

Joint Meeting of the Marketing Committee and the Codes and Government Affairs Committee

BHMA Label Program – Permanent and / or Temporary Labels

Project Purpose:

Motivation for development of a product labeling program:

- To overcome obstacles for referencing BHMA standards in model building codes.
- Product label is only one aspect of code compliance verification. This is not a guarantee that the model codes will reference the BHMA standards.
- Proposals for the 2024 edition of the IBC are due in January of 2021.

Purpose/Challenges:

- Explore development of a product permanent labeling program.
- Have an identifiable mark on hardware for AHJs to be able to easily verify certification.
- Aesthetics and space issues need to be discussed. Is the label visible or could it be under the cover of an auto operator, for example?

Scope:

- Possibly all BHMA products that hold valid certifications in the BHMA certified product directory.
- Begin with products certified to standards that have been proposed for reference by the model codes: panic hardware, electromagnetic locks, delayed egress locks, locksets (single-motion egress), and automatic operators(?).
- Program would be voluntary, not mandatory? What would encourage/discourage participation?

Labeling for EACH individual product type/ category:

- Are labels permanent or temporary?
- Mandatory content – standard number (how to handle multiple standards on one product)? Edition date? QR code or unique number that can be used to easily find more information?
- Format, size, color, application method, location
- Procuring Labels (Physical) – sourced and distributed by BHMA?

Program administration:

- Implementation Date / Sun-setting - provisions for products no longer applicable (expired listings)
- Policing enforcement and use of label
- Transitions of standards versions (editions) and code versions (editions)
- Website content and search ability for labeled products

Next Steps:

- Do we need to survey BHMA members about this program?
- If yes, what questions should be included on the survey?
- Are there other BHMA members who should be added to this task group?