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## FOREWORD (This Foreword is not a part of ANSI/BHMA A156.39)

The general classification of builders hardware includes a wide variety of items which are divided into several categories. To recognize this diversity, a sectional classification system has been established. Locks and Lock Trim is one such section and this Standard is the result of the collective efforts of members of the Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association, Inc. who manufacture these products. The total Product Standards effort is therefore a collection of sections, each covering a specific category of items.

Performance tests and, where it has been necessary, dimensional requirements have been established to insure safety, security and stability to which the public is entitled. Performance criteria for resistance to surreptitious and forceful attack are not fully covered. There are no restrictions on design except for those dimensional requirements imposed for the reasons given above. It is also required that locks fit certain cut-out dimensions.

This Standard is not intended to obstruct but rather to encourage the development of improved products, methods and materials. The BHMA recognizes that errors will be found, items will become obsolete, and new products and methods will be developed. With this in mind, the Association will update, correct and revise these Standards on a regular basis. It shall also be the responsibility of manufacturers to request such appropriate revisions.

Bored Residential locks have been described in three grade levels (A,B,C) related to Durability, Security, Finish performance. Choice of grade and specific products are made on the basis of utility, aesthetics, security objectives and end use required.

The BHMA numbers which indicate functions of locks and latches do not identify grade, finish or design and are not intended to be used without necessary supplementary information. Individual manufacturer's catalogs are to be consulted.

Users of this Standard consult applicable local building codes as to requirements affecting the functions of locks used on fire doors and doors within a means of egress. Only functions compatible with the requirements of the applicable building codes are used.

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