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BHMA AT 100 AND LAWRENCE HARDWARE'S COMMITMENT TO CERTIFIED PERFORMANCE



**LH8700 SERIES GRADE 1
MORTISE LOCK**

In 2025, the Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) celebrated its 100th anniversary, marking a century of leadership in developing standards that have shaped the safety, security, and performance of architectural door hardware across North America. Founded in 1925, BHMA has become the industry's most respected authority for builders' hardware standards and certification programs. Today, BHMA is the only organization accredited by ANSI (American National Standards Institute) to develop and maintain performance standards for products such as locks, hinges, door closers and exit devices.

For 100 years, BHMA has played a vital role in ensuring that hardware products installed in schools, hospitals, airports, offices, and public buildings perform reliably under real-world conditions. Through its ANSI/BHMA standards and independent certification programs, the association has established benchmarks for durability, strength, operational efficiency, security, and life safety. These standards are widely referenced by architects, hardware consultants, building owners, and code authorities throughout the construction industry.

One of BHMA's greatest contributions is its certification program (Products listed under BHMA's Certified Products Directory portal). Products carrying BHMA certification have been independently tested and verified to meet stringent ANSI/BHMA performance requirements. This third-party validation provides confidence that certified products will deliver consistent performance throughout their service life. For both specifiers and end users, the BHMA mark represents quality and reliability.

Lawrence Hardware is among the manufacturers who embrace the standards set by ANSI / BHMA. Operating as part of ASSA ABLOY, Lawrence Hardware has built a reputation for supplying quality architectural hardware solutions to commercial, institutional, healthcare, hospitality, and multi-residential markets. Its product portfolio embraces hinges, door closers, locksets, exit devices, mortise locks, electrified hardware and accessories.



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Lawrence Hardware emphasizes product compliance with recognized industry standards and independent third-party testing. A range of products offered by Lawrence Hardware are tested and certified to meet ANSI/BHMA performance requirements, helping architects, specifiers, and building owners make informed hardware selections with confidence. A notable example is Lawrence Hardware's LH8700 Series Mortise Lockset, which is certified to ANSI/BHMA A156.13 Grade 1 standard and tested for 1,000,000 operating cycles. The series is designed for demanding environments such as long term care facilities, educational institutions, commercial office buildings and particularly Multi-Family Housing applications with Deadbolt Security and Simultaneous retraction.

Sharing below a summary of some key Lawrence Hardware products & their BHMA standing:

BHMA Std.	Description
A156.1	Butts and Hinges
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A156.2	Bored and Preassembled Locks & Latches
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A156.3	Exit & Panic Rated Devices
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A156.4	Door Controls—Closers
A156.13	Mortise Locks and Latches
A156.19	Power Assist and Low Energy Doors

As BHMA enters its second century, its standards continue to guide innovation and excellence in builders' hardware.

Manufacturers such as Lawrence Hardware contribute to this legacy by offering products that meet and exceed rigorous requirements and support safer, more secure, and more reliable buildings. The combination of BHMA's century-long leadership and Lawrence Hardware's commitment to certified performance provides a strong foundation for the future of architectural hardware.

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