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NSI (American National Standards Institute) and BHMA (Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association) are non-profit organizations that set standards for different product grades for door hardware products. These product grades are defined by progressive levels of performance benchmarks for each applicable standard.

Here is what all this means to you:

Grade 3 Good: Residential Security

Grade 2 Better: Light Commercial and Heavy Residential

Grade 1 Best: Heavy Commercial Use

Each grade has minimum acceptable requirements:

Operation: Key torque, cycles, etc.

Security: Pull strength, impact resistance finish, etc.