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## **HES, Introduces the Next Generation of Concealed Electric Strikes: the Fire-Rated 8300 Series**

**PHOENIX, AZ September 30, 2009**) - HES, Inc., an ASSA ABLOY Group company, announces the release of the 8300 Series, the first fire-rated, concealed electric strike that requires no cutting of the frame. Best of all, this new solution is a fire-rated electric strike that falls within the guidelines for retrofit into fire-rated frames. The 8300 helps system integrators, installers and facility managers get the 'Power of 3; by saving money, saving time, and saving lives.

Based on the popular 5900 Series, the 8300 delivers Grade 1 strength in a compact design that sits completely hidden within the door frame. In fact, the electric strike is shallow enough to fit right into a standard ANSI/BHMA A115.2 dustbox. The 8300 still includes the patented vertical adjustability of the 5900 series, allowing the installer to overcome misalignment, door sag and other 'real world' conditions. Like the 5900, the 8300 electric strike is engineered to work with all major cylindrical locks, and is also field selectable 12/24 VDC/VAC and fail safe/fail secure.

While a concealed electric strike is by no means new for HES, the 8300 represents the next generation, improving upon the versatility of the popular 5900 series by adding an all cast-stainless steel case to comply with UL fire-rating standards. As Josh Peabody, Director of R&D at HES Inc., notes, "With vertical adjustability, the 5900 series set the stage for true convenience, aesthetics and performance, delivering an installation time of only a few minutes. Now, the fire-

rated 8300 takes this popular series to the next level. HES is once again raising the standards for access control”.

**About HES, Inc.** A leading manufacturer of electric strikes and locking devices for the access control industry, HES develops products that solve customers’ needs. First to market with cutting edge solutions like the versatile 1006 series and the completely surface-mounted 9600 electric strike, HES has built a global reputation for innovation, strength, and service. An ASSA ABLOY Group company, HES currently markets HES, Folger Adam Electric Door Controls® and Vista® lines.

**About ASSA ABLOY.** ASSA ABLOY is the global leader in door opening solutions, dedicated to satisfying end-user demands for security, safety and convenience.

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