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FOREWORD (This Foreword is not a part of ANSI/BHMA A156.26)

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. Continuous Hinges is one such section and this Standard is a 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 necessary, dimensional requirements have been established to insure a degree of safety and stability. There are no restrictions on design except for those dimensional requirements imposed.

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.

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1. SCOPE

1.1 This Standard establishes requirements for architectural continuous hinges used in building construction. Cycle, finish, abuse, overload, vertical wear, and strength tests are included.

1.2 Tests described in this Standard are performed under laboratory conditions. In actual usage, results vary because of installation, maintenance, and environmental conditions.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Architectural Continuous Hinge** A single hinge used to hang a door and having the same or nearly the same height (length) as the door.

2.1.1 **Barrel Type** A continuous hinge with knuckles formed around a pin extending the entire length of the hinge.

2.1.2 **Gear Type** A continuous hinge with each leaf having a spline intermembering with the other and contained within a cap.

2.1.3 **Edge Mounted** Having one leaf applied to the surface of the butt edge of the door and the other leaf applied to the surface of the rabbet of the frame.

2.1.4 **Full Surface** Having one leaf applied to the face of the door and the other leaf applied to the face of the door frame.

2.1.5 **Half Edge Mounted** Having one leaf applied to the surface of the butt edge of the door and the other leaf applied to the face of the door frame. (also called "half mortise")

2.1.6 **Half Surface** Having one leaf applied to the face of the door and the other leaf applied to the rabbet of the door frame.

2.1.7 **Half Surface 3/4 Offset** A barrel type that is half surface applied and has a pivot point that is offset 3/4 in (19 mm).

2.1.8 **Raised Barrel** A barrel type that is edge applied and is offset at the barrel.

2.1.9 **Swing Clear** Having an offset that causes the door when opened 90 to 95 degrees to be completely clear of the opening.

2.2 **Cap** An extruded channel housing the intermeshing geared leaves of a gear type hinge.

2.3 **Hospital Tips** A hinge having sloped caps or sloped ends.

2.4 **Knuckle** A hollow circular part created by forming the hinge leaves through which a pin is passed.

2.5 **Leaf** The portion of a hinge extending laterally from the knuckle or gear that revolves around the gear or pin.

2.6 **Length** The measure of the leaf parallel to the gear or pin.

2.7 **Maximum Security Pin (MSP)** A hinge pin that has been fixed after insertion by welding, pinning or other permanent means to prevent hinge pin removal without the use of special tools.

2.8 **Non-Removable Pin (NRP)** A hinge pin secured by a set screw or other equivalent means.

2.9 **Pin** In a barrel hinge, the rod running through the entire length of the barrel which is contained within the knuckles.

2.10 **Plug** An end cap to retain or cover the pin.