



WELL BILT INDUSTRIES—REPUTATION AND EXPERIENCE PUTS HANGAR DOOR MANUFACTURER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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There are many factors to consider when selecting the proper door system for a particular application. The primary factor should be based on the needs and priorities of the building's owner or the purpose of the facility. In many cases, the facility will be a rental property which will have various tenants. Rental facilities tend to suffer more abuse as opposed to one which is privately owned. Therefore, additional safety features should be seriously considered to avoid potential damage resulting from misuse.

When selecting the proper door system for a privately-owned facility, one should consider all the "bells and whistles" available. This will provide the private owner with all of the "luxury" options to customize his door system to his complete satisfaction. Well Bilt Industries offers such optional features as remote controls, safety edge, warning bells, photo eyes, auto close and auto lock. Any or all of these options should be considered prior to placing the final order.

The final important factor should be choosing a highly reputable and experienced door manufacturer. Do not hesitate to ask for references or similar projects in your area.

DOORS FOR RETROFIT PROJECTS

Retrofit projects have become more popular



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recently. There are two extremely critical factors when entering into such a project. The first is to make sure that the existing building is structurally safe and has the integrity to withstand the retrofit door system as well as any additional upgrades and modifications. In many cases, additional or stronger structural members are necessary to accommodate the new door system. Electrical upgrades may be required as well. The second critical issue would be precise field measurements to ensure a proper fit.

ANTICIPATED CODE CHANGES AFTER LAST YEAR'S HURRICANES

There definitely will be building code changes in the state of Florida in the wake of last year's intense hurricane season. We were informed that these code changes would take effect in July 2005. Normally, in the state of Florida, a wind load certification by a professional engineer was the only requirement for a custom-made steel hangar door as made by our company, Well Bilt Industries. It now appears that besides the standard wind load certification, there will be specific engineering required for such door systems in many, if not all, of the Florida counties.

To be prepared, Well Bilt Industries has already started the process to have the critical components of both our bi-fold and rolling door systems certified by a Florida professional engineer. We also plan to submit as many of these component certifications to the appropriate state agencies for product approval. Well

Bilt Industries has already achieved UL-Listed status for our operators and our one- and two-motor bi-fold door systems, so we are very familiar and prepared to comply with whatever will be required to meet any and all of the future building code changes.

Being a Florida-based company has always made Well Bilt Industries very conscience of the possible extreme weather and wind conditions our door systems would have to withstand. In our opinion, if you can design and manufacture a door system which will meet or exceed the Florida building code requirements, you will undoubtedly provide a door system which will exceed the building codes nationwide.

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