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Section Section 604

Question:

Is it the intent of sections 604.3, 604.7 and 604.13 to prevent the painting of exterior insulation that is exposed to the occupied area (i.e. No ceiling or ceiling plenum installed)

Answer

The identification printed by the manufacturer on the duct or insulation must not be painted over or concealed. The prohibition on painting exterior insulation and "ductboard" or insulation wrap is more directly addressed in sections FBCM 304.1 and 304.2.

Commentary:

It should be noted that Duct insulation systems are typically not tested with paints. Painting therefore violates product listings and per 304.2 cannot be done. If, however, a field listing with paint is pursued, the installation should be acceptable. Similarly if adequate evidence is presented to the authority having jurisdiction that the proposed embodiment will neither create a hazard nor degrade the materials, the AHJ may choose to accept the installation under FBC 104.11.

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