with the Licensee in handling any such claim.

For example, and not by way of limitation, if Licensee shall (a) wrongfully represent (by wrongful use of product number, marking indicating Certification or otherwise) that a product is certified, or (b) sell or distribute a product bearing any marking indicating Certification when such product fails to conform in any respect to the product currently certified at the time of the Licensee's sale or distribution thereof, Licensee shall indemnify and hold harmless the Association from all liability and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Association by reason of such misrepresentation by Licensee or by reason of damage or injury resulting directly or indirectly from such misrepresentation.

18.1 **Additional Liability Limitations Relating to Actions by the Test Laboratory** Licensee acknowledges that the association is not responsible for, and hereby relieves the Association from liability for, any and all claims or losses, damages, or injuries, of any nature whatsoever, arising out of or concerning the tests or other actions of the Test Laboratory, or the confirmation or denial of Certification as a result thereof, or the revocation or cancellation of same under the conditions herein set forth.

19.0 CANCELLATION AND REVOCATION OF APPLICATION

In the event of a material violation of any of the provisions of this Application by Licensee and upon written notice specifying such violation provided to Licensee, the Association shall in addition to any other remedy it has at equity or law, have the right to (a) cancel this Application and Agreement and (b) revoke and discontinue any or all certifications of certified products thereafter produced, manufactured, distributed, licensed, sold, or leased by Licensee, including the License granted herein. Termination of this Agreement shall also terminate Licensees Certification provided, however, that Sections 9.0, 15.0, 16.0, 18.0, 19.0, and 21.0 shall be preserved and continued in effect.

20.0 CERTIFICATION AND TESTING

20.1 The authority for the selection of test laboratories is vested in the BHMA. Designated labs shall be selected only from a list of qualified labs maintained by the BHMA, and approved by the Board of Directors. Such laboratories shall be independent and nationally recognized, shall administer the program assigned, and shall conduct and supervise the tests in accordance with this agreement. Designated labs are shown in Schedule 1. Multiple qualified labs may be designated for testing when approved by Standard Steering Committee. Alternate labs may also be used by the Licensee for informational purposes. Although BHMA encourages the practice, it is the decision of the designated lab if it wishes to evaluate and approve the test reports from an alternate lab. Manufacturers participating in certification programs to a given standard may petition the Standard Steering Committee to change to another test laboratory or allow multiple test labs. A 2/3 majority vote of the Standard Steering Committee is needed to change or add a lab. To be selected to conduct testing in accordance with this OM, the Test Laboratory must confirm that it is not and it will not conducting any testing that is any way inconsistent with the OM and conflicting with BHMA's certification program, except as may exist as of this date.

20.2 The Licensee shall at all times cooperate within reason, during normal business hours, with the Laboratory to facilitate testing, witnessing of tests, and inspections. The test laboratory shall contact BHMA when the Licensee is not responding in a timely manner, there are questions with current listings, or otherwise not complying with the requirements of this agreement. BHMA shall then contact the Licensee to review current listing status and necessary actions required to maintain the listing. Test Laboratory visits shall be conducted during normal working hours unless otherwise consented to by Licensee, and the Test Laboratory shall have full and prompt access to Licensee's production and assembly lines, warehouse, and other production or storage facilities for the purpose of witnessing tests or selecting test specimens.

20.3 The test specimens for new listings shall be representative of future intended production. The test report number shall be indicated along with the new directory listing.

20.4 Re-certification testing shall be performed per Schedule 1. Products in the re-certification phase will remain listed and considered conforming until the listing expires or the Licensee elects to discontinue it.

20.5 The Licensee shall provide test specimens for (re-)certification testing, which are random, current and representative all places of production, by one of the following methods as agreed to by the licensee and the test laboratory (a record of the selection method shall be maintained by the Licensee):

- Selected by a representative of the designated test laboratory.
- Selected by a designated participant employee authorized by the test laboratory.
- Obtained randomly through a distributor.

20.6 The products to be selected shall be from those certified under the program and listed in the latest Certified Products Directory (CPD). Testing of any product to confirm certification shall be conducted under requirements set forth in the Operational Manual (OM) in effect at the time of testing the product.

20.7 The Licensee shall furnish the Association, listings of its certified products to be used by the Association for the published directory. Exception: originating manufacturers per 14.0 shall be permitted to request that their listings are not to be published in the directory. The year of the edition of the applicable standard shall be included. Any new or re-certification testing shall be performed to the latest published edition of the standard. Exception: Submitting a listing to the previous standard edition is permitted up to one year following the published ANSI approval date.

20.8 The Association shall maintain and publish a listing of the products that have been certified and are in good standing and that are permitted to be sold bearing the Certification Mark. The Association shall not be responsible for errors or omissions in the submissions.

20.9 The Test Laboratory shall issue to the Licensee a test report for each certification submission product. Test reports shall be retained by the test laboratory through the duration of the certification period and otherwise in accordance with test laboratory policies. In case a product fails to comply with one or more requirements, the Test Laboratory shall within 30 calendar days after completion of tests, furnish Licensee with a report setting forth in detail the nature of such failure. If a product complies in all respects with the requirements, the Test Laboratory shall within 30 calendar days after completion of all tests notify Licensee thereof in writing and shall issue Licensee a test report indicating conformance.

20.10 Retention of test samples shall be in accordance with test laboratory requirements and as requested by the licensee.

20.11 **If a certified product is materially altered or changed** by the Licensee so that new test results would likely be affected, any such alteration or change shall be approved by the Test Laboratory either through engineering analysis or test conducted by the Licensee or the Test Laboratory before any such product is offered for sale or lease bearing any marking indicating certification or utilizing the Certification Mark of the Association or in any way advertised by Licensee as being certified.

20.12 **During Program Testing, if a product or finish type fails to meet test requirements**, a second test shall be performed at the original test location. The Licensee shall be notified by the Test Laboratory of the date of retesting products or finish types which failed to pass the test the first time. The Licensee may have a representative present to inspect the product after installation in the test equipment. Adjustments per the Licensee's instructions are allowed after installation but before testing. The certification expiration date remains fixed and will not be extended for re-testing to finish.

20.13 **The Licensee shall bear all costs for (re-)testing or witness fees**, regardless of whether the product passes or fails to meet test requirements. With the Test Laboratory's approval, retesting may be limited to the attributes affected by the failure rather than requiring full standard compliance.

20.14 **Any person may challenge the compliance** of any certified product in accordance with the procedures set forth herein (complaint testing). Before any complaint of non-compliance is made against a product or finish type certified by a Licensee participating in the Program, the complainant shall have tested the product or finish type according to the Standard and submitted a copy of the results to both the Association and the Laboratory. Thereafter, if, in the sole judgment of the Test Laboratory, there appears to be reasonable grounds for the complaint, the Laboratory shall obtain a random sample of the product or finish type in question and shall test it. The Test Laboratory shall also notify the Licensee that complaint testing is being performed.

20.15 **The cost of any complaint testing** (including the acquisition, testing and final disposition of the product or finish type) shall be borne completely by Complainant or the Licensee based on the final outcome of the process. In the event the Test Laboratory results show failure, the Licensee certifying the product or finish type in question shall pay the costs; in the event the product or finish type in question successfully passes the prescribed test, Complainant shall pay the cost. Complainant may be required to post bond or cash deposit with the Test Laboratory to insure payment of the test in the event the model or finish type in question successfully passes the test.

20.16 **If, following a challenge test failure**, Licensee wishes to seek recertification of the product, the cost of the tests, including selecting, witnessing and final disposition of the hardware shall be borne completely by the Licensee.

A) If a product or finish type fails a second test, and the Licensee *seeks to retain certification on that product or finish type*, the following actions shall be taken: two sample lots of corrected products or finish types shall successfully pass the prescribed tests conducted or supervised by the Test Laboratory; and following completion, the specified number of sample lots, selected at random by the Test Laboratory shall successfully pass the prescribed test during the ensuing year. These shall be of the same type, but not necessarily the same as, the product or finish type that failed.

B) If a product or finish type fails a second test, and the Licensee *seeks to withdraw certification of the failed product or finish type but to retain certification on other products or finish types*, the following actions shall be taken: the Licensee shall remove and stop all representations that the failed product or finish type is certified under the Program, and the Licensee shall remove that product or finish type from its list of certified products.

21.0 RIGHT TO APPEAL

Licensees shall have the right to appeal actions taken by the Association and actions taken by the Test Laboratory provided such actions are not related to pass or fail criteria as determined by the Test Laboratory. The procedures set forth here are required to be used by both the Association and the Licensee. Initially, a nonbinding mediation effort shall take place for 30 calendar days. If mediation is not successful, Licensee shall within 15 calendar days notify the Association in writing of its intention to seek arbitration. The arbitration and the selection of the arbitrator shall proceed under the rules of the American Arbitration Association or its successor. Such arbitration shall take place in New York, New York. The hearing shall be scheduled on a date that allows the Licensee sufficient time to prepare, and which is at least 30 calendar days after Licensee indicates its intention to appeal. Licensee may attend the arbitration hearing, be heard, and be represented by counsel. Licensee and the Association agree to be bound by the decision of the arbitrator, which shall be made in writing, and which shall set forth a factual basis for any conclusions made. The losing party shall be responsible for paying all costs and fees, as well as the reasonable attorney's fees of the prevailing party. No further appeal is permitted.

22.0 REVISIONS AND TERMS

This Application shall become a contract between Licensee and the Association upon its acceptance in the space below, by the Association; it being mutually agreed that this instrument upon such acceptance, contains all, and the only agreements between the Association and Licensee, and that no agent or representatives of either party has made any statements, representations, or arguments, verbal or written, modifying, contradicting, or adding to these terms and conditions.

The Association reserves the right to make revisions to the Application and Agreement and to issue a new Application which will become a contract between the Licensee and the Association when accepted by both parties.

This Application and Agreement shall remain in effect for one year from the date of acceptance by the Association and shall be automatically renewed for additional two-year terms until terminated either by the Licensee or the Association. Notice of intent to terminate the agreement shall be provided in writing, at least 60 calendar days before the end of the term and shall take effect at the termination of the term, or as otherwise agreed by the parties.

For the year commencing (month) _____, (year) _____.

Licensee (Company) _____

By: _____

Signature

Official's Printed Name

Title

The Association hereby accepts the above application and agrees to the terms thereof.

Upon the execution of this document, the Licensee will be hereafter referred to as the Licensee.

BUILDERS HARDWARE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Dated: _____

By: _____

SCHEDULE 1

Definition of Product Family: A family (series) of similar products having the same essential design, where random selection and testing of any one product would fairly represent the group. Aesthetic differences between models are ignored, however, any variations that could impact performance must undergo evaluation. The Licensee is responsible and accountable for the integrity of the family groupings and shall provide justification for the grouping. The Test Laboratory reserves the right to approve this family grouping and may select any product within the family for testing.

Refer to the specific ANSI/BHMA standard within this Schedule for additional guidance on product designs that may require separate family groupings or unique representative samples based on functional distinctions.

The **required quantity of test specimens** shall be in accordance with the appropriate ANSI/BHMA Standard. Unless otherwise specified, either right- or left-handed samples may be considered as a representative product. Optional parts, such as alternate strikes, included with a certified product shall meet the grade claimed and are subject to testing. If these parts would lower the product's grade, this limitation must be clearly indicated in its certification.

The Test Laboratory shall perform testing and verification of all characteristics specified by the ANSI/BHMA Standard. Where certification requires **prerequisite compliance** with standards referenced by the primary standard, evidence of compliance shall be demonstrated in one of two ways:

- The product shall be tested to the prerequisite standard as part of its evaluation to an ANSI/BHMA Standard.
- Product already Certified or Listed to the prerequisite standard by a nationally recognized test laboratory (NRTL) shall satisfy the requirements without additional testing.

Compliance with requirements to outside standards referenced within a BHMA A156 series standard (i.e. UL 1034), is permitted to be controlled under an existing separate follow-up testing program by a nationally recognized test laboratory.

Test reports issued by the Test Laboratory shall identify the models covered by the defined family and submissions made to the Certified Products Directory (CPD) by the Licensee shall be organized accordingly to ensure that certified models are clearly grouped.

Frequency (Unless otherwise stated in Schedule 1) Each Product Family shall be tested once every four years. Testing is recommended to be distributed throughout the required recertification cycle to ensure continuous and current monitoring. For instance, if a family is to be tested every four years, and the Licensee has eight families certified to an ANSI/BHMA Standard, two may be tested each year.

Butts and Hinges, ANSI/BHMA A156.1

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Distinct products shall be defined as the number of knuckles contained and shall be full mortise hinges. Half mortise, half surface, and full surface applications, and any other leaf configurations are permitted to be included in the certification without test providing the Test Laboratory attests that the barrel construction is identical in all significant respects to the full mortise hinge counterpart.

5.1 Hinges to Test Tests described apply only to square full mortise hinges. Providing that narrow widths or companion hinges such as half surface, half mortise and full surface types have a similar barrel construction, certification of square full mortise hinges shall apply to these other types. The manufacturer shall attest that barrel constructions of these other types (in any one size) are identical in all significant respects.

Standard weight and heavy weight full mortise hinges shall be tested in 4 1/2 inch barrel height. Light weight hinges shall be tested in 3 1/2 inch barrel height. Double weight and triple weight hinges shall be tested in 5 inch barrel height or the height certified if 5 inch is not available.

Locks and Latches, ANSI/BHMA A156.2

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Initial testing of products shall be performed on entry lock functions F40 or F81 (or manufacturer's equivalent among functions listed in this Standard).

Exit Devices, ANSI/BHMA A156.3

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Lab: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

One device shall be tested in each of the following listed types and grades that are certified and comprise one test sample lot: Product series shall be as determined by the Test Laboratory. Each shall generally consist of products having unique construction design for latch retraction. Variations in construction not affecting latch retraction from the egress side of the door shall not constitute justification for establishing a new product series. Material variations not affecting wear and strength characteristics as determined by the Test Laboratory shall not constitute justification for establishing a new product series. For inside operational tests, an exit device of the 01 function shall be used for qualification of a product. Any device within any one product having different working components or different materials shall be tested separately. This testing is permitted, at the option of the Licensee, to be coordinated with and be a part of the Test Laboratory's own in-plant follow-up inspection service. No less than one test sample lot shall be tested annually.

Exit Trim Testing The sample rate for testing trim shall be as determined by the Test Laboratory based upon a worse case condition approach. Licensees shall submit catalog data and test data to assist the Test Laboratory in determining operating trim to be selected. If there are any trims or trim combinations the Licensee does not wish to certify, these shall be identified to the Test Laboratory and the BHMA. All other trims shall be subject to selection for testing by the Test Laboratory. The sampling rate shall be such that all families of trim types and functions shall be tested within a 4 year cycle.

Door Controls-Closers, ANSI/BHMA A156.4

Frequency: Each type shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance With Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

One of each type and grade certified comprises one test sample lot.

A closer type is a closer having identical components except for exterior cosmetic changes.

A manufacturer's stock door closer shall be used for testing. For surface mounted and concealed in door closers, a size IV closer shall be used for qualification purposes. For floor and overhead concealed closers, a size III or IV closer shall be used for qualification purposes.

2.8 Test Samples A single non-hold open type closer shall be used for all testing. For surface mounted and concealed in door closers, a power size IV closer shall be used for qualification purposes. For floor and overhead concealed closers, a power size III or IV closer shall be used for qualification purposes.

The manufacturer shall certify that the balance of the line also meets the performance requirements.

For finish testing, arms and covers only shall be tested. For closers with no covers, only arms shall be tested. For floor closers, cover plates and pivots (if used and exposed) only shall be tested.

Cylinders and Input Devices, ANSI/BHMA A156.5

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Architectural Trim, ANSI/BHMA A156.6

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Door Controls-Overhead Stops and Holders, ANSI/BHMA A156.8

Frequency: Each type shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Perform functional testing and verification of all characteristics specified by the standard.

One of each type and grade certified comprises one test sample lot. A type is a unit having identical components except for exterior cosmetic changes.

Cabinet Hardware, ANSI/BHMA A156.9

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Lab: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Cabinet Locks, ANSI/BHMA A156.11

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Interconnected Locks, ANSI/BHMA A156.12

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Mortise Locks, ANSI/BHMA A156.13

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Sliding and Folding Doors, ANSI/BHMA A156.14

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Lab: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Closer Holder Release Devices, ANSI/BHMA A156.15

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

One of each type and grade certified comprises one test sample lot. A type is a unit having identical components except for exterior cosmetic changes.

Auxiliary Hardware, ANSI/BHMA A156.16

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Lab: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Self Closing Hinges, ANSI/BHMA A156.17

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Lab: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Distinct products shall be defined as full mortise single acting, mortised in door double acting, horizontal spring pivot hinges, adjustable gate tension spring pivot hinges, and screen or dwarf door spring hinges Other applications

including half surface, full surface, clamp flanges, and other applications of gate spring pivot hinges are permitted to be certified without test providing the Test Laboratory attests that the barrel construction is identical in all significant respects to their hinge counterparts.

Spring hinges listed or labeled by a nationally recognized independent test laboratory testing to the requirements of A156.17 and under an in-plant follow up inspection service, and providing the construction of the hinges is the same as their grade one counterparts, are not required to be tested.

3.6 Listed Spring Hinge. A spring hinge listed for use on fire doors, shall be listed or labeled by a nationally recognized independent test laboratory and be under in-plant follow-up inspection service.

Standard weight full mortise single acting spring hinges shall be tested in 4 1/2 inch barrel height. Double acting spring hinges shall be tested in 6 inch barrel height. Light weight spring hinges shall be tested in 3 1/2 inch barrel height.

Materials and Finishes, ANSI/BHMA A156.18

Frequency: Each certified finish shall be tested once every four years.

Test Lab: INTERTEK, UL

Certification of architectural finishes is required for a BHMA product to maintain its overall BHMA certification and comply with the designated grade level. Category B finishes shall not be certified.

Certified finishes produced through the same process at the same facility may apply to BHMA products across multiple standards.

The licensee may group finishes based on common base materials, processes, and facility. It is acceptable to test and certify finishes that do not conform to an existing 600 or 700 Series number, provided they are listed and fully described in the Certified Product Directory (CPD). The designated test lab has the authority to approve these groupings.

If there is a change in finish specification, process, substrate, base material, finishing source, or location, samples shall be submitted for requalification within 90 calendar days. Actual parts shall be selected for all finish evaluations, except where limitations in equipment or methodology require the use of test coupons.

Power Assist and Low Energy Power Operated Doors, ANSI/BHMA A156.19

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Lab: INTERTEK, UL

Perform functional testing and verification of all characteristics specified by the standard including signage. Signage mounting requirements shall be verified through inclusion in the installation instructions. One of each product shall comprise one test sample lot.

Straps and Tee Hinges, ANSI/BHMA A156.20

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Lab: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Distinct products shall be defined as steel pin strap hinges and steel pin tee hinges and all hasps. Strap and tee hinges with aluminum or brass pins are permitted to be certified without test providing the Test Laboratory attests that the construction of the hinges is otherwise identical in all significant respects to those tested.

Thresholds, ANSI/BHMA A156.21

Frequency: Each type shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Types are permitted to be grouped by the manufacturer considering material, minimum threshold thickness exclusive of legs and maximum span between supports. Full product representation is subject to test laboratory engineering analysis.

Gasketing, ANSI/BHMA A156.22

Frequency: Each group shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

The program does not apply to Integral Gasketing.

Groupings consist of existing distinctions for smoke and non-smoke, by location – perimeter, bottom, and meeting stile, as well as adjustable/non-adjustable, and rating levels. Full product representation is subject to test laboratory engineering analysis.

Electromagnetic Locks, ANSI/BHMA A156.23

Frequency: Each type shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

One lock shall be tested in each of the following listed types, and rankings that are certified and comprise one sample lot:

Types and Rankings:

Door lock with magnet and armature in direct pull, 1500 lbf, 1000 lbf, and 500 lbf rankings.

Door lock with magnet and armature in shear, 1500 lbf, 1000 lbf, and 500 lbf rankings.

The Rated Voltage shall be published in the force designation of the lock Certification listing.

Delayed Egress Locks, ANSI/BHMA A156.24

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Delayed Egress Locks: One lock shall be tested in each configuration certified and comprise one sample lot:

Time delay feature with cross bars or push pads with Exit Devices.

Time delay feature with other locks equipped with lever handles or knobs.

Time delay feature with active devices without a latching mechanism

Locks when used shall have been certified as complying with the requirements of ANSI/BHMA A156.2 for Bored and Preassembled Locks and Latches, A156.3 for Exit Devices, A156.5 for Auxiliary Locks and Associated Products, A156.13 for Mortise Locks and Latches, and A156.23 for Electromagnetic Locks as applicable. Listing in the BHMA Certified Products Directory for these types of locks is acceptable.

3.7 Exit devices, locks or auxiliary locks equipped with a delayed egress feature

shall meet the requirements of ANSI/BHMA Standards A156.2-2017 for Bored

and Pre-assembled Locks and Latches, A156.3-2020 for Exit Devices,

ANSI/BHMA A156.13-2017 for Mortise Locks, A156.23-2022 for

Electromagnetic Locks or A156.36-2020 for Auxiliary Locks, as applicable.

Component manufacturers using locks or exit devices made by others are

permitted to qualify their delayed egress system by testing with a single

manufacturer's lock. Upon qualification, any manufacturer's lock of the same

type, and providing it meets the applicable ANSI/BHMA Standard, may be used.

Electrified Locking Devices, ANSI/BHMA A156.25

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Perform functional testing and verification of all characteristics specified by the standard. When engineering specifications are changed to an existing tested product, the Test Laboratory shall perform an engineering evaluation to confirm equivalency. If equivalency is not established retesting shall be performed, as defined by the test lab, to validate the effected features.

Continuous Hinges, ANSI/BHMA A156.26

Frequency: Each type shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Test edge mounted architectural continuous hinges of the geared or barrel type. Certification of the edge mounted type shall apply to other mountings providing the manufacturer attests that the barrel or gear construction of the other types in any one size are identical in all significant respects.

5.1 Hinges to Test- Test edge mounted architectural continuous hinges of the geared or barrel type. Certification of the edge mounted type shall apply to other mountings providing the manufacturer attests that the barrel or gear construction of the other types in any one size are identical in all significant respects. All performance tests shall be conducted on the same test specimen. Select at random, three specimens for salt spray testing using 4 in (102 mm) long sections of three different continuous hinges.

Significant Respects:

Material Type (Aluminum, Steel, Stainless Steel, Brass etc.)

Grade: ANSI/BHMA A156.26 Product Grade: 1, 2, 3

Barrel Diameter

Bearing

Exit Alarms, ANSI/BHMA A156.29

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

For inside operational tests, an exit lock of the 01 function shall be used for qualification of a product. Any device within any one product having different working components or different materials shall be tested separately. Perform functional testing and verification of all characteristics specified by the standard.

High Security Cylinders, ANSI/BHMA A156.30

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Perform functional testing and verification of all characteristics specified by the standard.

Electric Strikes and Frame Mounted Actuators, ANSI/BHMA A156.31

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Perform functional testing and verification of all characteristics specified by the standard except UL 1034 characteristics covered by NRTL listings and under a follow up program.

Integrated Swinging Door Opening Assemblies, ANSI/BHMA A156.32

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Internally Powered Architectural Hardware Devices, ANSI/BHMA A156.33

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Power Supplies for Electronic Access Control ANSI/BHMA A156.35

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Lab: INTERTEK, UL

Auxiliary Hardware, ANSI/BHMA A156.36

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Multipoint Locks, ANSI/BHMA A156.37

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Low Energy Power Operated Sliding and Folding Doors, ANSI/BHMA A156.38

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Perform functional testing and verification of all characteristics specified by the standard including signage. Signage mounting requirements shall be verified through inclusion in the installation instructions. One of each product shall comprise one test sample lot.

Residential Bored Locks, ANSI/BHMA A156.39

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Residential Deadbolts, ANSI/BHMA A156.40

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Required Compliance with Other Standards: Product shall also meet the finish requirements in A156.18

Single Motion to Egress, ANSI/BHMA A156.41

Frequency: Licensee is permitted to post compliance on their CPD listing, to be verified by the Test Lab.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Acoustic Performance Rating for Operational Noise of Architectural Hardware, ANSI/BHMA A156.42

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Lab: Hottinger, Brüel & Kjær (HBK)

One device shall be tested for each product type. The product series shall be as determined by the Test Laboratory considering its unique construction for hand operation (by trim), latch release, and other design factors that would impact the sound generated by the product.

Integrated Sliding Door Opening Assemblies, ANSI/BHMA A156.43

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Glass Door Hardware, A156.44

Frequency: Each product shall be tested once every four years.

Test Labs: INTERTEK, UL

Basic Steps for Participating in the BHMA Certification Program

Resource		Applicant	Lab	BHMA Staff
Subprocesses				
1 (6.0)	Send completed application and fee per Schedule 2 to BHMA			
2 (19.4)	Perform initial testing			
3				
4 (19.5)	Furnish listings with test reports or test report numbers to BHMA			
5	BHMA forwards submittal to designated lab for confirmation			
6	Laboratory verifies test reports			
7 (19.5)	Post listings			
8 ('7.0)	Use certification marks on products and packaging			
9 (19.7)	Perform follow-up testing			
10				
11 (19.11)	Provide test reports to applicant			
12 (19.13)	If failing, retest per procedure			
13				
14 (19.13)	If still failing inform BHMA, who will remove from Directory			

SCHEDULE 2

FEEES

- Each Standard and each Brand Name listing in the Certified Products Directory will be assessed a License and Administrative fee of
 - \$1,500 - BHMA full members
 - \$3,000 - BHMA associate members
 - \$4,500 - non-members
 - \$TBD – A156.42 TBD
- There is no additional or separate fee for listing to ANSI/BHMA A156.18 and A156.41 in conjunction with certified hardware products.
- The fee will be billed annually by BHMA and is required to be paid in full in order to post listings.
- Certification fees are invoiced on a calendar year and are not pro-rated.
- This fee will be set by the Association and is subject to change up to once every year. Licensees are responsible for the latest fee in effect.

EXHIBIT A

BHMA CERTIFICATION MARK



Guidelines for Use of the BHMA Certified® logo:

- BHMA Certified® logos can only be reproduced from the electronic files and logo sheet that BHMA® provides.
- The logos or their elements cannot be altered.
- The logos can be enlarged or reduced in size but cannot be re-proportioned.
- Your logo must always be displayed more prominently than the BHMA® logo, so as not to suggest that the product is a BHMA® product or that the BHMA® logo is part of your product or company name. (If space does not allow you to position a certified logo the proper terminology to use in lieu of the logo is "this product is certified to ANSI/BHMA standard A156...")
- Do not combine the BHMA® logos with any other elements such as graphics, text, photos, slogans, etc.
- The BHMA® logos cannot be translated into another language and the characters cannot be set to another, such as Arabic or Japanese characters.
- The BHMA® logos can be either all black or a combination of black and PMS 2728 (BHMA® blue.) The BHMA® lettering must be black...but the certified box may be PMS 2728. No other colors may be used.
- The BHMA Certified® logo can only be used in promotional materials in association and close proximity to the product or the product description that is actually certified.

These include but are not limited to:

- The Product
- The Certified Product Brochure
- The Certified Product Catalog
- News Releases regarding the certified product
- Signage regarding the certified product
- Advertising for the Certified Product
- Product Packaging is restricted to the smallest container carrying a certified product (not to be mixed with products that are NOT certified) Outer packaging can carry mark ONLY if all product within is certified.

EXHIBIT B

BHMA RESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION MARK



Guidelines for Use of the BHMA® Residential Certification Mark:

The BHMA Certified Secure Home label must be placed on the product or package to demonstrate that the product meets the residential performance standards for Security, Durability and Finish. The registered trademark must remain on the label and must be used on the first mention of the program in collateral materials. Size specifications of the label can vary depending on its use, but must adhere to these requirements for use.

For product packaging, the A, B, C rating within the label will vary depending on the product being packaged. The registered trademark, shape, typeface and color of the label must remain consistent when using the label on all:

- Packaging
- Marketing materials
- Internal and external correspondence
- Advertising
- Social media platforms
- Digital applications (website)

The BHMA Certified Secure Home label may only be used in product promotional materials in association and close proximity to the certified product or the certified product description. These include but are not limited to:

- Product brochure or catalog
- News releases regarding the certified product
- Signage regarding the certified product
- Advertising for the certified product
- Packaging of the certified product

Full Guidelines for Use can be found here: <https://buildershardware.com/My-BHMA/Certification-Mark/Residential-Certification-Mark>

Revisions in the 2025 edition

Applicant is now Licensee

Laboratory is now Test Laboratory

Product Sections have been replaced with Standard Steering Committee

Products, being re-certified, stay listed until the listing expires or the customer pulls them. Previously the lab could inform BHMA to pull the listing.

Product grouping information is now in Schedule 1 where it is better defined.

Removed extensions for re-testing. Only problems with Test Lab equipment or the BHMA CPD can generate an extension.

Prerequisite requirements are better defined.

Added “Required Compliance to Other Standards” statement to each standard.

Clarified 156.18 requirement

Added additional requirements to other standards.

Added 156.42 and a new test lab.