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**BHMA OFFERS FREE DOWNLOAD OF STANDARD FOR BUILDERS HARDWARE  
MATERIALS AND FINISHES**

*Limited time only access to free standard available on BHMA Web site*

**NEW YORK, NY** (June 4, 2010) – The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) announces a free download of ANSI/BHMA A156.18 – 2006, the American National Standard for Materials and Finishes, available through June 30, 2010. The architectural community can rely on this standard when specifying for a wide range of project applications and the different levels of use for the hardware.

This standard establishes finish test methods and code numbers for finishes on various base materials. Performance test methods for finishes are outlined in the standard.

Upon completion of a brief and anonymous questionnaire at [www.buildershardware.com](http://www.buildershardware.com), site visitors are provided with a free PDF copy of ANSI/BHMA A156.18 – 2006. BHMA's annual online-only survey helps BHMA gauge its success in educating the public about its standards and certification program. Comments received from respondents will potentially impact the direction of the industry's only accredited standards programs.

In the past, BHMA has opened access to various builders hardware standards for a limited time only. The industry trade association has provided free downloads to ANSI/BHMA A156.28 – 2007, the American National Standard for Recommended Practices for Mechanical Keying Systems, since February 2008.

"BHMA's mission includes our commitment to ensuring the safety and security of builders hardware," said Mike Tierney, standards coordinator for BHMA. "The selection of the materials and finishes is integral to the function of the hardware. The architect must also consider the intensity of its use and durability expectations along with the project's overall design aesthetics."

For more information, or to download a free copy of the ANSI/BHMA A156.18 - 2006 the American National Standard for Materials and Finishes, please visit BHMA's website at [www.buildershardware.com](http://www.buildershardware.com).

#### **About BHMA**

The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) is an industry leader in building safety and security. BHMA is the only organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop and maintain performance standards for locks, closers, exit devices and other builders hardware. The widely known ANSI/BHMA A156 series of standards describes and establishes the features and criteria for specific types of hardware products. In addition, BHMA sponsors third-party certification of hardware products, which is a requirement for a product to bear the "BHMA Certified" mark — insuring that the product meets the ANSI/BHMA standard. For more information on BHMA, please write to BHMA, 355 Lexington Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY, 10017 or visit the Web site at [www.buildershardware.com](http://www.buildershardware.com).