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## **ANSI approves latest BIFMA Vertical File Standard**

Grand Rapids, MI - The Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) International announces approval and release of the latest edition of the voluntary safety and performance standard for Vertical Files, ANSI/BIFMA X5.3-2007 which supercedes and replaces the 1997 edition. The new standard has been updated to include some new tests, as well as test revisions, and harmonizes applicable procedures with BIFMA's Storage Units Test Standard, ANSI/BIFMA X5.9-2004

The order of tests procedures within the standard has been reordered to be more user-friendly and a "Drop Test" has been added which simulates rough handling of the product. The test for locks and locking mechanisms has also been expanded to two separate tests.

A copy of X5.3 – 2007 (the new edition) will be provided complimentary to all BIFMA members and those individuals who participated in the ANSI Canvass of X5.3-2007. Additional copies are available from BIFMA. Contact Dick Driscoll at BIFMA International for further information: email: [rdriscol@bifma.org](mailto:rdriscol@bifma.org) or phone: 616-285-3963.

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