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AAMA Releases Updated Standard Vertical Load Evaluation Method for Side-Hinged Door Slabs

SCHAUMBURG, IL - The American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) recently released an updated document to provide a standard method of evaluating side-hinged door active slabs for their ability to resist a vertical load. [AAMA 925-17](http://pubstore.aamanet.org/pubstore/ProductResults.asp?cat=0&src=925), the Specification for Determining the Vertical Loading Resistance of Side-Hinged Door Systems, determines the ability of a side-hinged door slab to remain operable following the application of a vertical load along the lock stile. It was last updated in 2013.

“AAMA 925 has been updated to remove the collection of data-only methodology and incorporated a simplified pass/fail approach to the test,” said **Chad** **Elbert** ([**JELD-WEN**](http://www.jeldwen.com)), Chair of the Side-Hinged Auxiliary Test Method Task Group. “To ensure that a door leaf(slab) design can withstand a reasonable vertical load on the lock stile and remain operable, the pass/fail criteria is to validate the leaf (slab) will still close within the opening. The prior approach collected data-only with now pass/fail limitations.”

Additional edits to this updated standard include the replacement of the term “door leaf” with “door slab,” as well as a section clarifying what kinds of slabs may qualify other slabs.

[AAMA 925-17](http://pubstore.aamanet.org/pubstore/ProductResults.asp?cat=0&src=925), as well as other AAMA documents, may be purchased from AAMA’s online store. More information about AAMA and its activities can be found on the AAMA website, [www.aamanet.org](http://www.aamanet.org/).

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