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Flexible Air Duct and Air Connector Ground Clearance

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Section: 603.14

Question:

May flexible air ducts or flexible air connectors be run in contact with the polyethylene installed as a ground cover in a crawl space?

Answer:

No, Section 603.14 requires that flexible air ducts and connectors not be located in or within 4 inches of the earth. This would apply to duct installations in crawl spaces where the ground is or is not covered with polyethylene.

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