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To Our Valued Customers,

RE: American National Standards Institute (ANSI 156.10)

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) which governs the rules and regulations for Automatic Pedestrian Doors has updated/revised the national standard for automatic swing, slide and folding doors. These new standards require additional threshold safety to be installed on all automatic pedestrian doors and for all service/installation personnel to be certified to the new standard.

The ANSI\BHMA A156.10 standard is a national consensus standard, the latest version of which was recognized as an American National Standard by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) on September 20, 2005. The following, taken from the General section of the standard, summarizes the scope of the standard:

“Requirements in this Standard apply to power operated doors for pedestrian use, which open automatically when approached by pedestrians and some small vehicular traffic or by a knowing act. Included are provisions to reduce the chance of user injury or entrapment. Power operated doors for industrial or trained traffic are not covered in this Standard. Where this Standard contains specifications relating to minimum or maximum dimensions of various components of power operated doors for pedestrian use and some small vehicular traffic, such dimensions are included to provide user protection for what are, in the industry, standard application conditions. This Standard does not apply to custom design installations. This Standard does not apply to power assist and low energy power operated doors. Refer to ANSI/BHMA A156.19 for Power Assist and Low Energy Power Operated Doors.”

Automatic-Access, Inc. has taken a proactive approach to meeting the new requirements of the ANSI Standard. We have had all of our installation, service and sales personnel certified to the new standards.

Automatic-Access, Inc. wants our customers to be informed and up-to-date about the ANSI Standard by issuing this notice. The new ANSI Standard requires updating all new and existing Automatic Pedestrian Doors with additional threshold safety devices that will provide additional protection in the threshold area of automatic doors. This new ANSI Standard makes no provision for a “Grandfather” clause for existing automatic door equipment that may be in service. This requires any automatic pedestrian door that we service/repair to be brought up to the current standard. Automatic-Access, Inc. recognizes the fact that most facilities have not factored this new standard into their budgets, and we have had some cases where customers felt that we were trying to take advantage of them by decommissioning their equipment.

The cost to update must be determined on a door by door basis due to the many different manufactures and differing activation and safety systems on the market. If you require more detailed information on the new standard please contact our office and we can email you more specific information about the new ANSI Standard. We are offering our customers free site visits and pricing to help you factor in this new expense to your budgets.

Thank you,

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