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**Auxiliary Drain Pan Size Requirements**

**Code:** 2012 Mechanical Code

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**Section:** 307.2.3(1)

**Question:**

Does Section 307.2.3(1) require that the auxiliary drain pan be sized three inches larger in overall width and length with respect to the unit or is three inches of clearance required on all sides of the unit?

**Answer:**

Section 307.2.3(1) only requires that the auxiliary drain pan be sized three inches larger in overall width and length with respect to the unit. The code does not require three inches clearance on each side. The auxiliary drain pan shall be located such that any leakage from the unit housing resulting from primary drain blockage is collected in the auxiliary drain pan.