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FOREWORD (This Foreword is not a part of A156.9)

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. Cabinet hardware 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 this product. 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, material requirements, have been established to insure safety and stability to which the public is entitled. There are no restrictions on design. Cabinet hardware described in this Section represents a cross-section of that which is available today. However, since cabinet hardware styling and functional application is constantly changing, new items are not to be excluded. Each manufacturer of this type of hardware shall determine which of its products will meet these requirements. On all items, styling is optional.

The BHMA recognizes that errors will be found, items will become obsolete, and new products, methods and materials will be developed. With this in mind, the Association plans to update, correct and revise these Standards on a regular basis.

Cabinet hardware products generally have been described in three levels of performance. Choice of product is made on the basis of utility, aesthetics, security objectives and end use desired. As a general guide, Grade 1 is the highest and is suitable for most institutional applications, Grade 3 is suitable for most residential uses, and Grade 2 is often used in all applications.

The BHMA numbers which indicate types of hardware do not identify size, finish or design and are not intended to be used without necessary supplementary information.