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Section R4403.7.3.4

Question:

Is it the intent of the Section R4403.7.3.4 to limit the openings between horizontal or vertical pickets to 64 square inches, same as the "ornamental fillers"?

Answer

No. The 64 square inch restriction applies to ornamental fillers only. Section R4403.7.3.4 addresses the concern that the free form shape of ornamental fillers requires a restriction beyond the rejection of a 4" sphere. This added limitation is intended to further ensure the safety of children who might otherwise find a way through the irregular, symmetrical or asymmetrical openings in ornamental safeguard fillers.

Commentary:

None.

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