

# SpecRite

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## Quality Assurance In Builders Hardware



The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association develops ANSI accredited standards for products in our industry.

ANSI/BHMA standards establish a performance based level of quality for virtually all door hardware products including electronic hardware. BHMA currently administrates 31 standards.

Specifying products that are tested and certified to these standards establishes a benchmark of quality and performance while establishing a consistent factor of comparison among brands.

Once standards have been developed for a type of hardware they are reviewed and revised on a regular basis often incorporating technological advances and new product developments that have occurred since the previous revision.

Manufacturers may become members of BHMA and participate in the certification program. This involves submitting their products to an independent third party laboratory for

testing to the applicable ANSI/BHMA standard. BHMA certification eliminates unsubstantiated claims by companies and allows for equitable product comparisons using a nationally accepted standard.

Once products have been tested and the results establish the grade or rating of the product, the item is included in the BHMA Certified Products Directory. This directory is published once a year in book form, but is constantly updated and available for viewing online at [www.buildershardware.com](http://www.buildershardware.com)

Certification program participants may use the BHMA Certification Mark  in their literature and on product packaging to signify that a product has been tested to the ANSI/BHMA standard for that type of hardware and is listed in the BHMA Certified Products Directory.

BHMA organizes its directory by product type, manufacturer, numbers that indicate function, type, grade, application and manufacturer's model numbers.

Not all of a manufacturer's products meet the stringent criteria of the ANSI/BHMA standards. Please be careful when specifying products to specify only those products which are certified to the grade level required on the project.

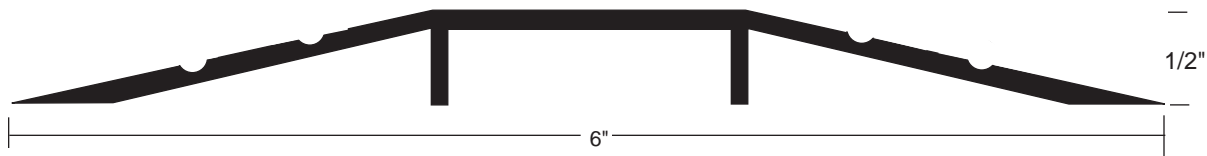
While BHMA is about standards and quality, they are also constantly involved in industry support at the legislative level, building code development, and are constantly coordinating their efforts with other organizations like DHI, SDI, NAAMM, WDMA, AAMA and others to further the builders hardware industry.

Specify Quality, Specify



# NGP introduces:

## New low-profile 1/2" High Barrier Free Threshold



111  
111DKB



This Threshold was designed by Stephen H. Bettge, AHC, senior associate and specification writer with NBBJ in Seattle. Stephen saw the benefit of the more gradual slope offered on many 1/4" high threshold profiles and incorporated that feature onto a design for a new 1/2" high threshold to better meet the needs of the firm's clients.

In partnership with NGP this product was then engineered into production and Stephen is specifying it on projects.

The longer and more gradual slope on this new profile reduces the chance of tripping or toe stubbing while being easier for those in wheelchairs or with other mobility limitations to move

across.

Take advantage of Stephen's design and put the benefits of the new 111 into your next specification.



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Spec Rite is designed as a vehicle to provide information to Architects and Specification Writers to make them better informed and to make their job easier.

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