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Section 407.2

Question:

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code - Plumbing Section 407.2 to allow bathtubs to be installed without overflows when a bathtub is required to have a stopper for the drain?

Answer

No. The 2006 International Plumbing Code Commentary for section 407.2 states "A bathtub must have an overflow to protect against accidental flooding of the bathroom by an unattended filling operation or to remove displaced water when the bather enters a full tub".

Commentary:

The Residential code does specifically say "Bathtubs shall have outlets and overflows at least 1 1/2 inches in diameter,..." It is clear from the commentary and the Residential code that the intent is to have overflows on bathtubs.

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