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Section R309.1

Question:

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code - Residential section R309.1 that a twenty minute fire rated door be self closing from the garage into the residence?

Answer

No. Florida Building Code - Residential section R309.1 requires either a solid core wood door of at least 1-3/8" thick, a solid or honeycomb steel door at least 1-3/8" thick or a 20 minute fire rated door. There is no mention of a self closing device.

Commentary:

None.

Notice:

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