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Door Guard introduces a reusable system to protect escalators and moving walkways during construction

Pittsburgh PA - Door Guard Inc. will introduce the industry's first reusable protective cover for escalators and moving walkways at the International Council of Shopping Centers – Trade Exposition at the Las Vegas Convention Center May 21-23, 2006.

Briane Hartley, President of Door Guard Inc., said, "Our new reusable protective product is designed to eliminate dust, debris and collateral damage from escalators and moving walkways during the construction phase at shopping malls, airports and convention centers."

The "Escalator Guard" is fabricated with a unique 2"-thick foam copolymer laminated with a tough Acrylic/PVC veneer. Hartley said, "The idea was to provide the general contractor, developers, escalator manufacturer retailers and facility owner a convenient way to eliminate any damage from escalators and moving walkways during construction with a reusable product." The "Escalator Guard" is fabricated with modular panels designed to fit any size escalator and or moving walkway. This allows the cover to be installed, dismantled and shipped to a new worksite upon project completion.

According to Hartley, "Until now, the industry either cleaned out and repaired the newly installed escalators prior to turnover or built makeshift, labor-intensive protection discarded at project completion." We worked with 3M for nearly a year before deciding to use their new Dual-Lock fastening system to install the panels without tools." Hartley continued, "It was a natural extension of our patented reusable elevator cab and door protection system. We saw a need in the market we were serving and acquired the fabrication knowledge, materials and market expertise to meet the need." Door Guard sold its very first elevator cab and door protection system at the ICSC show in 2002.

The ICSC, founded in 1957, is the 17th largest tradeshow in North America providing a venue for general contractors and mall developers/owners to discuss upcoming construction projects. This year's conference is expecting nearly 50,000 attendees and 350 exhibitors.

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