



# Aligning Safety, Security and Aesthetics in Architectural Openings

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Welcome



## Course Description

Architectural openings are more about Life Safety than egress and fire rating only. The automatic and manual revolving, sliding or swing door can be hazardous for users unless properly designed as per relative standards and codes. More so when we deal with frameless glass assemblies and the user group includes disabled, elderly people and children. Also, adding security hardware may cause safety issues for doors.

While taking care of all these issues, the same doors are one of the main aesthetic elements in architectural and interior design and a balance is always needed to align all these aspects.

The presentation will focus on these points and will provide some case studies, how such challenges were resolved.



## Presenter

Altaf Afridi,

Regional Marketing Director (MENA) and head of the Project Management Team,  
Based in United Arab Emirates, a Civil Engineer having 15 years of extensive experience in Architectural hardware and openings industry of his total 20 years of experience. Specialist of fire rated doors, first certified FDAI (Fire Door Assembly Inspector) outside US, certified Project Management Professional (PMP), LEED AP and Life Safety code (NFPA 101) specialist.

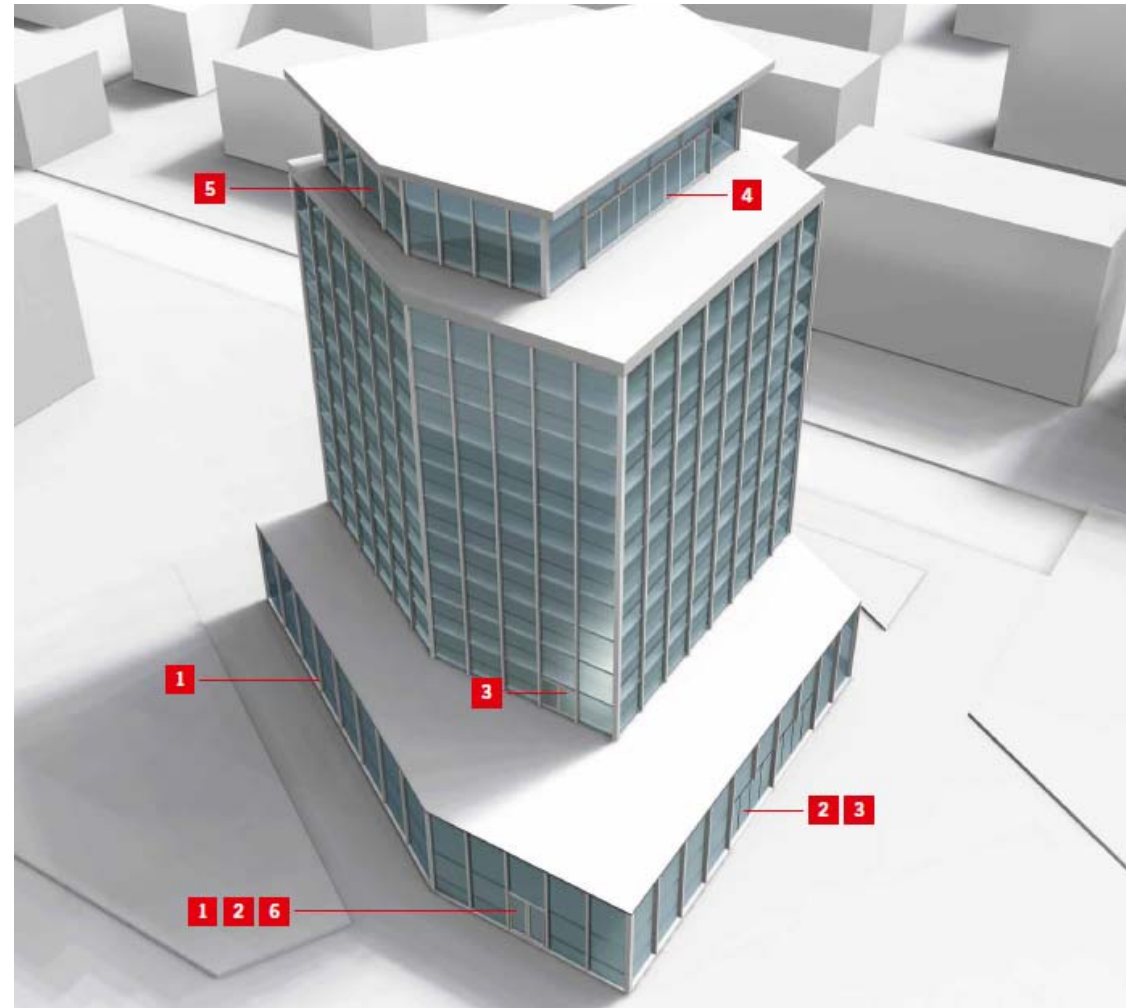
While working with architects Mr. Afridi has learnt NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, NFPA 80 Standard for fire doors from them while providing related solutions and thus gained a good data base of lessons learnt. He has been doing presentations on Life Safety code at architect offices in UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon and Qatar. He has been assisting architects providing solutions at the design stage for doors, doors hardware, movable walls, glass fittings and access control products.



## Learning Objectives

- 1. Safety Risks related to different types of Architectural openings.*
- 2. Solutions in conformance to related Standards and Codes.*
- 3. Case Studies: Solution with Safety, Security and Aesthetics.*

- The purpose of this presentation is to convey technical knowledge to the conference participants.
- The presentation also contains slides with text that summarises the content of the presentation and the main learning objectives.
- These may be used to update CPD records for relevant organisations including the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB).





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Architectural openings and  
Codes & Standards - **the missing link.**



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Access Control & Egress Planning



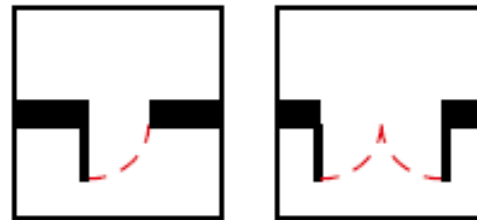
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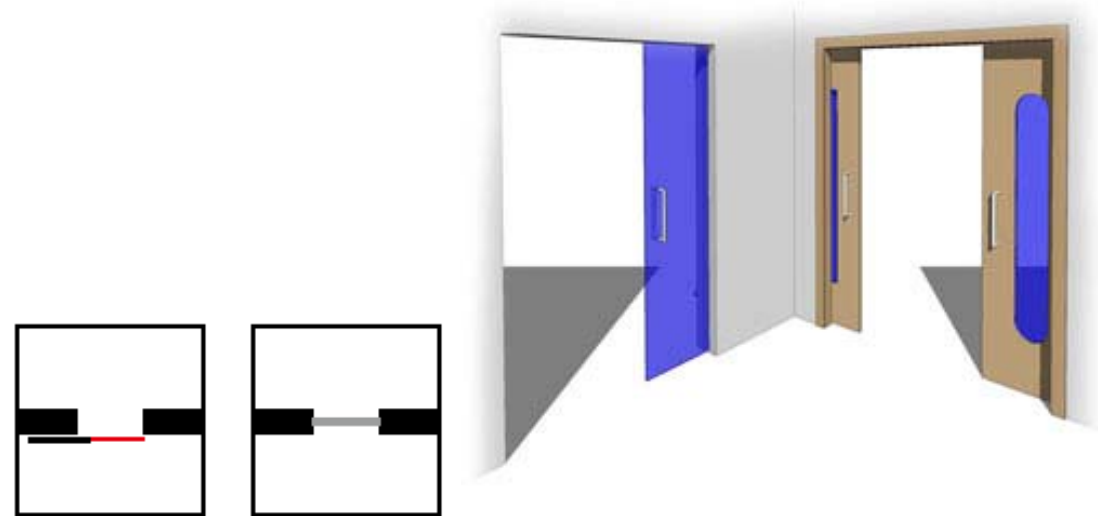
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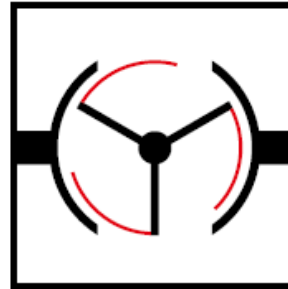


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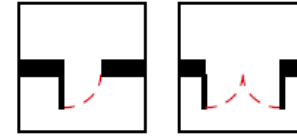


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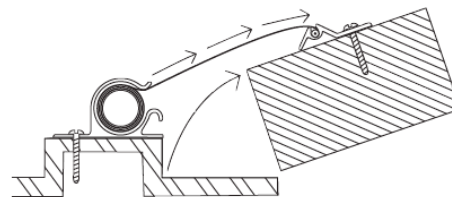
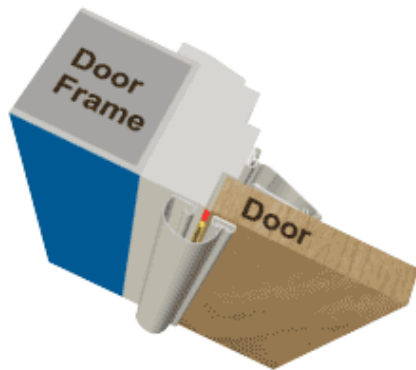
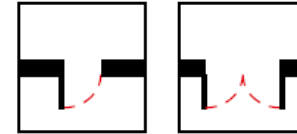


A closing door can exert up to **40 tons per square inch** of pressure between the hinges.



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- Finger Pinching



### Safety Concerns of **SWING DOORS**

- Door Hardware:

Members in Society with Disabilities and old age people

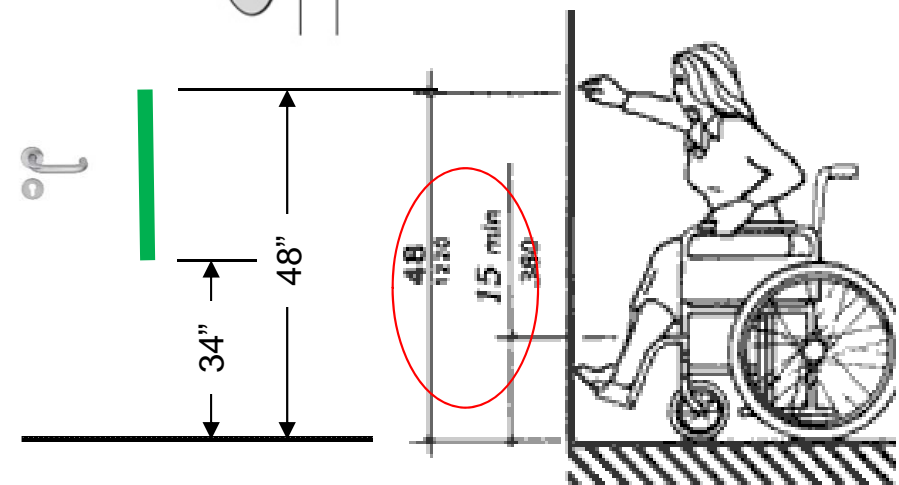
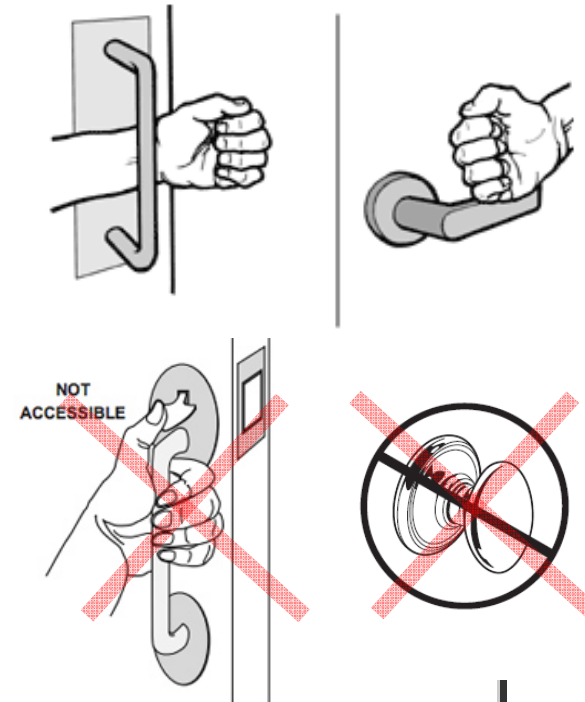
- Shape

- No tight:

- **X Grasping,**
- **X Pinching,** or
- **X Twisting of the wrist.**

- Located **34"** to **48"** ((865mm to 1220mm)

- 5 seconds minimum closing time form 90 to 12 degree



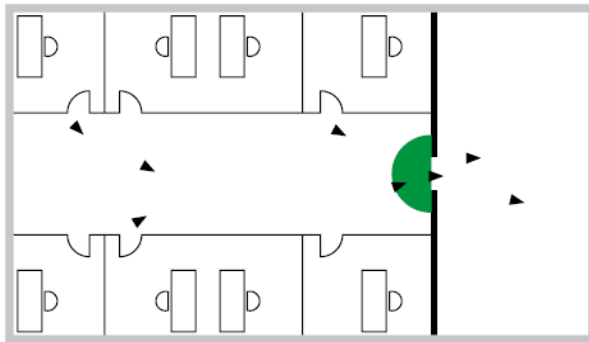
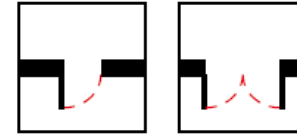
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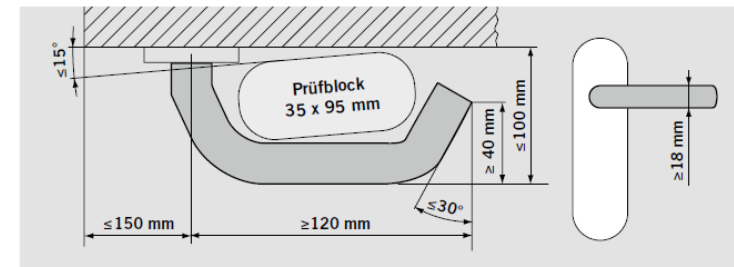
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- Door Furniture



EN 179 – Emergency exit devices operated by a lever handle

Relevant dimensions to EN 179:2008



The gauge block, angle  $\leq 15^\circ$  with respect to the door surface, must pass between the lever handle and the door.

The certified lever handles are marked with an **E**.

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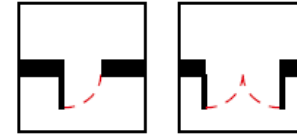
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■ Stainless steel

■ Aluminium

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OGRO 8116



OGRO 8130



OGRO 8140



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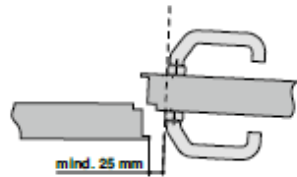
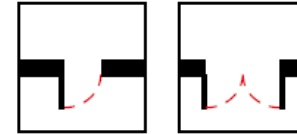
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**Please note:** A minimum clearance of 25 mm must be maintained between the lever handle and the frame stop.

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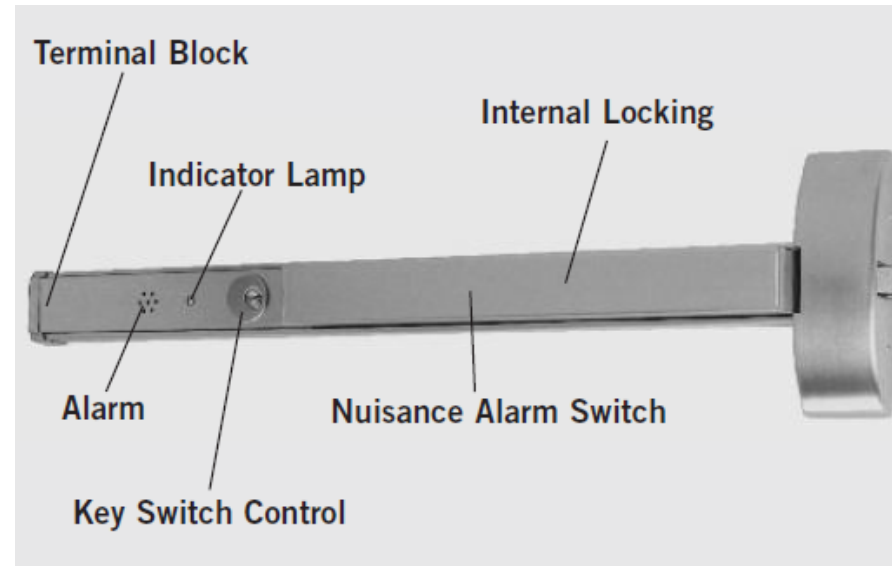
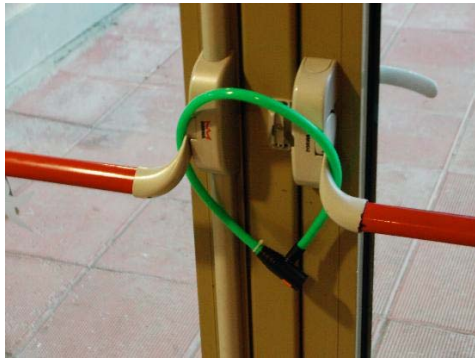
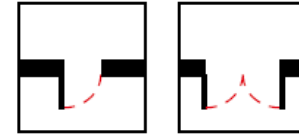




### Safety Concerns of **SWING DOORS**

- Locking Fire Escape door

Safety codes requires Means of Egress to Unobstructed.



DORMA DE9000  
Delayed Egress  
Panic Bar

**PUSH UNTIL ALARM  
SOUNDS. DOOR CAN BE  
OPENED IN 15 SECONDS**



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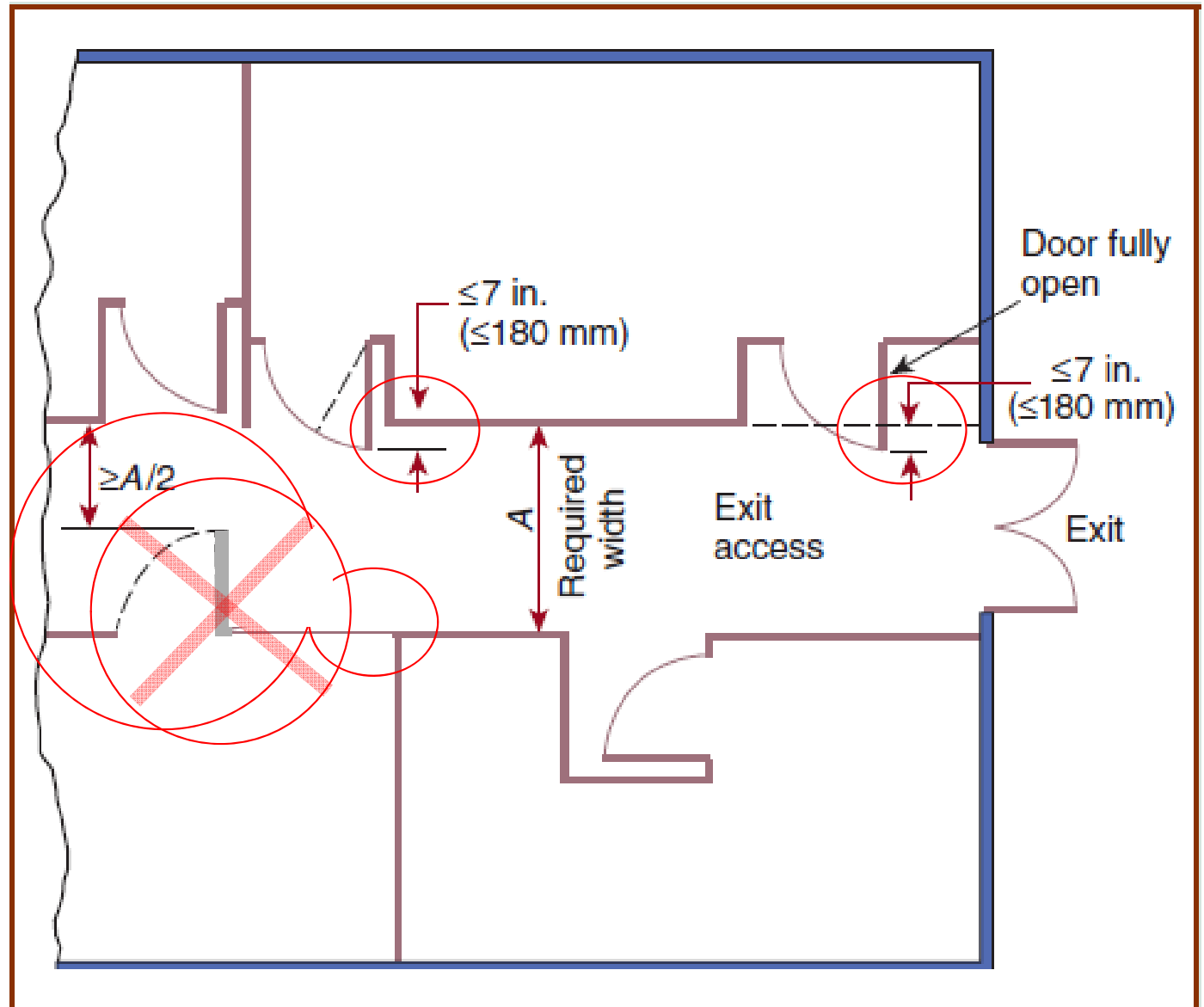


NFPA 101: Life Safety Code



## Safety Concerns of SWING DOORS

- Door Leaf Encroachment



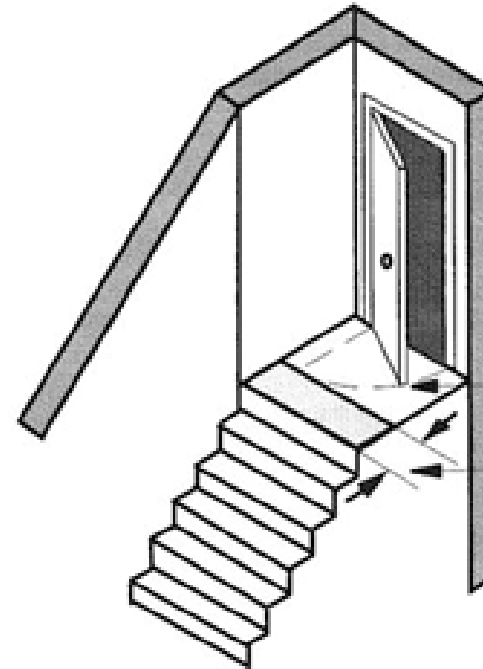
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NFPA 101 Life  
Safety Code

### Safety Concerns of **SWING** and **SLIDING DOORS**

- Floor Level.
  - The elevation difference of the floor surfaces not to more than 1/2". (13mm) on both sides of the door openings for a door leaf width.
  - Thresholds at door openings shall not exceed 1/2". (13mm) in height. (NFPA & ADA)
  - Raised thresholds and floor level changes in excess of 1/4 in. (6.3 mm) at door openings shall be beveled with a slope 1 in 2. (NFPA & ADA)



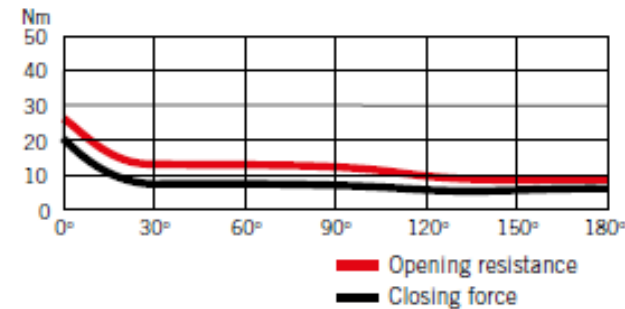
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### Safety Concerns of **SWING** and **SLIDING DOORS**

- Door Leaf Operating Forces.



### NFPA 101 Life Safety Code:

The forces required to fully open door leaf manually in a means of egress shall Maximum:

1. **30 lbf (133 N)** to set the leaf in motion, and
2. **15 lbf (67 N)** to open the leaf to the minimum required width.

### ADA - ANSI/ICC A117.1 Accessible and Usable Buildings and

The force for pushing or pulling open a door or gate other than fire doors shall be **5 lbf (22.2 N)** Maximum

### NFPA 80 Standard for Fire openings

To ensure door is in closed position during fire, requires Minimum Door Closer of **Size-3**.

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#### Door Closer Technology

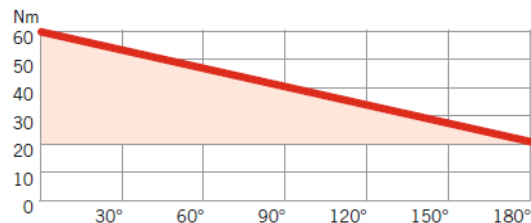


#### Rack and Pinion Type

Standard slide channel door closer  
Without EASY OPEN: asymmetric gearing



Linear decrease in opening resistance

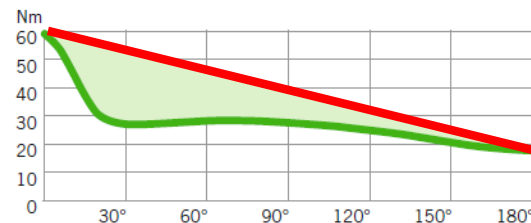


#### CAM Action Technology

DORMA slide channel door closer  
with EASY OPEN technology featuring the heart-shaped cam



Rapidly decreasing opening resistance

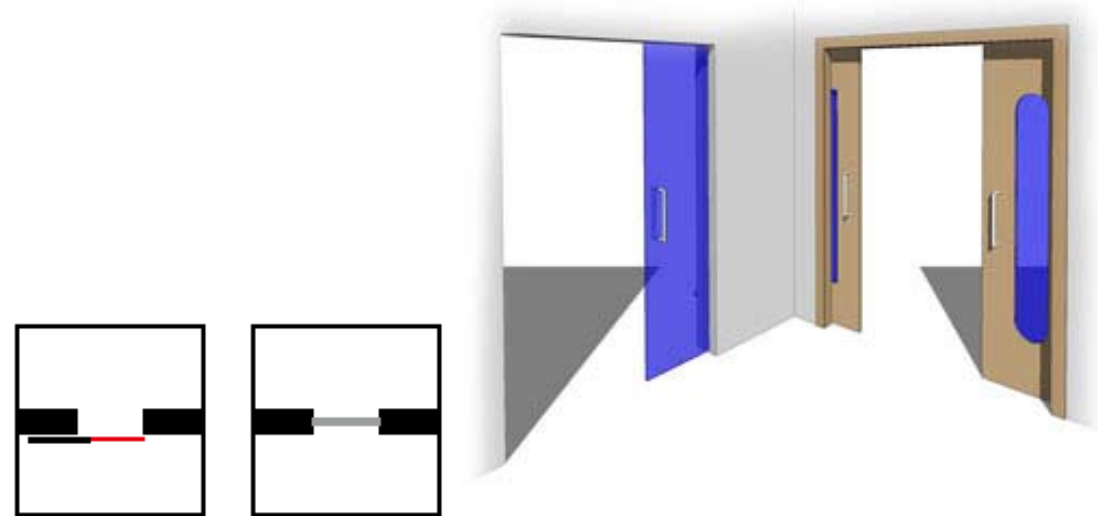


Reduction in opening effort thanks to EASY OPEN cam-action technology



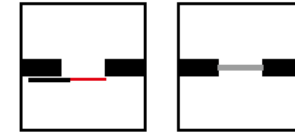


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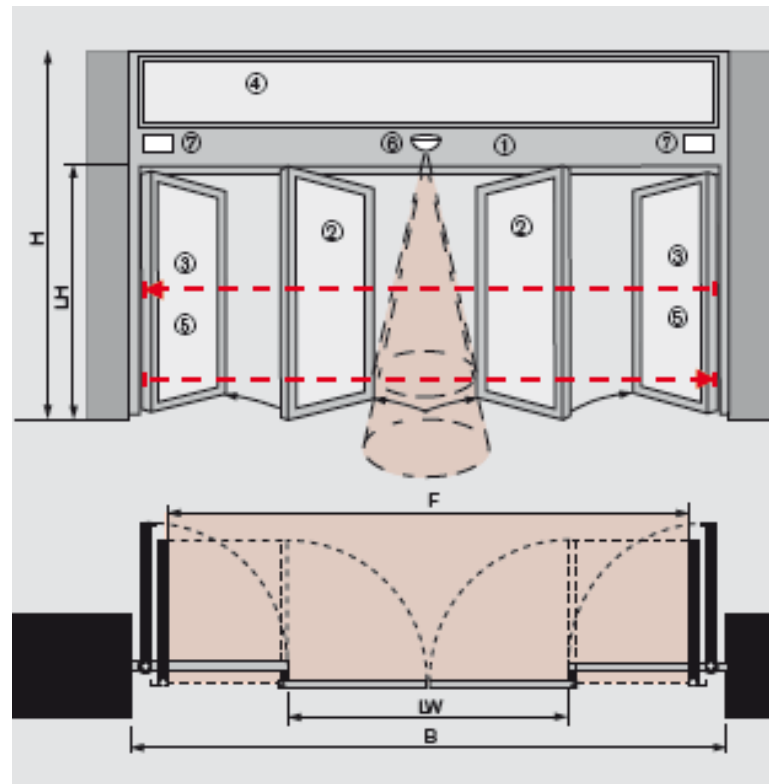


## Safety Concerns of **SLIDING DOORS**



- Power operated Automatic Sliding door with **Break out feature.**

- **NFPA 101** The break out feature should require max force of 50 lbf (**222N**) force to swing open the door, a door need to have a sign 'IN EMERGENCY, PUSH TO OPEN'.
- **DIN 18650, BS 7036 and EN16005** German, BS and EN standards for Automatic Sliding doors, require breakout force of **220N**.
- **AS 5007**, Australian standard for Automatic doors requirement is **110N** (half of others)

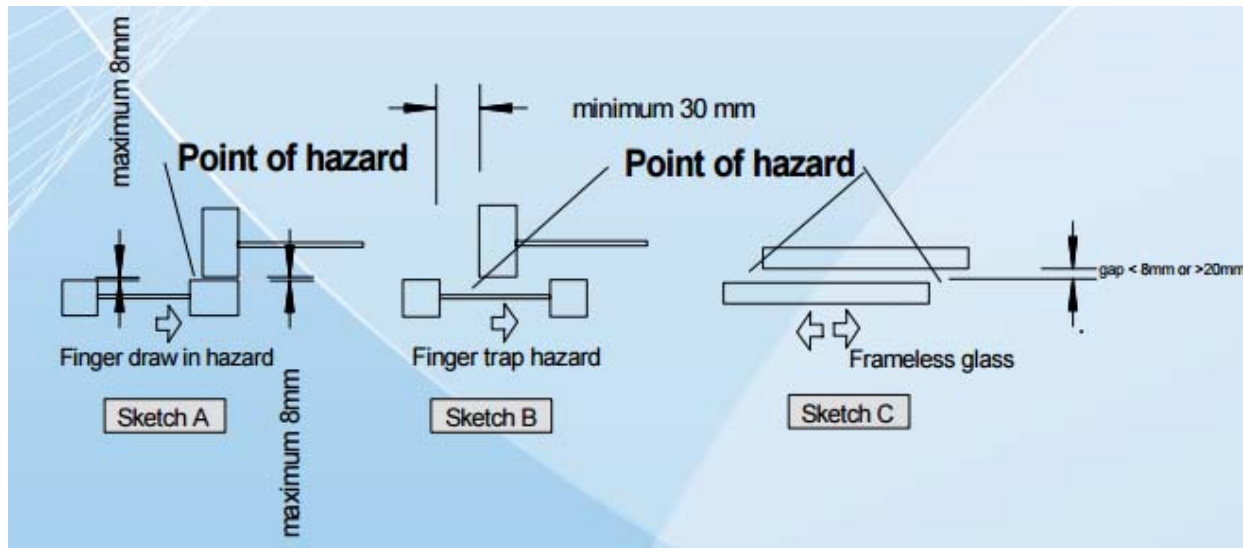
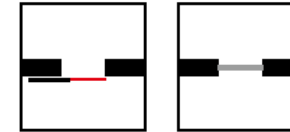


1. Self-supporting transom including operator with integrated control unit
2. Break-out door leaves with toughened or laminated safety glass
3. Break-out side screens
4. Fanlight or cover
5. Safety light barriers
6. Activator, e.g. radar motion detector or Sensors
7. Secondary closing edge protection according to the DIN 18650

LW= Clear opening width  
 F = Escape route width  
 B = System width  
 LH= Clear passage height  
 H = System height

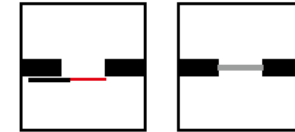
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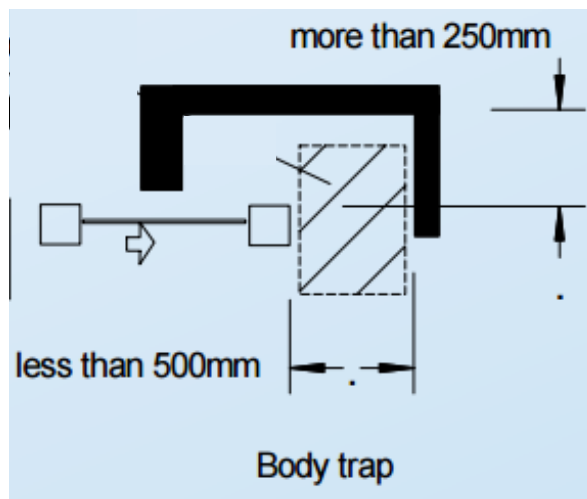
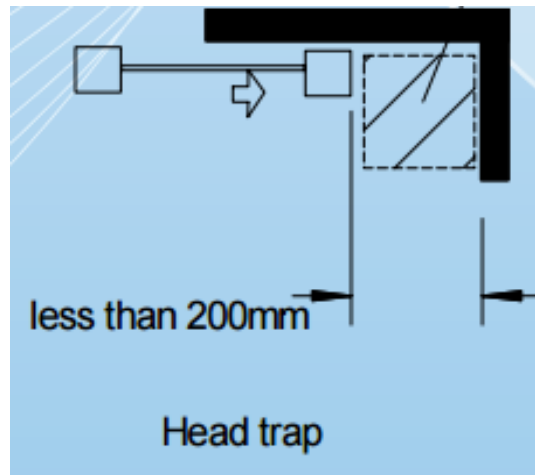




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### Head & Body Entrapment Hazards



## Automatic Doors:

- Standards:

### European

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### Australian

- **AS 5007**, Australian standard for Automatic doors

### North American

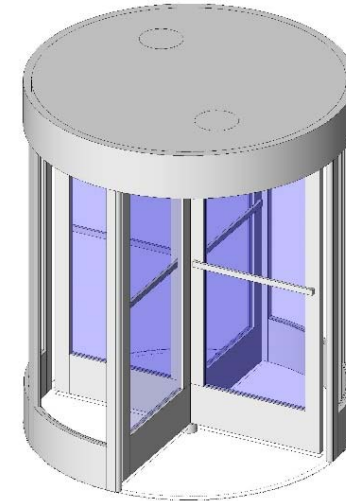
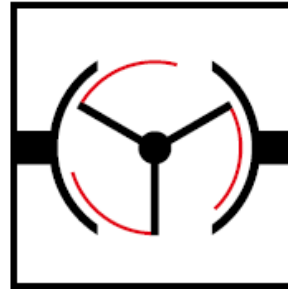
- **ANSI/BHMA A156.10**, Power Operated Pedestrian Doors
- **ANSI/BHMA A156.19**, American National Standard for Power Assist and **Low Energy Power Operated Doors**,



The American Association of Automatic Door Manufacturers (**AAADM**) is a trade association of power-operated automatic door manufacturers. It raise public awareness about automatic doors and administer a program to certify automatic door inspectors.



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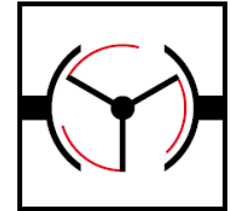
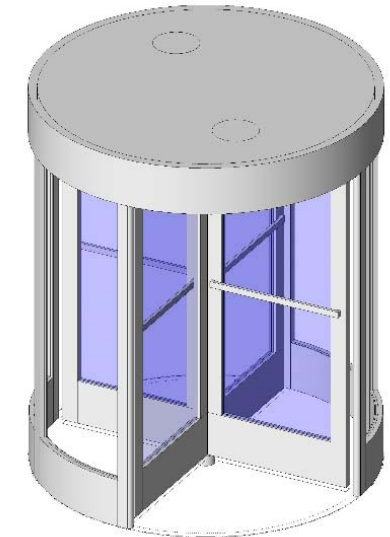
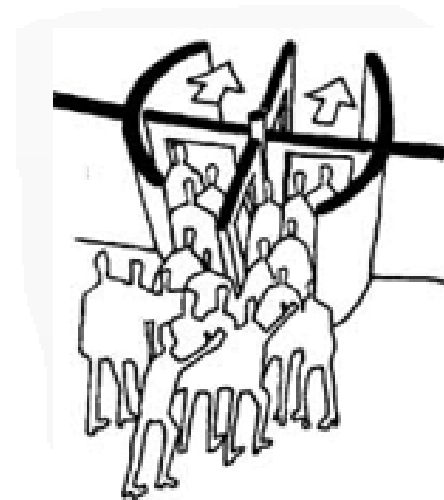
#### Cocoanut Grove fire



The front of the Cocoanut Grove nightclub after the fire

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<b>Date</b>	November 28, 1942
<b>Location</b>	Bay Village, Boston, Massachusetts, United States
<b>Cause</b>	Ignition of synthetic palm tree decorations
<b>Deaths</b>	492

The Cocoanut Grove club was the scene of the deadliest fire in US history, **killing 492 people**



The building's main entrance was a Revolving door. Bodies piled up behind both sides of the revolving door, jamming it to the extent that firefighters had to dismantle it to enter.

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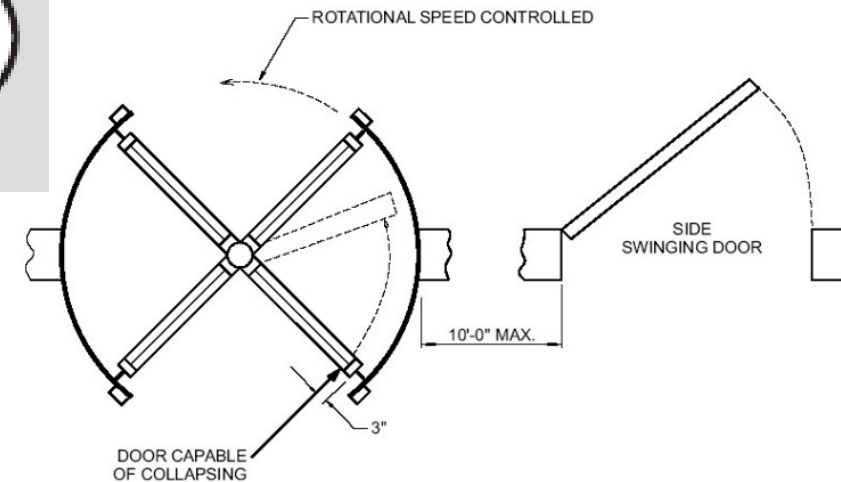
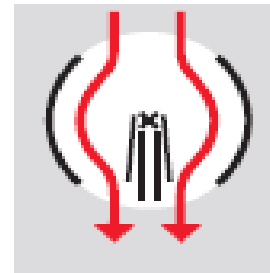
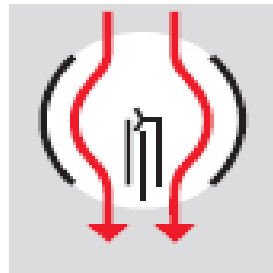
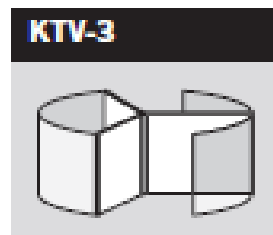
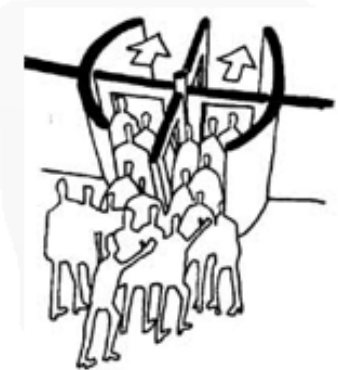
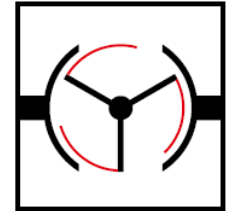
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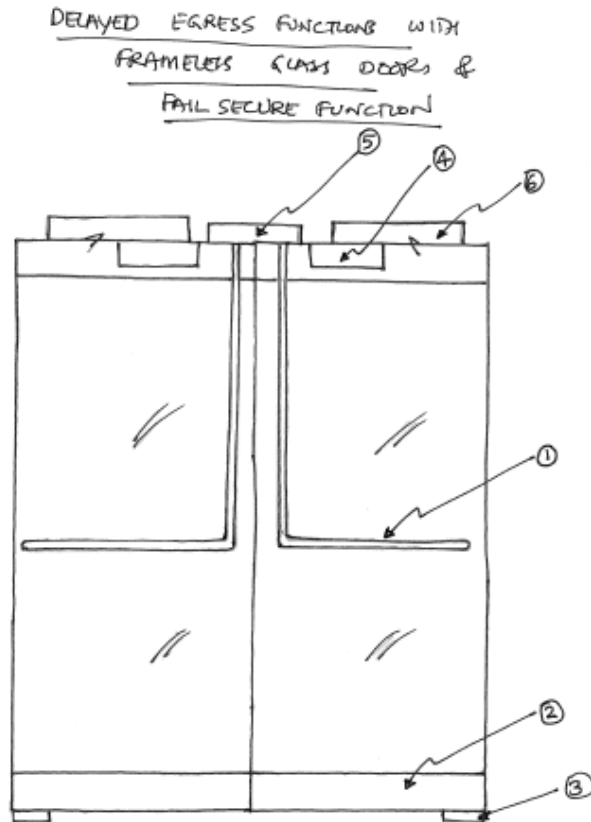


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Revolving doors shall be capable of being collapsed into a book-fold position when a force not exceeding 130 lbf (580 N) is applied to the wings



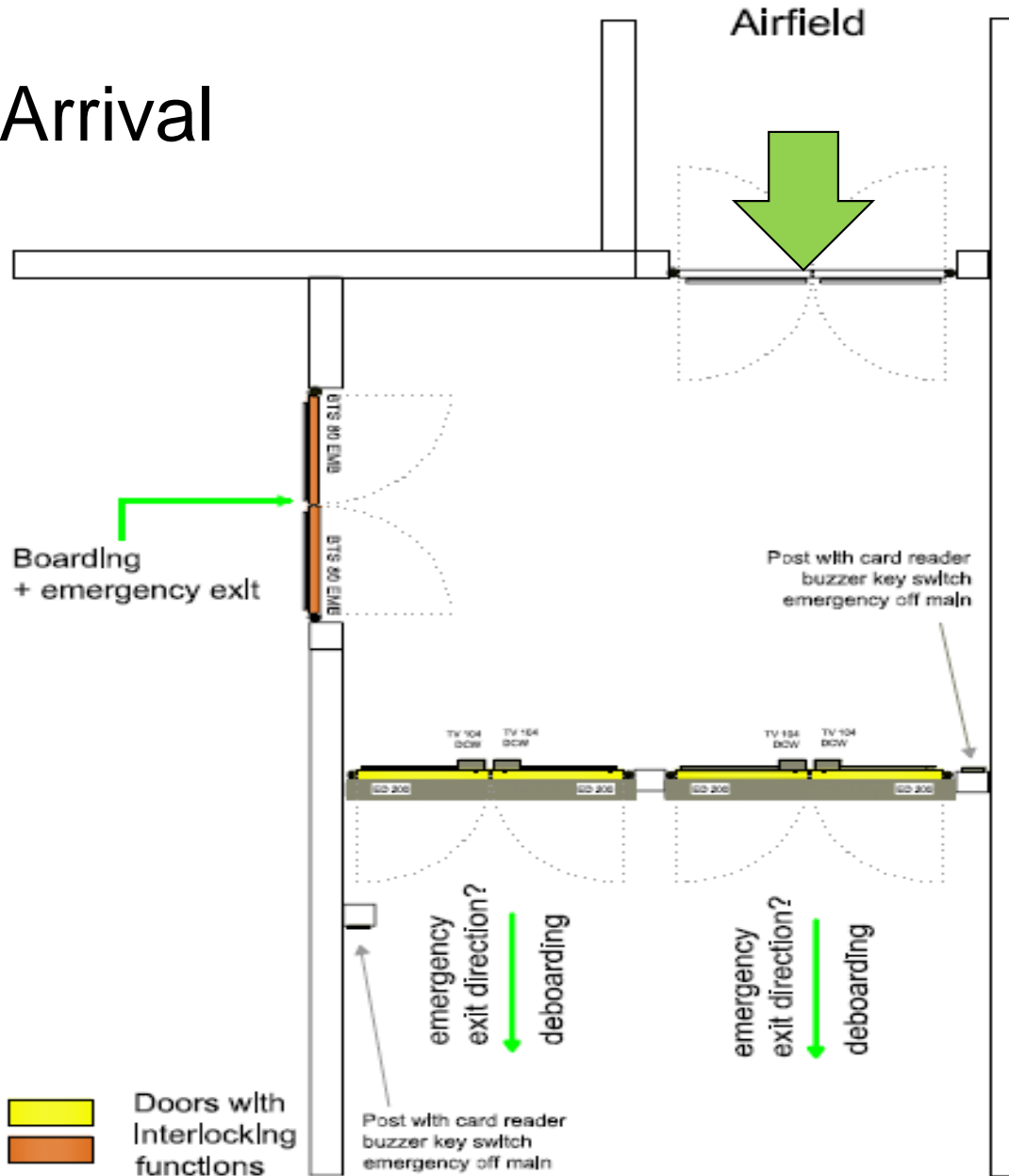


- ① - DG1000 SERIES EXIT DEVICE FOR FRAMELESS DOORS
- ② - TOP & BOTTOM RAILS 100MM, STAINLESS STEEL
- ③ - FLOOR PIVOTS
- ④ - EMDE-1000 DELAYED EGRESS MAG. LOCKS (PUSH SIDE)
- ⑤ - FOLGER ADAMS ELECTRIC STRIKE (BOTH FAIL SAFE & FAIL SECURE AVAILABLE) - (PULL SIDE)
- ⑥ - ED200 SWING DOOR OPERATOR. (PUSH SIDE OR PULL SIDE AVAILABLE)



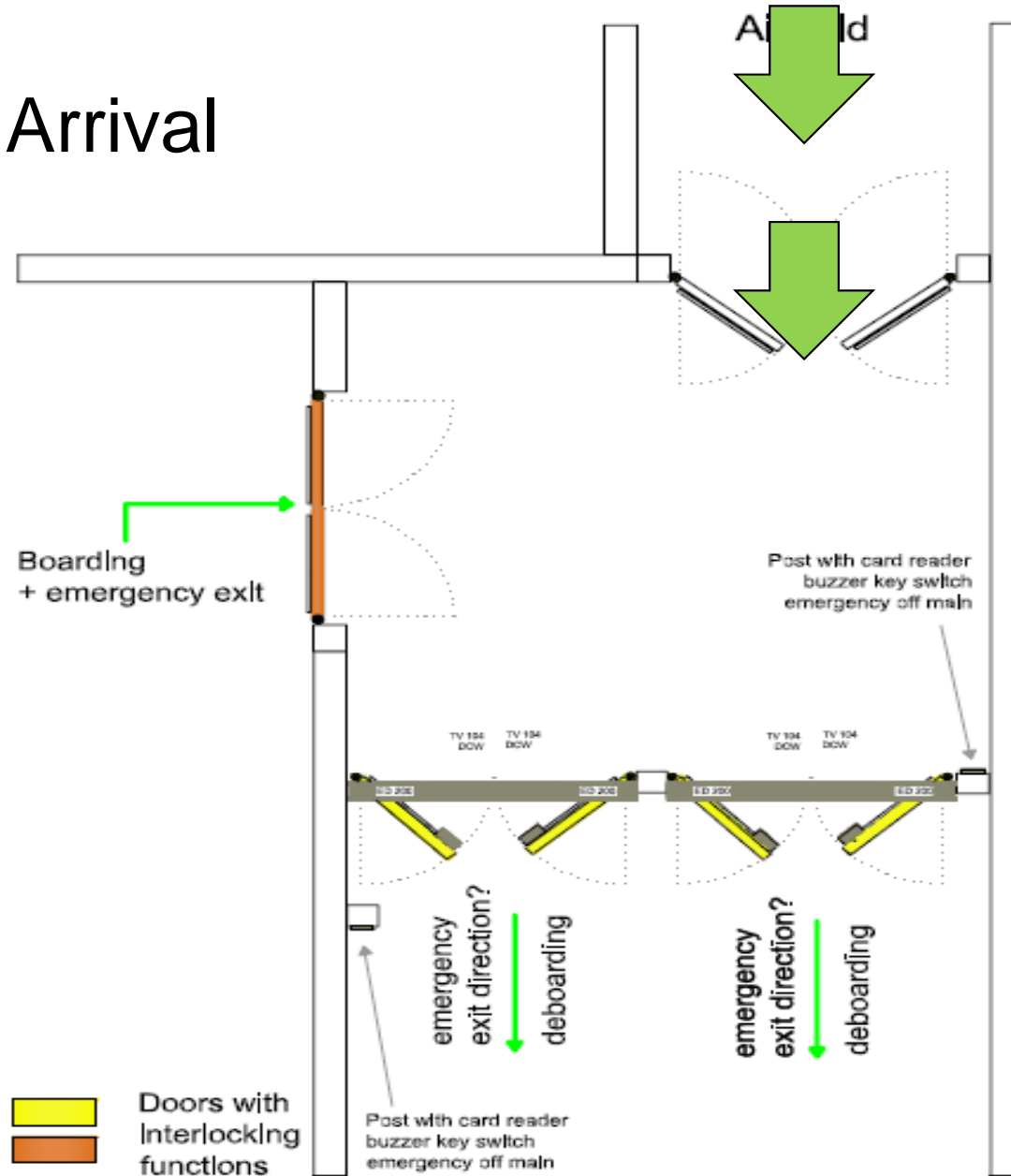


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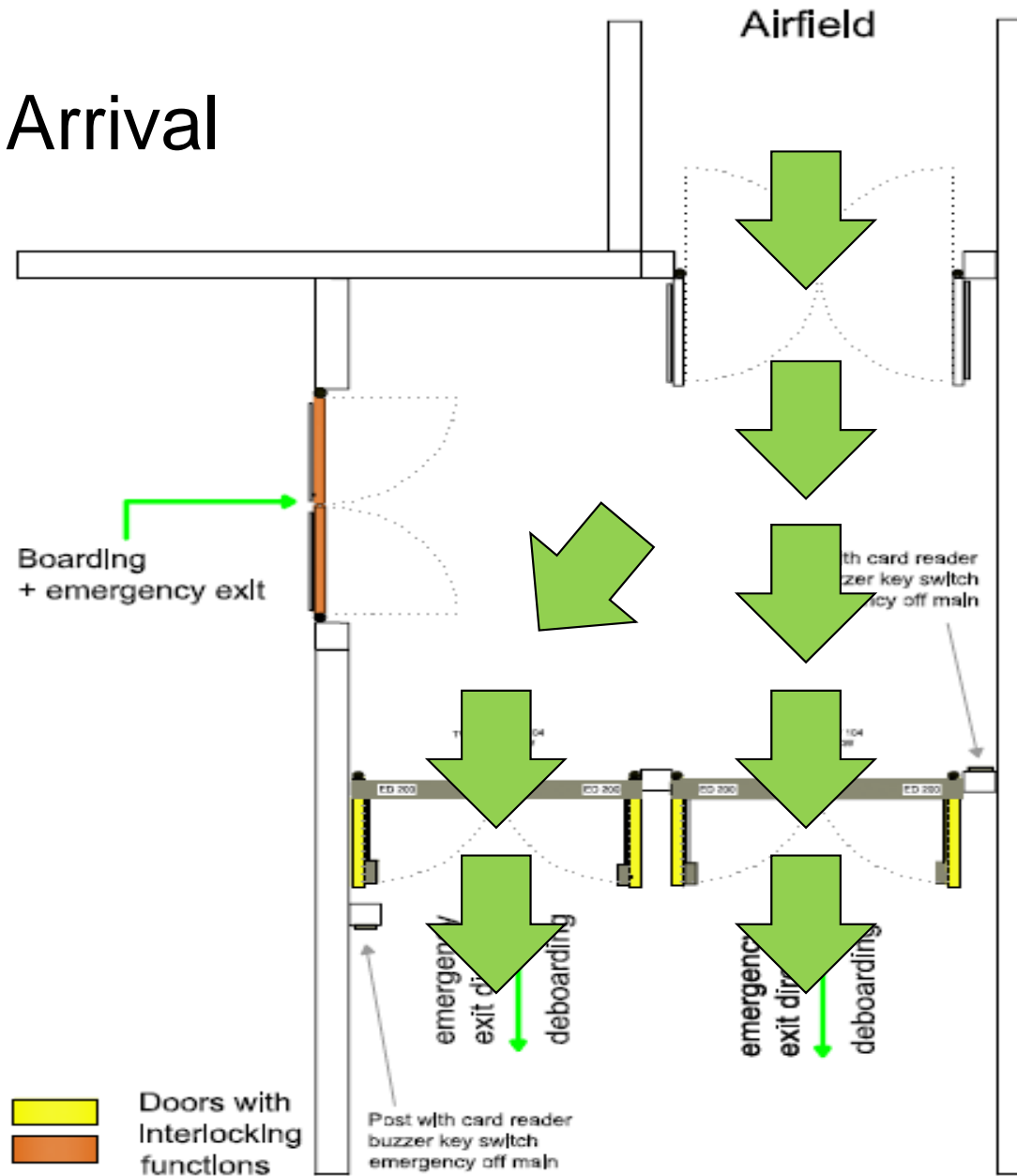
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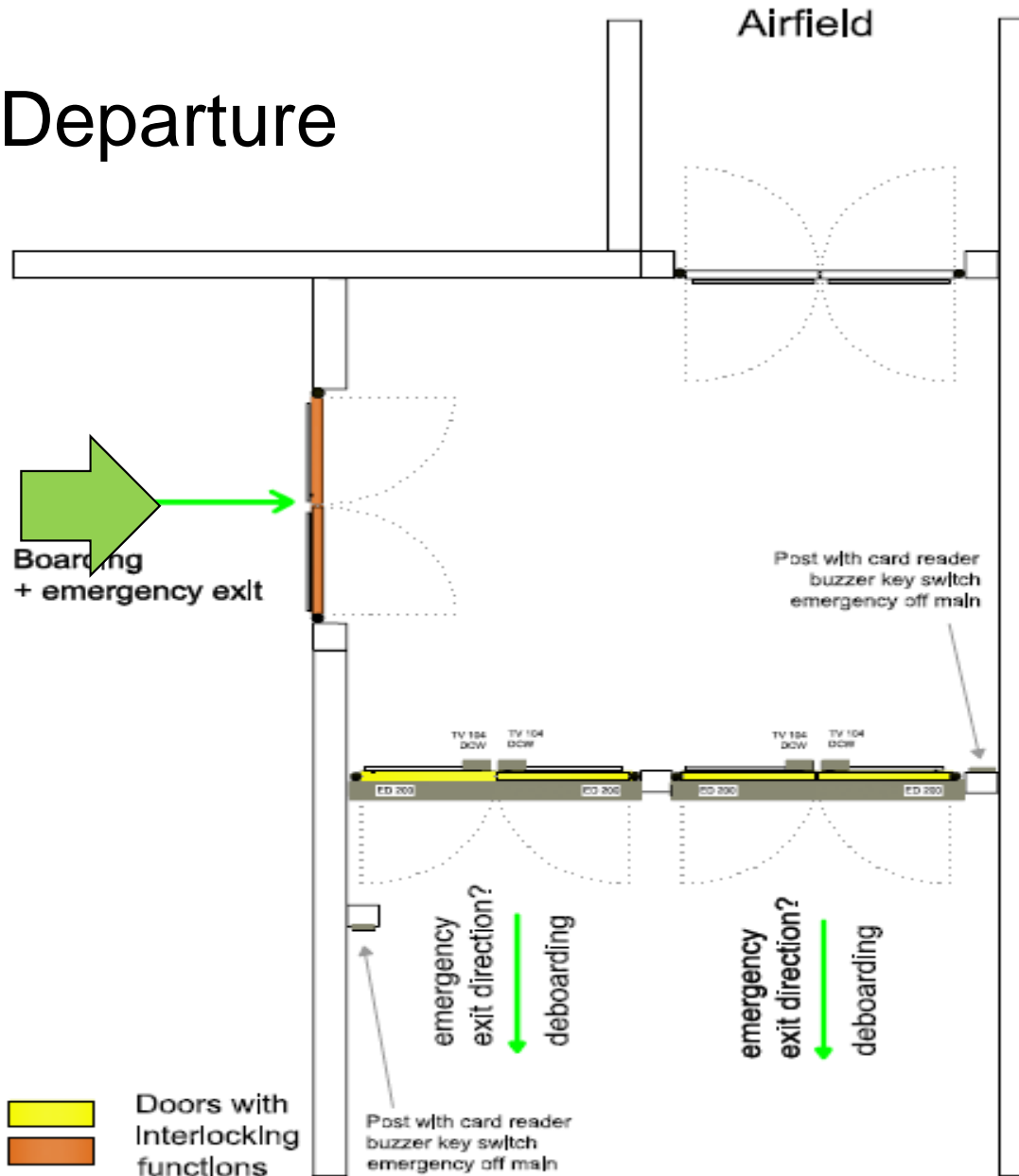


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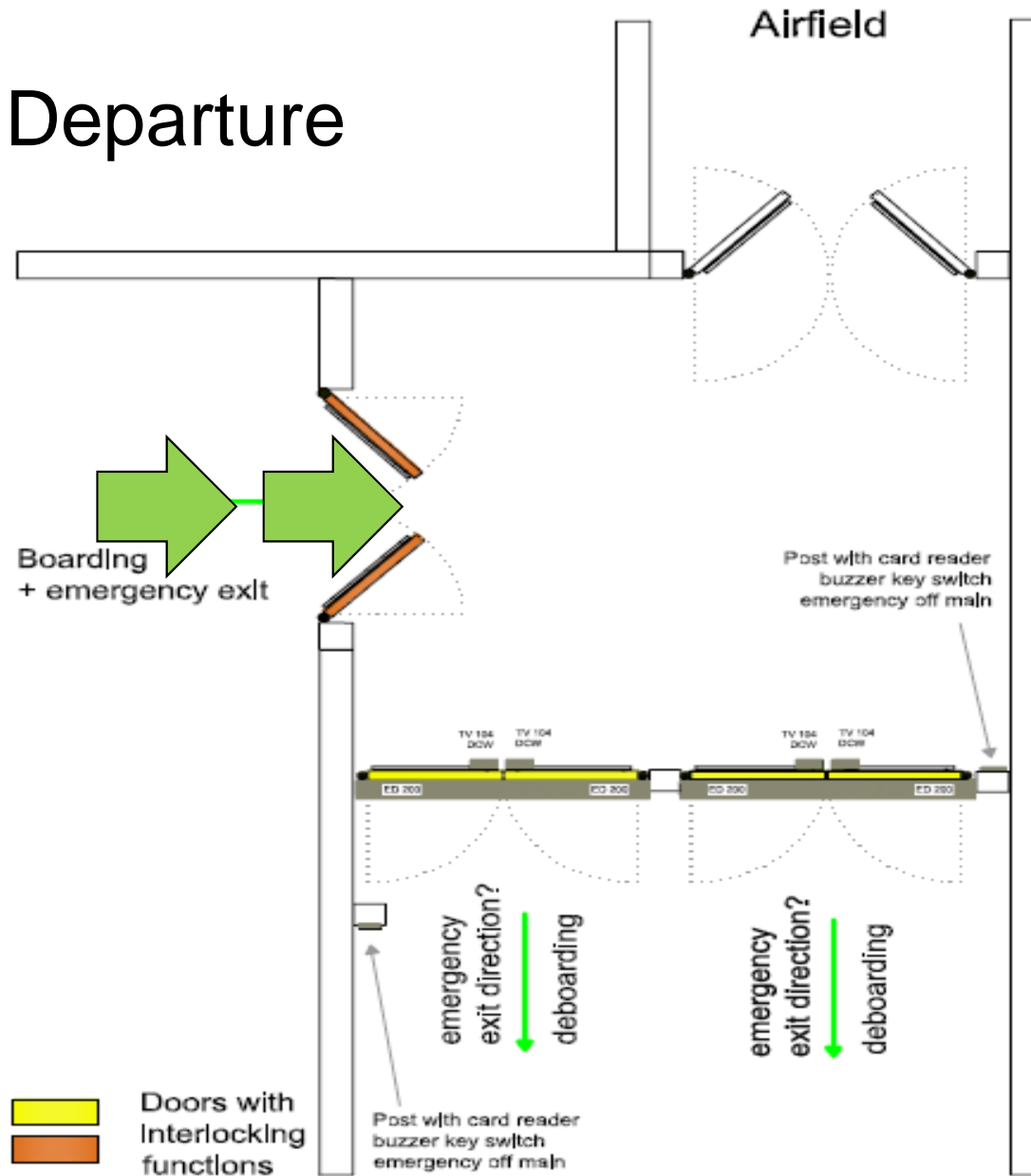


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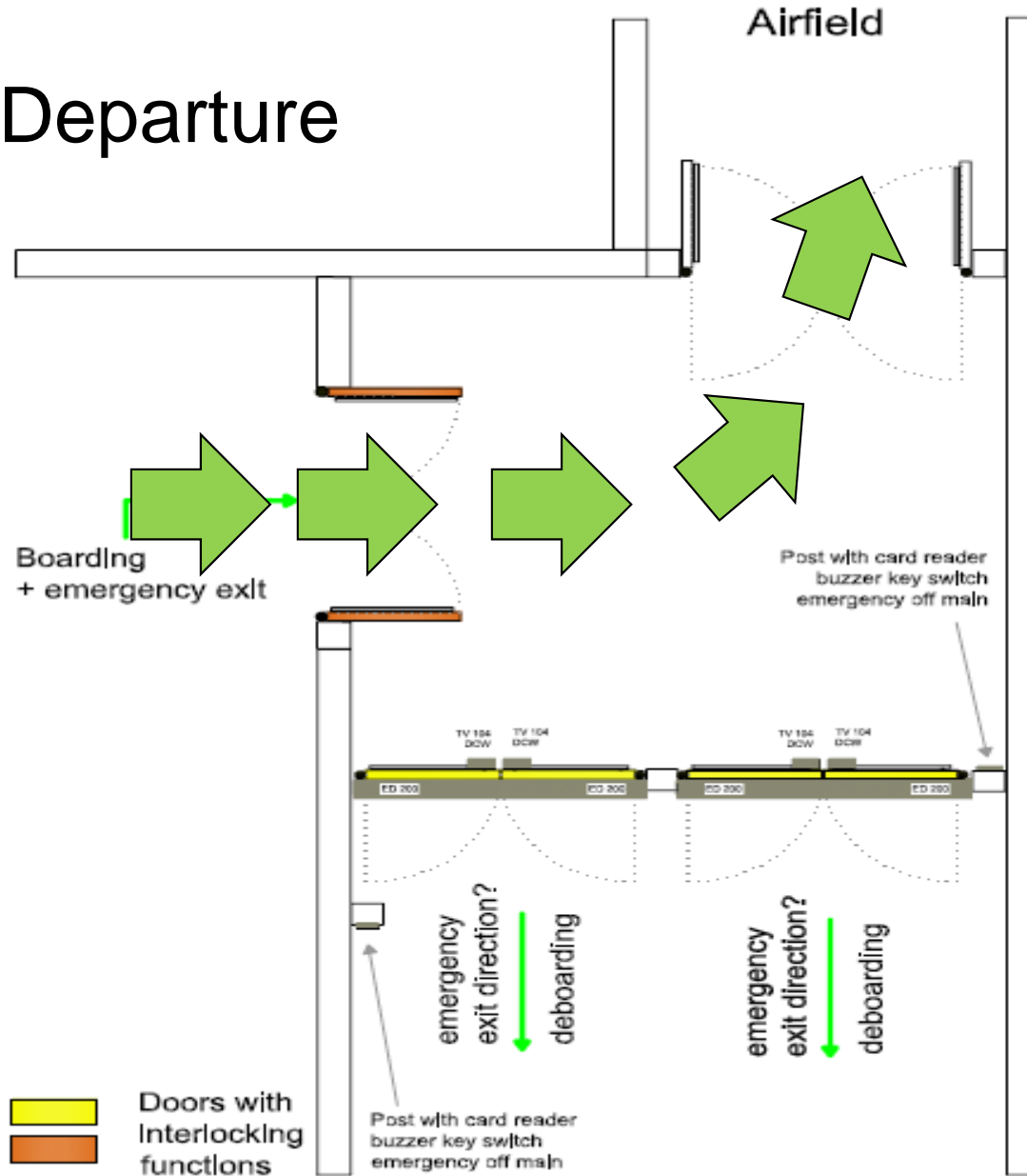


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## Gold souk at Mall of Dubai

- 750 kg Heavy, Automatic Sliding door
- Dead-man switch





### Armani Entrance Swing Door Operators:



### INFRARED-SENSOR

Safety



Reversing



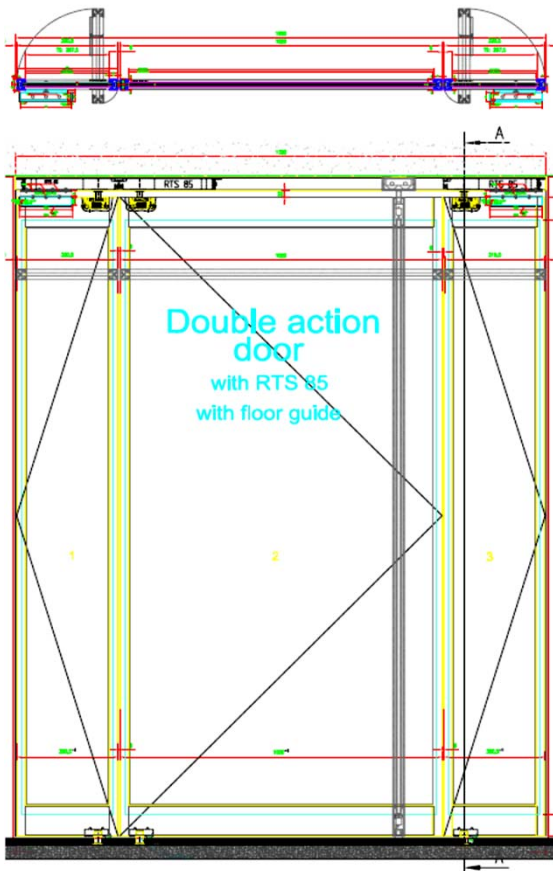
Stop





## Smoke Evacuation Corridor Glass Doors :

At every floor, the corridor doors had to be escape doors from the 3 wings of the building to the central lobby, which cannot be locked at any point of time. Additionally, they had to also OPEN to 90 degrees automatically to allow smoke evacuation.

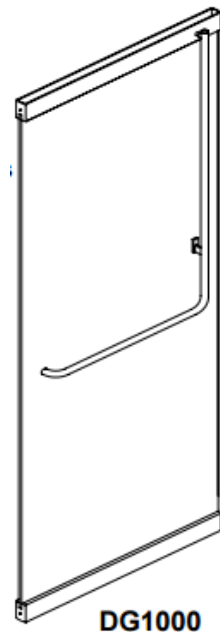


### Frameless Glass Exit doors :

Many areas of the lobbies and Armani Prive, demanded elegant frameless glass doors , with no bulky hardware, yet to satisfy codes for escape routes.

We used DORMA DG 1000 series exit devices, with aesthetic stainless steel tubular designs, and floor concealed BTS 80 floor closers, with top and bottom stainless steel rails.

Where access control was needed to allow authorized users in, concealed electric strikes in the header, in tandem with the top latches of the DG 1000 series exit devices, completed the solution.









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