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## NEWS RELEASE

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**Subject:** Special-Lite Door Endures 25 Million Testing Cycles



On March 27, 2006 an ongoing cycle test of Special-Lite's SL-17 Fiberglass Reinforced Polyester (FRP) Flush Door reached 25 million open/close cycles. Conducted by Architectural Testing, Inc. in accordance with ANSI A250.4, Special-Lite's FRP Door far exceeded the Level A minimum of one million cycles for extra heavy-duty doors. The original door completed 25 million cycles without any noticeable wear or affect on performance, although the closer and exit device mechanisms had to be replaced three times.

While it took Architectural Testing 50 months to reach this plateau in a controlled setting, in real world use it would take much longer to complete 25 million cycles. For example: if one thousand high school students passed through the same entrance

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one at a time twice each school day, more than 62 years would pass before the doors were opened and closed 25 million times.

### **About Special-Lite, Inc.**

Based in Decatur, Michigan, Special-Lite manufactures complete entrance systems consisting of flush, monumental, colonial doors, panels and framing for new construction and replacement installations in educational, commercial, institutional, industrial and municipal applications. The company was founded in 1971 and pioneered the use of fiberglass reinforced polyester (FRP) material for door skins in the early 1980's, and today is the largest volume producer of FRP doors in the United States. Special-Lite's entrance products are the *first and only* to earn GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certification<sup>®</sup>, including the stringent new Children & Schools Standard<sup>™</sup>.

### **About Architectural Testing, Inc.**

Based in York, Pennsylvania, Architectural Testing, Inc. is a premier laboratory for testing, inspection and consulting services to many of the world's top manufacturers of windows, doors, curtain walls, roofing, stone and more. Architectural Testing has done key research and testing for AAMA, ASTM, ANSI, NAGDM, WDMA, ITCC, SGCC, IFAI and the Canadian WDMA. For more information, visit their website: [www.archtest.com](http://www.archtest.com).

For a free copy of Special-Lite's SL-17 FRP Flush Door brochure or detailed test results, contact Special-Lite, Inc., P.O. Box 6, Decatur, MI 49045. Or call 800-821-6531, fax 800-423-7610, email [info@special-lite.com](mailto:info@special-lite.com), or visit [www.special-lite.com](http://www.special-lite.com).

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