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FOREWORD (Not a part of ANSI/BHMA A156.18)

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. Each Standard is the result of the collective efforts of members of the Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association, Inc. who manufacture the products included in each Section. The total product standards effort is, therefore, a collection of Section Standards, each covering a specific category of items.

In BHMA Standards, performance tests and, where it has been necessary, material and dimensional requirements have been established to ensure safety, security, and stability to which the public is entitled. There are no restrictions on design except for those dimensional requirements imposed for the reasons given above. It is also required that some hardware items fit certain specified cutout dimensions.

This Standard on materials and finishes contains a description of types of finishes and divides them into categories. A numbering system has been established which identifies base material and finish.

Performance test methods for finishes are included. Requirements and exemptions concerning appearance are contained in this Standard.

The BHMA recognizes that new finishes, methods and materials will be developed. With this in mind, the Association plans to update, correct and revise this Standard on a regular basis.

Only finishes produced by three or more manufacturers are listed and are numbered starting with 600. Numbers 001 through 599 are reserved for individual manufacturers to use, as they desire for their own unique finishes.

The finish test methods, code numbers and finish descriptions contained in this Standard are intended to apply to the builders hardware industry. However, the Standard is suitable for use in other industries.

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