



Steps to Certification

The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) is the sole organization accredited to develop American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards for architectural hardware including locks, hinges, door closers, exit devices and other products. Standards typically have three performance grades covering strength, durability and security. To assure that the standards are adhered to properly, BHMA sponsors an industry-wide, third-party certification process consisting of these steps:

1 APPLICATION



- Manufacturer
- ✓ reviews the Operational Manual, available on www.buildershardware.com,
 - ✓ files the certification application and fee with BHMA.

2 TESTING

- Manufacturer contacts a BHMA designated testing lab and has hardware tested to the specifications outlined in the published standard. Lab will provide pricing for testing.
- Products are tested in some or all of these five areas:
- FINISH
 - OPERATION
 - CYCLING
 - STRENGTH
 - SECURITY

3 CREATION OF LISTING



- Upon completion of testing manufacturer
- ✓ files a proposed listing in accordance with the guidelines as outlined in the BHMA Operational Manual,
 - ✓ sends the testing report to BHMA.

4 AFFIRMATION



BHMA checks with the designated testing lab for affirmation of the proposed listing.

5 CERTIFICATION



Upon lab affirmation the listing is designated as CERTIFIED. Manufacturer product listing is then added to the online BHMA Certified Products Directory featured on the BHMA website www.buildershardware.com.

Manufacturers are then permitted to use the certified logo — in accordance with the guidelines — on their packaging, website, advertising and marketing collateral.

6 ASSURANCE



BHMA certified products are subject to periodic testing audits and compliance reviews to assure that the requirements of BHMA certification are maintained and that BHMA certified products live up to their pledge of protecting life, health and safety.