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**BHMA ISSUES REVISED STANDARD FOR ELECTRIC STRIKES**

**NEW YORK, NY** (January 25, 2008) – The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) announces the publication of ANSI/BHMA A156.31 - 2007 American National Standard for Electric Strikes. This publication is an update of an earlier 2001 version of the standard.

ANSI/BHMA A156.31 - 2007 covers requirements for Electric Strikes and Frame Mounted Actuators.

The changes to ANSI/BHMA A156.31 include, an added definition for keeper, optional test for preload, requirements for monitor switch functions, increased cycle test values for Grade 2 and 3, and improved illustrations. Performance tests were also consolidated and the standard was reformatted throughout.

For more information, or to purchase copies of the ANSI/BHMA A156.31-2007, or any other BHMA standards, please visit BHMA's Web site at [www.buildershardware.com](http://www.buildershardware.com). Purchased standards are available as printed documents or as electronic files (PDF) for immediate download. You can also order standards by phone by calling 800-699-9277.

**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 **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

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