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Section 312.2(A)

Question:

Is it the intent of Art. 312.2(A) to require a minimum air space behind electrical equipment mounted outside (damp or wet location)?

Answer

312.2 speaks of surface mounted equipment. If you enclose the equipment with stucco, brick, or other material, that prevents the 1/4" minimum required clearance, then it is no longer surface mounted and a violation of its listing and labeling.

Commentary:

Most listed weatherproof metal cabinets are manufactured with a dimple on the back to raise the box off the surface.

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