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Fire Damper Access Requirements

Code: 2012 Mechanical Code

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Section: 607.4

Question:

May flexible duct be allowed to be removed as a method to provide access to fire dampers as a substitute for fire damper access doors?

Answer:

No, flexible duct is not allowed to be removed as a method to provide access to fire dampers as a substitute for fire damper access doors. Access means must be provided without requiring disassembly of the duct system. Section 607.4 identifies specific requirements for fire damper access.