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**BHMA ISSUES STANDARD FOR SELF CLOSING HINGES AND PIVOTS**

**New York, NY** (September 1, 2010) -- The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) announces the release of ANSI/BHMA A156.17 – 2010 American National Standard for Self Closing Hinges & Pivots.

Given the a critical role of self-closing hinges and pivots in the function of the total door opening system, the A156.17 - 2010 revisions are established to further insure the safety and stability of products in this category. Criteria for cycle tests, operational tests, finish tests, as well as material and dimensional requirements are included in A156.17 – 2010. Design options, spring hinges and door thickness are also covered.

Used in conjunction with local building codes and manufacturers' catalogs, A156.17 – 2010 offers guidance for consumers, the general public, and to manufacturers of products in this category.

This is the fourth standard released by BHMA in 2010 and is one of over 30 standards available for purchase. You can also find free Standards-at-a-Glance, which offer brief summaries of the content of each standard on BHMA's website listed below.

For more information, or to purchase additional copies of this or any other standards, please visit BHMA's bookstore at [www.buildershardware.com](http://www.buildershardware.com). You can also order standards by phone by calling 800-699-9277. (Purchased standards are available as printed documents or electronic files (PDF) for immediate download.)

**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, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY, 10017 or visit the Web site at [www.buildershardware.com](http://www.buildershardware.com)