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Section 306.1

Question:

Is it the intent of 306.1 of the Mechanical code to have a working platform for condensers or is this just for furnaces and air handlers.

Answer

This requirement applies to "appliances" as defined in the Code. Condensing units are "appliances." A 30" x 30" level working space is required. A platform is not necessarily required. The level working space could be the ground, the floor, or a level rooftop

Commentary:

The code is a minimum so please check the a/c manufacturer's installation requirements for possible additional working clearance requirements.

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