



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 712.2

Question:

Is it the intent of 712.2 to require sleeves through fire-resistance-rated walls constructed with metal studs and fire-rated sheetrock to be secured directly to the studs?

Answer

No, the testing is done without it being secured to the studs. There may be a need to allow some flex for the caulk to expand when attacked by the fire - must be installed per manufacturer's listing/testing.

Commentary:

None.

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