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BHMA ISSUES REVISED STANDARD FOR MASTER KEYING SYSTEMS

Standard available on BHMA Web site as a free download

NEW YORK, NY (February 12, 2008) – The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) announces the publication of ANSI/BHMA A156.28 - 2007 American National Standard for Master Keying Systems. This publication is an update of an earlier 2000 version of the standard and is now available as a free download on the BHMA Web site.

ANSI/BHMA A156.28 – 2007 covers requirements for system design and design criteria to establish and maintain a secure keying system for building owners and security professionals.

Among the general updates to ANSI/BHMA A156.28, a number of definitions from ANSI/BHMA A156.30 Hi-Security Cylinders standard were added; the System Planning and Keying Conference sections were widely revised; and the master keying schematics were improved.

Master keying is the process of combining a group of locks or cylinders, so that each is operated by its own change key as well as by a master key for the entire group.

"BHMA is committed to ensuring the safety and security of builders hardware," said Mike Tierney, standards coordinator for BHMA. "Through this revision of ANSI/BHMA A156.28-2007, we want to encourage security industry professionals to apply this standard for all keying systems used in the residential and commercial communities. For this reason, BHMA has decided to provide free electronic versions of this standard available through our Web site."

For more information, or to download a free copy of the ANSI/BHMA A156.28-2007, please visit BHMA's Web site at 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.

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