CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 1211
[Docket No. CPSC–2015–0025]

Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators


ACTION: Final rule.


DATES: The rule is effective on May 9, 2016. The incorporations by reference of the publications listed in this rule are approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of May 9, 2016.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Commission has regulations for residential garage door operators ("GDOs") to protect consumers from the risk of entrapment. 16 CFR part 1211. The Commission first issued the GDO standard in 1991, at the direction of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 1990 ("Improvement Act ", Public Law 101–608. Section 203 of the Improvement Act mandated that the entrapment protection requirements of the 1988 version of UL’s 325, Third Edition, "Standard for Safety for Door, Drapery, Gate, Louver, and Window Operators and Systems," be considered a consumer product safety rule under the Consumer Product Safety Act. Section 203(c) of the Improvement Act established procedures for the Commission to revise the Commission’s GDO standard. When UL revises the entrapment protection requirements of UL 325, UL must notify the Commission of the revision, and that revision "shall be incorporated in the consumer product safety rule... unless, within 30 days of such notice, the Commission notifies [UL] that the Commission has determined that such revision does not carry out the purposes of subsection (b)" [of section 203 of the Improvement Act which mandated the UL 325 entrapment protection requirements initially]. As provided in the Improvement Act, several times in the past, after UL has notified the Commission of changes to UL 325’s entrapment protection requirements, the Commission has revised the GDO standard to reflect the UL updates.

The Commission last updated 16 CFR part 1211 in 2007 to reflect changes made to the entrapment protection provisions of UL 325 up to that time that previously had not been reflected in the regulation.

On September 2, 2015, the Commission published a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NPR"), proposing to update 16 CFR part 1211 to reflect recent changes made by UL to the entrapment protection requirements of UL 325. (See 80 FR 53036). After publication of the NPR, UL released an update to UL 325 (UL 325, Sixth Edition, February 24, 2016 Revision). The February 24, 2016 revisions to the UL 325 Sixth Edition are related to the entrapment protection provisions for residential GDOs and are minor and editorial in nature. The February 24, 2016 revisions were made by UL to improve the clarity of the standard and describe test conditions better. The final rule has been revised to incorporate these editorial changes, as described in Section C of the preamble, so that the rule is consistent with the most recent version of UL 325.

B. Responses to Comments

Three comments were submitted on the NPR. Two commenters express support for the proposed rule and acknowledge the rule’s safety benefits.

Comment: One commenter expresses concern about the public availability and accessibility of documents that are incorporated by reference, by either congressional mandate or through rulemaking. The commenter asserts that it is unclear which version of UL 325 is mandatory law. The commenter also describes the difficulties encountered attempting to purchase UL 325, an attempt to request the standard under FOIA, as well as difficulty accessing UL 325 in government reading rooms or libraries. The commenter also asserts that the Fifth Edition of UL 325 is the current binding law, until the proposed rule is finalized.

The commenter also notes that the NPR proposed incorporating by reference five voluntary standards that are contained in UL 325. The commenter asserts that it is unclear...
what version of UL 99, UL 1998, and UL 746C the Commission proposed to incorporate by reference in the NPR. The commenter notes that the UL link in the NPR for the proposed incorporation by reference for the voluntary standard ANSI/DASMA 102–2004 is inoperative. The commenter further states that the DASMA Web site has a new version ANSI/DASMA 201–2011 on their Web site, and ANSI/DASMA 102–2004 is no longer available. The commenter asserts there is no reason to incorporate ANSI/DASMA 102–2004 because it is not readily available on the DASMA or CPSC Web site.

The commenter contends that it is crucial that these five voluntary standards be made freely available. The commenter notes that the law must be available for all to read because ignorance of the law is no excuse. Responding: The commenter misunderstands the mandatory safety standard for automatic residential GDOs. The NPR did not propose incorporating by reference any part of UL 325, nor has any previous rulemaking under 16 CFR part 1211 incorporated by reference any part of UL 325. Therefore, no version of the voluntary standard UL 325 is currently mandatory, nor has it been mandatory in the past. Rather, using appropriate rulemaking procedures, the Commission has based the current and previous mandatory requirements of CPSC’s safety standard for automatic residential GDOs in 16 CFR part 1211 on the entrainment protection provisions of UL 325. The NPR proposed revisions to 16 CFR part 1211 based upon revisions made to UL 325, but the NPR does not incorporate by reference any of the provisions of UL 325. All the requirements in the proposed rule are codified or incorporated in 16 CFR part 1211. Therefore, purchase of, or access to, any version UL 325 is not necessary to determine the legal requirements for automatic residential GDOs; all of the requirements for GDOs are stated in 16 CFR part 1211, which is publicly available in the Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”).

As correctly noted by the commenter, the Office of the Federal Register (“OFR”) requires reference to a specific version of a voluntary standard for the standard to be incorporated by reference in the CFR. The preamble and the codified text of the NPR clearly indicated what version of UL 99, UL 1998, and UL 746C was being proposed for incorporation by reference. (See 80 FR at 53036).

Regarding the incorporation by reference of the ANSI/DASMA 102–2004 voluntary standard in the NPR, the commenter is correct that the link on the DASMA Web site currently is inoperative. After publication of the NPR in the Federal Register, DASMA removed the ANSI/DASMA 102–2004 voluntary standard from its Web site and replaced it with the more recent version, ANSI/DASMA 102–2011. DASMA gave no indication on its Web site when the NPR was published that the standard was being updated with a newer version. As noted by the commenter, the revisions in ANSI/DASMA 102–2011 are not substantive in nature. Due to the public availability and the editorial nature of the changes reflected in ANSI/DASMA 102–2011, the final rule incorporates by reference ANSI/DASMA 102–2011, in lieu of the proposed incorporation of ANSI/DASMA 102–2004 in the NPR. The 2011 version of the ANSI/DASMA standard is available on DASMA’s Web site.

Regarding the commenter’s assertions about the incorporation by reference of five voluntary standards in the NPR, the OFR recently updated 1 CFR part 51, the regulation governing incorporation by reference in the CFR. (Final Rule, 79 FR 66267, November 7, 2014). Responding to comments regarding accessibility, the OFR noted that the final rule for incorporation by reference balanced the standards’ reasonable availability with U.S. copyright law, U.S. international trade obligations, and agencies’ ability to substantively regulate under their authorizing statutes. The OFR noted that to achieve this balance, the incorporation by reference rule requires that agencies discuss how incorporated materials were made publicly available to the parties, where those materials are located, and provide a summary of those materials in the preambles of rulemaking documents. (See 79 FR at 66270). The preamble to the NPR for the safety standard for automatic residential garage door operators provided that information. (See 80 FR 53036, 53039). The OFR noted in the preamble to the final rule regarding incorporation by reference and the cost of standards: “while these costs may not be as easily accessible as the commenter would like... they are described in the regulatory text in sufficient detail so that a member of the public can identify the standard IBR’d into the rule.” (79 FR at 66272). The Commission has met the requirements for 1 CFR part 51 regarding incorporation by reference.

C. Description of the Final Rule

The final rule revises subpart A of the GDO standard and creates a new subpart D to consolidate all of the incorporations by reference in the rule. The final rule does not change the certification (subpart B) or recordkeeping (subpart C) provisions of the GDO standard. The text of the final rule is nearly identical to the NPR, with the few exceptions described below. As explained in the NPR, the Commission is revising several sections of the existing regulation. In addition, the rule adds three new sections (§§ 1211.14 (unattended operation requirements), 1211.15 (vertically moving combination residential garage door and operator system) and 1211.40 (consolidating all of the incorporations by reference in one place).

Changes to the rule reflect changes that UL made to the entrainment protection provisions of UL 325. UL added requirements for certain types of GDOs that were not previously covered by the GDO standard. Most of the revisions to the GDO standard involve adding requirements for these types of GDOs and making changes related to these provisions. In addition, UL added requirements for unattended operation of GDOs and for wireless control and communications. Finally, UL made several editorial changes throughout the standard to provide better descriptions of the appropriate requirements and test conditions. UL also revised dimensional tolerances on test fixtures so that the fixtures can be manufactured using generally available machine tools. As discussed in more detail below, the Commission is incorporating these changes into the Commission’s GDO standard at 16 CFR part 1211.

GDOs that Open Horizontally. Because UL added requirements for GDOs that open horizontally, the rule is revised to differentiate between requirements for horizontal- and vertical-opening GDOs ($§ 1211.6(d)). Entrapment protection requirements are similar for vertically and horizontally opening GDOs. UL added and clarified test requirements to address entrapment protection for either vertical or horizontal movement. In addition, UL clarified wording throughout the standard, such as replacing “downward movement” with “closing movement,” and adding “vertically” or “horizontally” moving, where appropriate. Additionally, UL clarified secondary entrapment protection requirements for vertically and horizontally opening GDOs. The final rule incorporates these changes ($§ 1211.8).

Combination Sectional Overhead GDOs. UL added requirements for combination sectional overhead GDOs, which are a door and operator combination, in which the door and
hardware are an integral part of the operator, and in which the operator does not exert a driving force on the door in the closing direction. The final rule incorporates these changes (§ 1211.6(c)). Under UL’s revised provisions, this type of GDO must comply with the common requirements for GDOs; plus, they must comply with the requirements found in the American National Standard/Door and Access Systems Manufacturers ANSI/DASMA 102–2011, Specifications for Sectional Doors; 2011 revision, dated May 19, 2011, which the rule incorporates by reference (§ 1211.6(c)). As noted in response to a comment in Section B of the preamble, the Commission is incorporating ANSI/DASMA 102–2011 instead of ANSI/DASMA 102–2004 as proposed in the NPR because ANSI/DASMA 102–2011 is the most recent version of the standard and the one publicly available on the DASMA Web site. ANSI/DASMA 102–2011 does not differ from ANSI/DASMA 102–2004 substantively because the changes are merely editorial in nature.

ANSI/DASMA 102–2011 provides requirements for installation/operation, maintenance, durability, and identification of GDO systems with the name and address of the door system manufacturer, loads, in addition to general requirements. This ANSI/DASMA standard is available from ANSI/DASMA, or the standard may be examined at the offices of the Federal Register.

Additionally, the revised UL standard requires that the instructions for combination sectional overhead GDOs must specify: (1) the operator by manufacturer and model; (2) doors by manufacturer, model, and maximum and minimum door width and height required for compliance to the entrapment protection requirements; (3) the hardware required to meet the entrapment protection requirements (§ 1211.16(a)(13)); and (4) how to properly counterbalance the door (§ 1211.16(a)(14)). Finally, combination sectional overhead GDOs must be provided with permanent labels that contain specific warnings (§ 1211.17(k)) and markings (§ 1211.17(m)). The rule includes these requirements in the sections indicated.

Unattended Operation of GDOs. UL added requirements for unattended operation of GDOs, which is permitted if additional safety features are provided. The final rule includes these requirements (new § 1211.14). Under UL’s revised provisions, unattended operation is allowable only if proper installation instructions and markings are provided. Unattended GDOs must require one or more intentional actions to function and must require an audible and visual alarm that must signal for 5 seconds before door movement. Unattended operation is not permitted on one-piece or swinging garage doors. The word “bulb” is changed to “light” to address newer technologies that may use LEDs that may not be considered “bulbs” and clarifies that the visual or audio alarm during unattended operation does not require monitoring.

Combination Rigid One-Piece Overhead GDOs. UL added requirements for combination rigid one-piece overhead GDOs, which are a door and operator combination in which the door is constructed of one rigid piece. The final rule includes these requirements (new § 1211.15). Under UL’s revised provisions, this type of GDO must comply with the common requirements for GDOs; plus, the speed of the door edge during movement must not exceed 6 inches per second. This type of GDO also must provide two additional independent secondary entrapment-protection devices, including a minimum of two sensors. Additionally, these GDOs must provide a means of mechanically detaching both door operators from the door and must have an interlock to de-energize the operator when detached. Finally, the installation instructions for combination rigid one-piece GDOs must specify attachment points for installation. The rule includes these requirements for instructions (§ 1211.16(b)(2)(13)).

Wireless Control and Communication. UL added requirements for wireless control (§§ 1211.8(d) and 1211.10(f)), including additional tests for battery operation (§ 1211.10(g)) and wireless communication (§ 1211.10(h)). The rule includes these requirements at the sections indicated.

Photoelectric Sensors. UL added requirements for alternate sources of light for the photoelectric sensor ambient light test. The rule includes these requirements (§ 1211.11(e)(5)). The current test method specifies a specific DXC–RFL–2 flood lamp, which is becoming difficult to obtain in the marketplace. Instead, the requirement specifies the minimum required wattage (500W) and maximum color temperature (3600K) of the light, to allow for available light sources without affecting the test results.

UL added a new test method for GDOs that use an array of “vertical” photoelectric sensors as a non-contact external entrapment protection device. The rule includes this new test method (§ 1211.11(d) of new paragraph (f)). The new method verifies that the “vertical” sensors function properly.
The OFR has regulations concerning incorporation by reference. 1 CFR part 51. The OFR revised these regulations to require that, for a final rule, agencies must discuss in the preamble, the ways that the materials the agency incorporates by reference are reasonably available to interested persons and how interested parties can obtain the materials. In addition, the preamble to the final rule must summarize the material. 1 CFR 51.5(a).

In accordance with the OFR’s requirements, this section and section C of this preamble summarize the provisions of the voluntary standards that the rule incorporates by reference:


The UL standards listed above are copyrighted. The UL standards may be obtained from UL, 151 Eastern Avenue, Bensenville, IL 60106, Telephone: 1–800–655–9790 or online at: http://ulstandards.ul.com/. One may also inspect a copy of all of the above-referenced standards at CPSC’s Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 820, 4300 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, Telephone: (301) 504–7923.

E. Effective Date

The NPR proposed a 30-day effective date from the date of publication of the final rule in the Federal Register because the requirements for residential GDOS in UL 746C, Sixth Edition are currently in effect. No comments were received regarding the effective date. Therefore, the effective date for the rule is May 9, 2016.

F. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (“RFA”) generally requires that agencies review proposed and final rules for the rules’ potential economic impact on small entities, including small businesses, and prepare regulatory flexibility analyses. 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604. The Commission certified that this rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities pursuant to section 605(b) of the RFA, 5 U.S.C. 605(b) in the NPR. 80 FR 53036, 53039. The Commission did not receive any comments that questioned or challenged this certification, nor has CPSC staff received any other information that would require a change or revision to the Commission’s previous analysis of the impact of the rule on small entities. Therefore, the certification of no significant impact on a substantial number of small entities is still appropriate.

G. Environmental Considerations

The Commission’s regulations provide a categorical exclusion for Commission rules from any requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement because the rules “have little or no potential for affecting the human environment.” 16 CFR 1021.5(c)(2). This rule falls within the categorical exclusion, so no environmental assessment or environmental impact statement is required. The Commission’s regulations state that safety standards for products normally have little or no potential for affecting the human environment. 16 CFR 1021.5(c)(1). Nothing in this rule alters that expectation.

H. Preemption

The Improvement Act contains a preemption provision that states: “those provisions of laws of States or political subdivisions which relate to the labeling of automatic residential garage door openers and those provisions which do not provide at least the equivalent degree of protection from the risk of injury associated with automatic residential garage door openers as the consumer product safety rule” are subject to preemption under 15 U.S.C. 2075. Public Law 101–608, section 203(f).

List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 1211

Consumer protection, Imports, Incorporation by reference, Labeling, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.
For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Commission amends 16 CFR part 1211 as follows:

PART 1211—SAFETY STANDARDS FOR AUTOMATIC RESIDENTIAL GARAGE DOOR OPERATORS

§ 1211.4 General requirements for protection against risk of injury.

(a) A residential garage door operator system shall be provided with inherent primary entrapment protection that complies with the requirements as specified in §1211.7.

(b) In addition to the inherent primary entrapment protection as required by paragraph (a) of this section, a vertically moving residential garage door operator system shall comply with one of the following:

(1) Shall be constructed to:

(i) Require constant pressure on a control to close the door;

(ii) Reverse direction and open the door a minimum of 2 in (50.8 mm) when constant pressure on a control is removed prior to operator reaching its position limit; and

(iii) Stop the door if a second obstruction is detected in the reverse direction.

(2) Shall be provided with a means for connection of an external secondary entrapment protection device for each leading edge as described in §1211.8.

(c) A mechanical switch or a relay used in an entrapment protection relay circuit of an operator shall withstand 100,000 cycles of operation controlling a load no less severe (voltage, current, power factor, inrush and similar ratings) than it controls in the operator, and shall function normally upon completion of the test.

(d) In addition to complying with paragraph (e) of this section, in the event of a malfunction of a switch or relay (open or short) described in paragraph (c) of this section results in loss of any entrapment protection required by §§1211.7(a), 1211.7(b)(5), 1211.7(c)(7), 1211.8(a), or 1211.8(b), the door operator shall become inoperative at the end of the opening or closing operation, the door operator shall move the door to, and stay within, 1 foot (305 mm) of the uppermost position.

(e) A combination sectional overhead garage door operator system, other than for the first 1 foot (305 mm) of door travel from the full upmost position both with and without any secondary

§ 1211.7 Inherent primary entrapment protection requirements.

(a) General requirements. A vertically moving residential garage door operator system shall be supplied with inherent primary entrapment protection that complies with the requirements as specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Inherent primary entrapment protection, vertically moving doors.

(1) For a vertically moving residential garage door operator system, other than for the first 1 foot (305 mm) of door travel from the full upmost position both with and without any secondary
external entrapment protection device functional, the operator of a downward moving residential garage door shall initiate reversal of the door within 2 seconds of contact with the obstruction as specified in subparagraph (b)(3) of this section. After reversing the door, the operator shall return the door to, and stop at, the full upmost position at which the operator senses a second obstruction during the upward travel.

(ii) The door operator is not required to return the door to, and stop the door at, the full upmost position when the operator is connected to the type of residential garage door for which it is intended to be used or with the doors specified in paragraph (b)(6) of this section. For an operator having a force adjustment on the operator, the force is to be adjusted to the maximum setting or at the setting that represents the most severe operating condition. Any accessories having an effect on the intended operation of entrapment protection functions that are intended for use with the operator, are to be attached and the test is to be repeated for one additional cycle.

(5) For an operator that is to be adjusted (limit and force) according to instructions supplied with the operator, the operator is to be tested for 10 additional obstruction cycles using the solid object described in paragraph (b)(3) of this section at the maximum setting or at the setting that represents the most severe operating condition. For an operator that is intended to be used with more than one type of door, one sample of the operator is to be tested on a sectional door with a curved track and one sample is to be tested on a one-piece door with jamb hardware and no track and one operator that is not intended for use on either or both types of doors, a one-piece door with jamb hardware or a one-piece door with pivot hardware shall be used for the tests. For an operator that is intended for use with a specifically dedicated door or doors, a representative door or doors shall be used for the tests. See the marking requirements at § 1211.18.

(7)(i) An operator, employing an inherent entrapment protection system that measures or monitors the actual position of the door, shall initiate reversal of the door and shall return the door to, and stop the door at, the full upmost position in the event the inherent door operating “profile” of the door differs from the originally set parameters. The entrapment protection system shall measure or monitor the position of the door at increments not greater than 1 inch (25.4 mm).

(ii) The door operator is not required to return the door to, and stop the door at, the full upmost position when an inherent entrapment circuit senses an obstruction during the upward travel.

(iii) The door operator is not required to return the door to, and stop the door at, the full upmost position when a control is actuated to stop the door during the upward travel—but the door can not be moved downward until the operator reverses the door a minimum of 2 inches (50.8 mm). When the door is stopped manually during its descent, the 30 seconds shall be measured from the resumption of the close cycle.

(9) To determine compliance with paragraph (b)(7) or (8) of this section, an operator is to be subjected to 10 open- and-close cycles of operation while connected to the door or doors specified in paragraphs (b)(4) and (6) of this section. The cycles are not required to be consecutive. Motor cooling-off periods during the test meet the intent of the requirement. The means supplied to comply with the requirement in paragraph (b)(1) of this section and § 1211.8(a) or (b) are to be defeated during the test. An obstructing object is to be used so that the door is not capable of activating a lower limiting device.

(10) During the closing cycle referred to in paragraph (b)(9) of this section, the system providing compliance with paragraphs (b)(1) and (7) of this section or paragraphs (b)(1) and (8) of this section shall function regardless of a short- or open-circuit anywhere in any low-voltage external wiring, any external entrapment devices, or any other external component.

(c) Inherent primary entrapment protection, horizontally sliding doors.

(1) For a horizontally sliding residential garage door operator system, other than for the first 1 foot (305mm) of door travel from the full closed position both with and without any external entrapment protection device functional, the operator of a closing residential garage door shall initiate reversal of the door within 2 seconds of contact with the obstruction as specified in paragraph (c)(3) of this section. After reversing the door, the operator shall open the door a minimum of 2 inches (50.8 mm) from the edge of the obstruction. Compliance shall be determined in accordance with
paragraphs (c)(2) through (10) of this section.

(ii) The door operator is not required to open the door a minimum 2 inches (50.8 mm) when a control is actuated to stop the door during movement towards the open position—but the door can not be moved towards the open position until the operator reverses the door a minimum of 2 inches (50.8 mm).

(2) The test shall be performed on a representative operating system installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions with the operator exerting a 25-lbf (111.21-N) pull or its rated pull, whichever is greater.

3(ii) A solid object is to be placed on the floor of the test installation and rigidly supported within the bottom track and then repeated with the solid object placed on the floor and rigidly supported external to the track. The test shall then be repeated with the solid object rigidly supported at heights of 1 ft (305 mm), 3 ft (914 mm), 5 ft (1524 mm), and within 1 ft (305 mm) of the top edge. The object shall be 1 inch (25.4 mm) in width.

(iii) For other operators other than those attached to the door, a solid object is not required to be located in line with the driving point of the operator. The solid object is to be located at points at the center and within 1 ft of each end of the door opening.

(iii) To test operators for compliance with paragraphs (c)(1)(iii), (c)(7)(iii), and (c)(8)(iii) of this section, and §1211.13(c), a solid rectangular object measuring 4 inches (102 mm) high by 6 inches (152 mm) wide by a minimum of 6 in (152 mm) long is to be placed on the floor of the test installation to provide a 4 in (102 mm) high obstruction when operated from a partially open position with the test repeated with the bottom edge of the obstruction rigidly supported at heights of 1 ft (305 mm), 3 ft (914 mm), 5 ft (1524 mm), and within 1 ft (305 mm) of the top edge.

(4) An operator is to be tested for compliance with paragraph (c)(1) of this section for 50 open-and-close cycles of operation while the operator is connected to the type of residential garage door with which it is intended to be used or with the doors specified in paragraph (c)(6) of this section. For an operator having a force adjustment on the operator, the force is to be adjusted to the maximum setting or at the setting that represents the most severe operating condition. Any accessories having an effect on the intended operation of entrapment protection functions that are intended for use with the operator, are to be attached and the test is to be repeated for one additional cycle.

(5) For an operator that is to be adjusted (limit and force) according to instructions supplied with the operator, the operator is to be tested for 10 additional obstruction cycles using the solid object described in paragraph (c)(3) of this section at the maximum setting or at the setting that represents the most severe operating condition.

(6) For an operator that is intended to be used with more than one type of door, one sample of the operator is to be tested on a sectional door with a curved track and one sample is to be tested on a one-piece door with jamb hardware and no track. For an operator that is not intended for use on either or both of these types of doors, a one-piece door with track hardware or a one-piece door with pivot hardware shall be used for the tests. For an operator that is intended for use with a specifically dedicated door or doors, a representative door or doors shall be used for the tests. See the marking requirements in §1211.18.

7(i) An operator, employing an inherent entrapment protection control that measures or monitors the actual position of the door, shall initiate reversal of the door and shall return the door to, and stop the door at, the fully closed position in the event the inherent door operation “profile” of the door differs from the originally set parameters. The system shall measure or monitor the position of the door at increments not greater than 1 inch (25.4 mm).

(ii) The door operator is not required to open the door a minimum 2 inches (50.8 mm) when an inherent entrapment circuit senses an obstruction during the reversing travel.

(iii) The door operator is not required to open the door a minimum 2 inches (50.8 mm) when a control is actuated to stop the door during the opening direction—but the door can not be moved in the closing direction until the operator has reversed the door a minimum of 2 inches (50.8 mm). When the door is stopped manually during its closing, the 30 seconds shall be measured from the resumption of the close cycle.

9 To determine compliance with paragraph (c)(7) or (8) of this section, an operator is to be subjected to 10 open-and-close cycles of operation while connected to the door or doors specified in paragraphs (c)(4) and (6) of this section. The cycles are not required to be consecutive. Motor cooling-off periods during the test meet the intent of the requirement. The means supplied to comply with paragraph (c)(1) of this section and §1211.8(b) are to be inoperative or defeated during the test. An obstructing object is to be used so that the door is not capable of activating a position limiting device.

10 During the closing cycle referred to in paragraph (c)(9) of this section, the system providing compliance with paragraphs (c)(1) and (7) of this section or paragraphs (c)(1) and (8) of this section shall function regardless of a short- or open-circuit anywhere in any low-voltage external wiring, any external entrapment devices, or any other external component.

7. Revise §1211.8 to read as follows:

§1211.8 Secondary entrapment protection requirements.

(a)(1) For a vertically moving door operator, a secondary entrapment protection device supplied with, or as an accessory to, an operator shall consist of:

(i) An external photoelectric sensor that when activated results in an operator that is closing a door to reverse direction of the door, returns the door to, and stops the door at the fully open position, and the sensor prevents an operator from closing an open door.

(ii) An external edge sensor installed on the edge of the door that, when activated results in an operator that is closing a door to reverse direction of the door, returns the door to, and stops the door at the fully open position, and the sensor prevents an operator from closing an open door.

(iii) An inherent door sensor, independent of the system used to
comply with § 1211.7 that, when activated, results in an operator that is closing a door to reverse direction of the door and the sensor prevents an operator from closing an open door, or (iv) Any other external or internal device that provides entrapment protection equivalent to paragraph (a)(1)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section.

(2) The door operator is not required to return the door to, and stop the door at, the fully open position when an inherent entrapment circuit senses an obstruction during the opening travel.

(3) The door operator is not required to return the door to, and stop the door at, the fully open position when a control is actuated to stop the door during the opening travel—but the door cannot be moved towards the closing direction until the operator has reversed the door a minimum of 2 inches (50.8 mm).

(b) For horizontal sliding garage door operators, a secondary entrapment protection device supplied with, or as an accessory to, an operator shall consist of:

(1) An external photoelectric sensor that, when activated, results in an operator that is closing or opening a door to reverse direction of the door for a minimum of 2 inches (50.8 mm); or

(2) An external edge sensor installed on the edge of the door that, when activated, results in an operator that is closing or opening a door to reverse direction of the door for a minimum of 2 inches (50.8 mm).

(c) With respect to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, the operator shall monitor for the presence and correct operation of the device at least once during each close cycle. Should the device not be present or a fault condition occurs which precludes the sensing of an obstruction, including an interruption of the wireless signal to the wireless device or an open short circuit in the wiring that connects an external entrapment protection device to the operator and device’s supply source, the operator shall be constructed such that:

(1) For a vertically moving door, the closing door shall open and an open door shall not close more than 1 foot (305 mm) below the upmost position;

(2) For a horizontally sliding door, the door shall not move in the opening or closing direction; or

(3) The operator shall function as required by § 1211.6(b)(1).

(d) An external entrapment protection device or system, when employing a wireless signal, shall comply with paragraph (e) of this section when installed at its farthest distance from the operator as recommended in the installation instructions.

(e) An external entrapment protection device shall comply with the applicable requirements in §§ 1211.10, 1211.11, and 1211.12.

(f) An inherent secondary entrapment protection device described in § 1211.6(b)(3) shall comply with the applicable requirements in § 1211.13. Software used in an inherent entrapment protection device shall comply with UL 1998 (incorporated by reference, see § 1211.40).

8. Amend § 1211.9 by revising paragraphs (a), (b)(2), and (c) to read as follows:

§ 1211.9 Additional entrapment protection requirements.

(a) A means to manually detach the door operator from the door shall be supplied. The gripping surface (handle) shall be colored red and shall be easily distinguishable from the rest of the operator. It shall be capable of being adjusted to a height of 6 feet (1.8 m) above the garage floor when the operator is installed according to the instructions specified in § 1211.16(a)(2). The means shall be constructed so that a hand firmly gripping it and applying a maximum of 50 pounds (223 N) of force shall detach the operator with the door obstructed in the down position. The obstructing object, as described in § 1211.7(b)(3)(i), is to be located in several different positions. A marking with instructions for detaching the operator shall be provided as required by § 1211.17(a), (b), and (j), as applicable.

(b) ** * * * * * 

(2) The door is capable of being moved to the 2-inch (50.8-mm) point from any position between closed and the 2-inch (50.8-mm) point.

(c) Actuation of a control that initiates movement of a door shall stop and may reverse the door on the closing cycle. On the opening cycle, actuation of a control shall stop the door but not reverse it.

9. Revise § 1211.10 to read as follows:

§ 1211.10 Requirements for all entrapment protection devices.

(a) General requirements. (1) An external entrapment protection device shall perform its intended function when tested in accordance with paragraphs (a)(2) through (4) of this section.

(2) The device is to be installed in the intended manner and its terminals connected to circuits of the door operator as indicated by the installation instructions.

(3) The device is to be installed and tested at minimum and maximum heights and widths representative of recommended ranges specified in the installation instructions. For doors, if not specified, devices are to be tested on a minimum 7 foot (2.1 m) wide door and maximum 20 foot (6.1 m) wide door.

(4) If powered by a separate source of power, the power-input supply terminals are to be connected to supply circuits of rated voltage and frequency.

(5) An external entrapment protection device requiring alignment, such as a photoelectric sensor, shall be provided with a means, such as a visual indicator, to show proper alignment and operation of the device.

(b) Current protection test. (1) There shall be no damage to the entrapment protection circuitry if low voltage field-wiring terminals or leads are shortened or miswired to adjacent terminals.

(2) To determine compliance with paragraph (b)(1) of this section, an external entrapment protection device is to be connected to a door operator or other source of power in the intended manner, after which all connections to low voltage terminals or leads are to be reversed as pairs, reversed individually, or connected to any low voltage lead or adjacent terminal.

(c) After restoring the connections in the intended manner:

(i) A photoelectric sensor shall comply with the Normal Operation tests per § 1211.11(a) through (c); and

(ii) An edge sensor shall comply with the Normal Operation test, per § 1211.12(a).

(d) Splash test. (1) An external entrapment protection device intended to be installed inside a garage 3 feet or less above the floor shall withstand a water exposure as described in paragraph (c)(2) of this section without resulting in a risk of electric shock and shall function as intended, per paragraph (c)(3) of this section. After exposure, the external surface of the device may be dried before determining its functionality.

(2) External entrapment protection devices are to be indirectly sprayed using a hose having the free end fitted with a nozzle as illustrated in Figure 2 to subpart A and connected to a water supply capable of maintaining a flow rate of 5 gallons (19 liters) per minute as measured at the outlet orifice of the nozzle. The water from the hose is to be played, from all sides and at any angle against the floor under the device in such a manner most likely to cause water to splash the enclosure of electric components. However, the nozzle is not to be brought closer than 10 feet (3.05
m) horizontally to the device. The water is to be sprayed for 1 minute.

(3) After drying the external surface of the device:
   (i) A photoelectric sensor shall comply with the Normal Operation Tests per §1211.11(a) through (c); and
   (ii) An edge sensor shall comply with the Normal Operation Test, per §1211.12(a).

   (iii) There shall be no water on uninsulated live parts of a line voltage circuit.

   (d) Ultraviolet light exposure test. A polymeric material used as a functional part of a device that is exposed to outdoor weather conditions shall comply with the Ultraviolet Light Exposure Test described in UL 746C (incorporated by reference, see §1211.40).

   (e) Resistance to impact test. (1) An external entrapment protection device employing a polymeric or elastomeric material as a functional part shall be subjected to the impact test specified in paragraph (e)(2) of this section. As a result of the test:
      (i) There shall be no cracking or breaking of the part; and
      (ii) The part shall operate as intended, per paragraph (e)(4) of this section, or, if dislodged after the test, is capable of being restored to its original condition.

   (2) Samples of the external entrapment protection device are to be subjected to the Resistance to Impact Test described in UL 746C (incorporated by reference, see §1211.40). The external entrapment protection device is to be subjected to 5 foot-pound (6.8 J) impacts. Three samples are to be tested, each sample being subjected to three impacts at different points.

   (3) In lieu of conducting the room temperature test described in paragraph (e)(2) of this section, each of three samples of a device exposed to outdoor weather when the door is the closed position are to be cooled to a temperature of minus 31.0 ± 3.6 °F (minus 35.0 ± 2.0 °C) and maintained at this temperature for 3 hours. Three samples of a device employed inside the garage are to be cooled to a temperature of 32.0 °F (0.0 °C) and maintained at this temperature for 3 hours. While the sample is still cold, the samples are to be subjected to the impact test described in paragraph (e)(1) of this section.

   (4) To determine compliance with paragraph (e)(1)(iii) of this section:
      (i) A photoelectric sensor shall comply with the Normal Operation tests per §1211.11(a) through (c); and
      (ii) An edge sensor shall comply with the Normal Operation Test, per §1211.12(a).

   (f) External entrapment protection devices with wireless control—(1) Initial test set-up. (i) For a wireless device intended to be powered by a non-rechargeable battery, a fully charged battery shall be installed per the instructions or markings on the product. See §1211.16 (a)(7).

      (ii) An entrapment protection device or system employing a wireless control, or separately supplied for, shall be installed per the manufacturer’s instructions.

   (2) Radiated immunity test. (i) An external entrapment protection device when employing wireless control shall operate as specified in §1211.8(a) through (e) as applicable; or is rendered inoperative (any case in which the operator will not complete a full cycle, open and close, of travel) when tested in accordance with paragraph (f)(2)(ii) of this section.

      (ii) Compliance to paragraph (f)(2)(i) of this section is verified by simulating an obstruction during the period of the electric field strength test of §1211.4(c).

   (g) Battery test for wireless devices. (1) An external entrapment protection device when employing a battery powered wireless control shall operate as specified in §1211.8(a) through (e) as applicable; or is rendered inoperative (any case in which the operator will not complete a full cycle, open and close, of travel) when tested in accordance with paragraph (g)(2) of this section.

      (2) Compliance with paragraph (g)(1) of this section shall be verified with battery charge at the following levels:

         (i) Fully charged; and
         (ii) Discharged per the manufacturer’s recommendations to the wireless device’s lowest operational voltage.

   (3) An external entrapment protection device employing a battery powered wireless device operating under conditions with a fully discharged battery or when the battery is discharged sufficiently to cause the device or system to render the moving door inoperative, shall be considered a single point fault for complying with §§1211.5(b) and 1211.8(c).

   (h) Ambient light test for wireless device with IR communication. (1) An external entrapment protection device, when employing an IR communication shall operate as specified in §1211.8(a) through (e) as applicable; or is rendered inoperative (any case in which the operator will not complete a full cycle, open and close, of travel) when subjected to ambient light impinging at an angle of 15 to 20 degrees from the axis of the beam when tested in accordance with paragraph (h)(2) of this section.

   (2) An external entrapment protection device when employing an IR communication shall be set up at maximum range per paragraph (h)(1) of this section. The ambient light test described in §1211.11(e)(2) shall be conducted with the light source impinging on each IR receiver, one at a time that is part of the wireless control system between the external entrapment protection device and the operator.

10. Revise §1211.11 to read as follows:

§1211.11 Requirements for photoelectric sensors.

   (a) Normal operation test. When installed as described in §1211.10(a)(1) through (4), a photoelectric sensor of a vertically moving door shall sense an obstruction as described in paragraph (c) of this section that is to be placed on the floor at three points over the width of the door opening, at distances of 1 foot (305 mm) from each end and the midpoint.

   (b) Normal operation test—Horizontally moving door. When installed as described in §1211.10(a)(1) through (4), a photoelectric sensor of a horizontally moving door shall be tested per paragraph (c) of this section that is to be placed on a level surface within the path of the moving door. The sensor is to be tested with the obstruction at a total of five different locations over the height of the door or gate opening. The locations shall include distances 1 in (25.4 mm) from each end, 1 ft (305 mm) from each end, and the midpoint.

   (c) Normal operation test—Obstruction. The obstruction noted in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall consist of a white vertical surface 6 inches (152 mm) high by 12 inches (305 mm) long. The obstruction is to be centered in the opening perpendicular to the plane of the door when in the closed position. See Figure 3 to subpart A.

   (d) Sensitivity test. (1) When installed as described in §1211.10(a)(1) through (4), a photoelectric sensor shall sense the presence of a moving object when tested according to paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

      (2) The moving object is to consist of a 1 ½ inch (47.6 mm) diameter cylindrical rod, 34 ½ inches (876 mm) long, with the axis point being 34 inches (864 mm) from the end. The axis point is to be fixed at a point centered directly above the beam of the photoelectric sensor 36 inches (914 mm) above the floor. The photoelectric sensor is to be mounted at the highest position as recommended by the manufacturer. The rod is to be swung as a pendulum through the photoelectric sensor’s beam.
from a position 45 degrees from the plane of the door when in the closed position. See Figure 4 to subpart A.

(3) The test described in paragraph (d)(2) of this section is to be conducted at three points over the width of the door opening, at distances of 1 foot (305 mm) from each end and the midpoint.

(4) When the test fixture of Figure 4 to subpart A, prior to conduct of the test, interferes with the photoelectric sensor detection zone, the tests per paragraphs (d)(1) through (4) of this section may be conducted instead per paragraph (f)(4) of this section.

(e) Ambient light test. (1) A photoelectric sensor shall operate as specified in § 1211.8(a) and (c) when subjected to ambient light impinging at an angle of 15 to 20 degrees from the axis of the beam when tested according to paragraph (e)(2) of this section and, if appropriate, paragraph (e)(3) of this section.

(2) To determine compliance with paragraph (e)(1) of this section, a 500 watt incandescent or equivalent, minimum 120-V, 60-hertz source. The lamp is to be positioned 5 feet from the front of the receiver and aimed directly at the sensor at an angle of 15 to 20 degrees from the axis of the beam. See Figure 5 to subpart A.

(3) If the photoelectric sensor uses a reflector, this test is to be repeated with the lamp aimed at the reflector.

(4) During the test conditions described in paragraphs (e)(2) and (e)(3) of this section, a photoelectric sensor shall comply with the normal operation test requirements described in paragraph (a) of this section, and (i) A photoelectric sensor shall comply with sensitivity test requirements described in paragraph (d) of this section, and

(ii) An edge sensor shall comply with the normal operation test requirements described in § 1211.12.

(f) Photoelectric sensor vertical arrays

(1) A vertical array shall be tested as required by paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section, except as noted in paragraphs (f)(2) through (5) of this section.

(2) The array shall comply with the Normal Operation tests specified in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section, with the solid obstruction placed on the floor. In addition, the obstruction shall be placed at various locations over the height of the light curtain array in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(3) In conducting the tests specified in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section, when the product includes a blanking function whereby the light array is located directly in-line with the path of the door travel, and the door system is intended to detect any obstruction other than one in the “next” successive position that the door is programmed to travel, the obstruction is placed at any location other than the next successive door position expected by the system.

(4) The array shall comply with the ambient light test specified in paragraph (e) of this section, except that the edge of the pendulum nearest to the array is to be located 2 in. (50.8 mm) from one side of the plane of the array, rather than directly above one photoelectric sensor pair. For vertical arrays, this test need only be conducted with the test pendulum at the vertical height indicated in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(5) When conducting the ambient light test specified in paragraph (e) of this section, the position of the light source shall be aligned per paragraph (e)(2) of this section based on the axis of the lowest beam or detection zone. This arrangement shall be used to determine compliance with the requirements specified in paragraph (f)(2) of this section (with the obstruction at the floor level) and paragraph (f)(4) of this section, which are the only conditions for which the ambient light is required to be applied.

11. Amend § 1211.12 by revising paragraphs (a)(1), (c)(1) and (2), and (d) to read as follows:

§ 1211.12 Requirements for edge sensors.

(a) * * * *(1) When installed on a representative residential door edge, an edge sensor shall actuate upon the application of a 15 pounds (66.7 N) or less force in the direction of the application. For an edge sensor intended to be used on a sectional door, the force is to be applied by the longitudinal edge of a 1/8 inch (4.76 mm) diameter cylinder placed across the switch so that the axis is perpendicular to the plane of the door. For an edge sensor intended to be used on a piece door, the force is to be applied so that the axis is at an angle 30 degrees from the direction perpendicular to the plane of the door. See Figure 6 to subpart A.

(b) * * * *(c) * * * *

(1) An elastomeric material used as a functional part of an edge sensor shall function as intended when subjected to:

(i) Accelerated Aging Test of Gaskets, stated in paragraph (c)(3) of this section, supplemental to the Standard for Gaskets and Seals, UL 157, fulfills this requirement (see paragraph (c)(2) of this section for UL contact information); and

(ii) Puncture Resistance Test, stated in paragraph (d) of this section.

(2) An elastomeric material used for a functional part that is exposed to outdoor weather conditions when the door is in the closed position shall have physical properties as specified in the Table to subpart A after being conditioned in accordance with the Ultraviolet Light Exposure Test described in UL 746C (incorporated by reference, see § 1211.40).

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(d) Puncture resistance test. (1) After being subjected to the tests described in paragraph (d)(2) or (3) of this section, an elastomeric material that is a functional part of an edge sensor shall:

(2) Not be damaged in a manner that would adversely affect the intended operation of the edge sensor, and

(2) Maintain enclosure integrity if it serves to reduce the likelihood of contamination of electrical contacts.

(2) For a vertically moving door, a sample of the edge sensor is to be installed in the intended manner on a representative door edge. The probe described in Figure 7 to subpart A is to be applied with a 20 pound-force (89 N) to any point on the sensor that is 3 inches (76 mm) or less above the floor is to be applied in the direction specified in the Edge Sensor Normal Operation Test, Figure 6 to subpart A. The test is to be repeated on three locations on each surface of the sensor being tested.

(3) For horizontally sliding doors, sample of the edge sensor is to be installed in the intended manner on a representative door edge. The probe described in Figure 7 to subpart A is to be applied with a 20 pound-force (89 N) to any point on the sensor that is 3 inches (76 mm) or less above the floor is to be applied in the direction specified in the Edge Sensor Normal Operation Test, Figure 6 to subpart A. The test is to be repeated on three locations on each surface of the sensor being tested.

13. Revise § 1211.13 to read as follows:

§ 1211.13 Inherent force activated secondary door sensors.

(a) General. (1) A force activated door sensor of a door system installed according to the installation instructions shall actuate in accordance with paragraphs (b) through (f) of this section, which are to be conducted in sequence on a single system sample,
except for the separate test sequences of paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(2) The system shall actuate with the maximum and minimum specifications of the door, operator, and hardware.

(3) Tests conducted per paragraphs (b) through (f) of this section shall be performed with the force exerted by a drive adjusted to its highest value if the force can be adjusted by the user during user or user maintenance.

(4) The test cylinder referred to in paragraph (b)(7) of this section shall be a 1/8 in (47.6 mm) diameter cylinder placed under the door so that the axis is perpendicular to the plane of the door. See Figure 6 to subpart A.

(5) The measuring device referred to in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall:

(i) Have an accuracy of +/− 1%;

(ii) Have a rise and fall time not exceeding 5 ms;

(iii) Have the equivalence of a spring constant of 2855 lb/in +/− 285 lb/in (500 N/mm, +/− 50 N/mm);

(iv) Be placed on a rigid, level surface; and

(v) Have a rigid plate with a diameter of 3.1 in (80 mm).

(6) See paragraph (a)(6) of this section for test equipment alternatives for force measurements at 1 ft (305 mm) or greater for the tests conducted per paragraphs (b) and (d) of this section.

(7) With regard to the alternative test equipment referred to in paragraph (a)(5)(vi) of this section, the test device described in paragraph (b)(5) of this section for force measurements at 1 foot (305 mm) or greater shall be:

(i) A spring constant means such as specified in paragraph (a)(5) of this section;

(ii) A gravity based weight displacing means that suspends a weight off its supporting surface upon exceeding 15 lbf (67 N) such as the example shown in figures 8 through 10 of this subpart if the equipment described in paragraph (a)(5) of this section is applied before the tests specified in paragraph (c) of this section and after the tests specified in paragraph (d) of this section at 1 ft (305 mm) height specified in paragraph (b)(6) of this section; or

(iii) The equivalent requirements of paragraphs (a)(6)(i) or (ii) of this section.

(8) The cycles specified in paragraph (d) of this section are not required to be consecutive. Continuous operation of the motor without cooling is not required.

(b) Closing force test. (1) The door shall stop and reverse within 2 seconds after contacting the obstruction. The door shall apply the following forces at the locations noted in paragraph (b)(2) of this section:

(i) 90 lbf (400 N) or less average during the first 0.75 seconds after 15 lbf (67 N) is exceeded from initial impact; and

(ii) 15 lbf (67 N) or less from 0.75 seconds after 15 lbf (67 N) is exceeded from initial impact until the door reverses.

(2) The test referred to in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall be conducted at the following test height and locations along the edge of the door:

(i) The center point, at a height of 2 in (50.8) from the floor; and

(ii) Within 1 ft (305 mm) of the end of the door, at a height of 2 in (50.8) from the floor; and

(iii) Within 1 ft (305 mm) of the other end of the door, at a height of 2 in (50.8) from the floor.

(3) The maximum force specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall be tested by the door applying a force against the longitudinal edge of the test cylinder described in paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

(4) The equipment used to measure force for the test described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall be in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (a)(5) of this section.

(5) The door shall stop and reverse within 2 seconds after contacting the obstruction. The door shall apply a load of 15 lbf (67 N) or less in the closing direction along the path of door travel at the locations noted in paragraph (b)(6) of this section.

(6) The test described in paragraph (b)(5) of this section shall be conducted at the following points along the edge of the door:

(i) At the center at heights of 1 ft, 3 ft, and 5 ft (305 mm, 914 mm and 1.52 m) from the floor;

(ii) Within 1 ft (305 mm) of the end of the door, at heights of 1 ft, 3 ft, and 5 ft from the floor; and

(iii) Within 1 ft (305 mm) of the other end of the door at heights of 1 ft, 3 ft, and 5 ft from the floor.

(7) The maximum force described in paragraph (b)(5) of this section shall be tested by the door applying a force against the longitudinal edge of the test cylinder as described in paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

(8) The equipment used to measure forces for the test described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall be in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (a)(5) or (6) of this section.

(c) Opening force test. (1) The door shall stop within 2 seconds after a weight of 44 lb (20 kg) is applied to the door.

(2) The test described in paragraph (c)(1) of this section shall be conducted with the door starting from the fully closed position and at heights of approximately 1 ft, 3 ft, and 5 ft (305 mm, 914 mm and 1.52 m) from the floor.

(3) Test weight(s) shall be applied to sections of the door that are vertical in the initial stopped position for each test height prior to operator activation.

(d) Fifty cycle test. (1) With the door(s) at the test point(s) determined by the tests described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section to be most severe with respect to both reversal time and force, the door system shall function as intended after 50 cycles of operation. After the last cycle, the system shall complete one additional cycle of opening the door to its fully open condition and closing the door to its fully closed position.

(2) The tests described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section shall be repeated upon completion of cycling test.

(e) Adjustment of door weight. At the point determined by the test described in paragraph (b)(5) of this section to be the most severe, weight is to be added to the door in 5.0 pound (2.26 Kg) increments and the tests described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section are to be repeated until a total of 15.0 pounds (66.72 N) has been added to the door. Before performing each test cycle, the door is to be cycled 2 times to update the profile. Similarly, starting from normal weight plus 15.0 pounds, the tests described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section are to be repeated by subtracting weight in 5.0 pound increments until a total of 15.0 pounds has been subtracted from the door.

(f) Obstruction test. For a door traveling in the downward direction, when an inherent secondary entrapment protection device senses an obstruction and initiates a reversal, any control activation shall not move the door downward until the operator reverses the door a minimum of 2 inches (50.8 mm). The test is to be performed as described in §1211.7(b)(3)(iii). The system may be initially manually re-profiled for the purpose of this test.

§§1211.14 through 1211.17 [Redesignated as §§1211.16 through 1211.19]

13. Redesignate §§1211.14 through 1211.17 as §§1211.16 through 1211.19 respectively.

14. Add new §1211.14 to read as follows:

§1211.14 Unattended operation requirements.

(a) General requirements. (1) A residential garage door operator or system may permit unattended operation to close a garage door, provided the operator system complies with the additional requirements of paragraphs (b) through (e) of this section.
(2) Unattended operation shall not be permitted on one-piece garage doors or swinging garage doors. An operator intended for use with both sectional doors and one-piece or swinging doors that have an unattended operation close feature shall identify that the unattended operation closing feature is only permitted to be enabled when installed with a sectional door by complying with:

(i) The installation instructions stated in §1211.16(b)(1)(ii);

(ii) The markings specified in §1211.17(h); and

(iii) The carton markings specified in §1211.18(m) when the carton references the unattended operation close feature.

(b) Operator system. The operator system shall require one or more intentional actions to enable unattended operation, such as setting a power head switch or wall-control switch. For an accessory requiring installation and set-up in order to enable unattended operation, the installation and set-up may be considered satisfying this requirement.

(c) Alarm signal. (1) The operator system shall provide an audible and visual alarm signal.

(2) The alarm shall signal for a minimum of 5 seconds before any unattended closing door movement.

(3) The audible signal shall be heard within the confines of a garage. The audio alarm signals for the alarm specified in paragraph (c)(1) of this section shall be generated by devices such as bells, horns, sirens, or buzzers. The signal shall have a frequency in the range of 700 to 3400 Hz, either a cycle of the sound level pulsations of 4 to 5 per second or one continuous tone, a sound level at least 45 dB 10 ft (305 cm) in front of the door over the volume range of operation.

(4) The visual alarm signal described in paragraph (c)(1) of this section shall be visible within the confines of a garage using a flashing light of at least 40 watt incandescent or 360 lumens.

(d) Controls. (1) During the pre-motion signaling period defined in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, activation of any user door control (e.g., wall control, wireless remote, keypad) shall prevent the pending unattended door movement. Door movement resulting from activation of a user door control is not prohibited.

(2) Upon activation of a user door control during unattended door movement, the door shall stop, and may reverse the door on the closing cycle. On the opening cycle, activation of a user door control shall stop the door but not reverse it.

(3) If an unattended door travelling in the closing direction is stopped and reversed by an entrapment protection device, the operator system shall be permitted one additional unattended operation attempt to close the door.

(4) After two attempts per paragraph (d)(3) of this section, the operator system shall suspend unattended operation. The operator system shall require a renewed, intended input, via user door control (e.g., wall control wireless remote, keypad) other than the unattended activation device, prior to re-enabling unattended operation.

(e) Entrapment protection. For a moving door, entrapment protection shall comply with §§1211.7 and 1211.8.

15. Add new §1211.15 to read as follows:

Section 1211.15 Vertically moving combination rigid one-piece overhead residential garage door and operator system.

(a) A vertically moving combination rigid one-piece overhead residential garage door and operator system shall comply with the applicable residential garage door operator requirements in this standard and shall additionally comply with the following:

(1) The speed of the door edge during the opening or closing motion shall not exceed 6 in (152 mm) per second.

(2) The system shall be supplied with two additional independent secondary entrapment protection devices complying with Secondary Entrapment Protection, §1211.8. When photoelectric sensors are used, a minimum of two sensors in addition to a third secondary device shall be supplied. The instructions shall state that one photoelectric sensor shall be positioned to comply with §1211.11 and the other(s) shall be positioned on the left and right sides of the door to detect solid objects that would be within the space where the door moves as it opens or closes.

(3) A means to manually detach both door operators from the door shall be provided. For systems where the mechanical drive is located on a wall adjacent to the door, the manual detachment means is not required to comply with §1211.9(a). Instead, the manual detachment means shall be located 5 ft (1.52 m) above the floor, shall not require a torque of more than 5 ft-lb (6.78 N-m) to initiate disconnection when the door is obstructed, and shall be clearly marked with operating instructions adjacent to the mechanism. The gripping surface (handle) shall be colored red and shall be distinguishable from the rest of the operator. The marking which includes instructions for detaching the operator shall be provided in accordance with §1211.17(a), (b), and (j) as applicable.

(4) A means (interlock) shall be supplied to de-energize the operator whenever the operator is manually detached from the door.

(5) A means (interlock) shall be supplied to de-energize the operator whenever an operable window or access (service) door that is mounted in the garage door is opened perpendicular to the surface of the garage door.

(6) The door shall not move outward from the exterior wall surface during the opening or closing cycle.

(7) The moving parts of the door or door system (mounting hardware, track assembly, and components that make up the door) shall be guarded.

(8) A horizontal track assembly, including installation hardware, shall support a dead load equal to the door weight when the door is in the horizontal position.

(9) Instructions for the installation of operable windows and access (service) doors and the interlocks specified in paragraph (a)(5) of this section shall be supplied with the operator.

(10) [Reserved]

16. Revise newly redesignated §1211.16 to read as follows:

Section 1211.16 Instruction manual.

(a) General. (1) A residential garage door operator shall be provided with an instruction manual. The instruction manual shall give complete instructions for the installation, operation, and user maintenance of the operator.

(2) Instructions that clearly detail installation and adjustment procedures required to effect proper operation of the safety means provided shall be provided with each door operator.

(3) A residential garage door or door operator shall be provided with complete and specific instructions for the correct adjustment of the control mechanism and the need for periodic checking and, if needed, adjustment of the control mechanism so as to maintain satisfactory operation of the door.

(4) The instruction manual shall include the important instructions specified in paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section. All required text shall be legible and contrast with the background. Upper case letters of required text shall be no less than 3⁄16 inch (4.8 mm) high and lower case letters shall be no less than 5⁄64 inch (2.0 mm) high. Heading such as “Important Installation Instructions,” “Important Safety Instructions,” “Save These Instructions” and the words “Warning—To reduce the risk of severe injury or death to persons:” shall be in letters no less than 3⁄16 inch (4.8 mm) high.
(5) The instructions listed in paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section shall be in the exact words specified or shall be in equally definitive terminology to those specified. No substitutes shall be used for the word “Warning.” The items may be numbered. The first and last items specified in paragraph (b)(2) of this section shall be first and last respectively. Other important and precautionary items considered appropriate by the manufacturer may be inserted.

(6) The instructions listed in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall be located immediately prior to the installation instructions. The instructions listed in paragraph (b)(2) of this section shall be located immediately prior to user operation and maintenance instructions. In each case, the instructions shall be separate in format from other detailed instructions related to installation, operation, and maintenance of the operator. All instructions, except installation instructions, shall be a permanent part of the manual(s).

(7) For an operator or system provided with an external entrapment protection device requiring a non-rechargeable battery, instructions shall be provided with the operator and/or the device for:

(i) The rating, size, number, and type of battery(s) to be used; and

(ii) The proper insertion, polarity, orientation, and replacement of the battery(s).

(8) For an operator or system provided with an external entrapment protection device or system utilizing wireless control, instructions shall be provided with the operator and/or the device for:

(i) The proper method of configuring and initializing the wireless communication link between device and operator;

(ii) The proper orientation, antenna positioning, and mounting location with regard to maintaining communication link between device and operator;

(iii) The maximum range at which the wireless device will operate; and

(iv) The location of the device where the transmission of the signals are not obstructed or impeded by building structures, natural landscaping or similar obstruction.

(9) When provided with a detachable supply cord, the operator instructions shall contain complete details concerning proper selection of the power supply cord replacement.

(10) The installation, operation, and maintenance instructions may be provided in electronic read-only media format only, such as CD-ROM, USB flash drive, or company Web site, if the following instructions are additionally provided with the operator in an instruction sheet, manual, booklet, or similar printed material:

(i) Residential garage doors and door operators, instructions of this section, as applicable.

(ii) [Reserved]

(11) The printed instruction material referenced in this section shall contain detailed instructions of how to obtain a printed copy of the material contained in electronic format.

(12) All printed instruction material referenced in this section shall also be provided in the electronic read-only media format.

(13) Instructions of a combination sectional overhead garage door operator system shall specify:

(i) The operator by manufacturer and model;

(ii) The door(s) by manufacturer(s), model(s), and maximum and minimum door width and height required for compliance to § 1211.6(a) and (c); and

(iii) Hardware required for compliance to § 1211.6(a) and (c).

(14) Installation and maintenance instructions of a combination sectional overhead garage door operator system shall indicate how to properly counter-balance the door.

(b) Specific required instructions for residential garage door operators and systems. 

(1)(i) The Installation Instructions shall include the following instructions: Important Installation Instructions

Warning—To reduce the risk of severe injury or death:

1. READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS.

2. Never let children operate, or play with door controls. Keep the remote control away from children.

3. Always keep the moving door in sight and away from people and objects until it is completely closed. No one should cross the path of the moving door.

4. NEVER GO UNDER A STOPPED PARTIALLY OPEN DOOR.

5. Test door opener monthly. The garage door MUST reverse on contact with a 1 1/2 inch high object (or a 2 by 4 board laid flat) on the floor. After adjusting either the force or the limit of travel, retest the door opener. Failure to adjust the opener properly may cause severe injury or death.

6. For products requiring an emergency release, if possible, use the emergency release only when the door is closed. Use caution when using this release with the door open. Weak or broken springs may allow the door to fall rapidly, causing injury or death.

7. KEEP GARAGE DOOR PROPERLY BALANCED. See user’s manual. An improperly balanced door could cause severe injury or death. Have a qualified service person make repairs and hardware adjustments before installing the opener.

(ii) In accordance with § 1211.14(a)(2), the installation instructions in paragraph (b)(1) of this section for a residential garage door operator shall be replaced with “Have a qualified service person make repairs and hardware adjustments before installing the opener.”

(iii) Exception: For operators that automatically sense one piece door operation, the warning in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section is not required.

(iv) For residential garage door operators that do not have permanent connection of the wiring system, the installation instructions shall include the following or equivalent text: “This operator not equipped for permanent wiring. Contact licensed electrician to install a suitable receptacle if one is not available.”

(2) The User Instructions shall include the following instructions:

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Warning—To reduce the risk of severe injury or death:

1. READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS.

2. Never let children operate, or play with door controls. Keep the remote control away from children.

3. Always keep the moving door in sight and away from people and objects until it is completely closed. No one should cross the path of the moving door.

4. NEVER GO UNDER A STOPPED PARTIALLY OPEN DOOR.

5. Test door opener monthly. The garage door MUST reverse on contact with a 1 1/2 inch high object (or a 2 by 4 board laid flat) on the floor. After adjusting either the force or the limit of travel, retest the door opener. Failure to adjust the opener properly may cause severe injury or death.

6. For products requiring an emergency release, if possible, use the emergency release only when the door is closed. Use caution when using this release with the door open. Weak or broken springs may allow the door to fall rapidly, causing injury or death.

7. KEEP GARAGE DOOR PROPERLY BALANCED. See user’s manual. An improperly balanced door could cause severe injury or death. Have a qualified service person make repairs and hardware adjustments before installing the opener.
8. For operator systems equipped with an unattended operation feature, the following statement shall be included: “This operator system is equipped with an unattended operation feature. The door could move unexpectedly. NO ONE SHOULD CROSS THE PATH OF THE MOVING DOOR.”

9. SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

10. For horizontally moving doors, Item 4 shall be replaced with “NEVER GO THROUGH A STOPPED, PARTIALLY OPEN DOOR.”

11. For horizontally moving doors, Item 6 is not required.

12. For horizontally moving doors, Item 7 shall be replaced with “Have a qualified service person make repairs and hardware adjustments before installing the opener.”

13. The installation instructions provided with a combination rigid one-piece overhead residential garage door and operator system shall specify the locations where attachments to the horizontal track shall be made for the purpose of supporting the track.

■ 17. Amend newly redesignated §1211.17 by:

a. Adding paragraph (g)(2)(v);

b. Redesignating paragraphs (h) and (i) as paragraphs (j) and (k) respectively;

c. Adding new paragraph (l);

d. Adding paragraphs (k) through (m).

The revisions and additions read as follows:

§1211.17 Field-installed labels.

(a) * * * * *

(b) * * *

(c) * * *

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(g) * * *

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The revisions and additions read as follows:

§1211.18 UL marking requirements.

(a) * * * * *

(b) * * *

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(i) * * *

(j) * * *

(k) * * *

(l) * * *

(m) * * *

18. Amend newly redesignated §1211.18 by:

a. Revising paragraphs (b)(3) and (c);

b. Redesignating paragraphs (f) through (k) as paragraphs (g) through (l);

c. Adding new paragraph (l);

d. Revise newly redesignated paragraphs (i), (j), and (k); and

e. Adding paragraphs (m) and (n).

The revisions and additions read as follows:

§1211.18 UL marking requirements.

(a) * * * * *

(b) * * *

(c) * * *

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(j) * * *

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19. Amend newly redesignated §1211.14(a)(2), a residential garage door operator intended for use with both sectional and one-piece or swinging doors and are provided with an unattended operation feature shall comply with paragraph (g) of this section and include the following under the avoidance statements of paragraph (g)(2) of this section:

“Only enable + feature when installed with a sectional door.”, or equivalent, where + is the unattended operation closing function.

(2) For operators that automatically sense one piece door operation, this warning is not required.

(k) Both the operator and the door that comprise a combination sectional overhead garage door operator system shall be provided with permanent labels. The labels shall contain the following statement or the equivalent: “WARNING: THIS OPERATOR AND DOOR FUNCTION AS A SYSTEM. IF EITHER THE DOOR OR THE HARDWARE MUST BE REPLACED, THE REPLACEMENT DOOR OR HARDWARE MUST BE IDENTICAL TO THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT WITH RESPECT TO MANUFACTURER AND MODEL TO MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF THE SYSTEM. SEE INSTRUCTION MANUAL.” The marking shall be visible to the user after installation without the need to remove any covers.

(l) A label specified in paragraph (m) of this section when intended to be affixed during installation shall:

1. Be provided with the operator or door assembly; and

2. Have installation instructions of how and where to install the label so that it is visible to the user after installation.

(m) For products equipped with an unattended operation feature, the instructions shall include the following: “This operator system is equipped with an unattended operation feature. The door could move unexpectedly.”

18. Amend newly redesignated §1211.18 by:

a. Revising paragraphs (b)(3) and (c);

b. Redesignating paragraphs (f) through (k) as paragraphs (g) through (l);

c. Adding new paragraph (l);

d. Revise newly redesignated paragraphs (i), (j), and (k); and

e. Adding paragraphs (m) and (n).

The revisions and additions read as follows:

§1211.18 UL marking requirements.

(a) * * * * *

(b) * * *

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(n) A residential garage door operator is not required to be provided with permanent wiring systems when marked with the following or equivalent text: “This operator not equipped for permanent wiring. Contact licensed electrician to install a suitable receptacle if one is not available.” This marking is to be placed adjacent to the power cord entry.
Figure 1 to Subpart A of Part 1211—Critical Condition Flow Chart for Residential Garage Door Operator Entrapment Protection Devices and Functions

- Will operator still move door?
  - Yes
  - Is entrapment protection device operational?
    - Yes
      - Is constant pressure required to close door?
        - Yes
          - Inoperative at end of opening or closing cycle?
            - Yes
              - Critical
            - No
              - Non-Critical
        - No
          - Critical
Figure 2 to Subpart A of Part 1211—Nozzle SECTION A-A

Figure 3 to Subpart A of Part 1211—Stationary Obstruction
Figure 4 to Subpart A of Part 1211—Moving Obstruction

Figure 5 to Subpart A of Part 1211—Ambient Light Test
Figure 6 to Subpart A of Part 1211—Edge Sensor Normal Operation Test

![Diagram of Edge Sensor Normal Operation Test](image)

Figure 7 to Subpart A of Part 1211—PUNCTURE PROBE

![Diagram of Puncture Probe](image)
Figure 8 to Subpart A of Part 1211—Example Test Apparatus for Measurements At 12 Inches or Greater
Figure 9 to Subpart A of Part 1211—Example Test Apparatus for Measurements

At 12 Inches or Greater

Weight = 6.8 kg (15 lb)
Figure 10 to Subpart A of Part 1211—Example Test Apparatus for Measurements

At 12 Inches or Greater
21. Add subpart D, consisting of §1211.40, to read as follows:

Subpart D—Incorporation by Reference

§1211.40 Incorporation by reference.

(a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. All approved material is available for inspection at Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, telephone 302–504–7923 and is available from the sources listed below. It is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030 or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.


(1) ANSI/DASMA 102, Specifications for Sectional Doors, 2011 revision, dated May 19, 2011, into §1211.6(c).

(2) [Reserved].


(2) [Reserved].


(1) UL 746C, Standard for Safety: Polymeric Materials—Use in Electrical Equipment Evaluations, Sixth Edition, dated September 10, 2004, into §§1211.10(d) and (e) and 1211.12(c).


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Interpretation of the “Advice” Exemption in Section 203(c) of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act

AGENCY: Office of Labor-Management Standards, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Final rule; OMB approval of information collection requirements.