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Section 501.4

Question:

Is it the intent of FBC-M 501.4, that a barometric relief vent, be constructed of metal.

Answer

Yes.

Commentary:

Based on the stated purpose and the definition of exhaust system it appears that the barometric relief vent is used as a passive exhaust duct which would require it to be constructed of metal.

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