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**FOR**  
**AUXILIARY LOCKS**



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The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association, Inc first published the basic material in this standard February 1971. It was entitled Standard 501 BHMA Product Standards Section E, Auxiliary Locks. ANSI approval was secured under the Canvass Method, leading to the publication of ANSI/BHMA A156.5, which included both cylinders and auxiliary locks. BHMA was accredited on 21 March 1983 by ANSI as a sponsor using the Canvass Method. In 2010, BHMA published updates of A156.5 being dedicated to cylinders, and a new A156.36 for auxiliary locks.

FOREWORD (This Foreword is not a part of ANSI/BHMA A156.36)

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. Auxiliary Locks and Latches 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 necessary, 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 locks fit certain cutout 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, methods, and materials will be developed. With this in mind, the Association plans to update, correct, and revise these Standards on a regular basis. It shall also be the responsibility of manufacturers to request such appropriate revisions.

In most cases, products have been described in grade levels related to performance and security. Choice of grade and specific product is made on the basis of utility, aesthetics, security objectives and end use desired.

The BHMA numbers, which indicate types of hardware do not identify grade, finish, or design and are not intended to be used without necessary supplementary information. Individual manufacturers' catalogs are 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. Some communities require the use of exterior door locks having a dead bolt with a 1 in. (25.4 mm) projection for the purpose of providing greater security. Only functions compatible with the requirements of the applicable building codes are used.

Most of the products in this Standard were covered in ANSI/BHMA A156.5 for Auxiliary Locks through the 2001 edition. Section E determined in 2005, due to the increasing variety and complexity of products, it would be preferable to create two standards, and dedicate A156.5 to Cylinders, resulting in the first edition of this Standard.