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Section 704.1

Question:

Is it the intent of SECTION R704 INSPECTION FOR TERMITES to not allow a 4-inch (102 mm) inspection space above patio and garage slabs and entry areas?

Answer

Section 704.1 requires a 6" clearance between the exterior finish and grade. Exception 3 may apply in an instance where the garage is enclosed. This requires a 4" clearance between the concrete drive (or now a patio) and the new exterior siding.

Commentary:

Exception 3 is not specific to garage only, it also refers to patios and entry areas - so it could be to a habitable or usable space that is adjacent to concrete.

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