

## ANSI/BIFMA X5.9 Association Ballot closed yesterday

### - Things you should know -

The new revision of **ANSI/BIFMA X5.9** is in the works at BIFMA. Indeed, the association ballot closed August 8<sup>th</sup>. Association ballot means BIFMA is consulting its members before they make the necessary adjustments so that they can submit it to the ANSI canvass process. Depending of the association ballot, it could take between a few months to a year before the final standard version gets released. Then the industry will have 9 to 18 months to upgrade its testing to the new standard.

The changes brought to the standard are not major; below you will find a test-by-test comparison. In summary, most of the tests did not change. Some got changed or added to harmonize the testing with BIFMA X-5.5 and X 5.6. Finally a few tests different either for their acceptance criteria or the test procedure.

Because the changes a relatively minor, we do not expect it will raise lots of negative votes and it should therefore allow BIFMA to proceed quickly with the ANSI canvas; however, this is only a guess and yours is as good as mine.

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