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Cross Ventilation in Porches

Code: 2018 Residential Code

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Section: R806.2

Question:

Is cross ventilation required in the spaces enclosed by a porch roof?

Answer:

Yes, but Section R806.2 Exception 2 is expected to provide sufficient cross ventilation for the unconditioned space above a porch.

Reference:

Section R806.2 – Minimum vent area, Exception #2:

2. Enclosed attic/rafter spaces over unconditioned space may be vented with continuous soffit vent only.