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Section 501.2.2

Question:

Is it the intent of the mechanical code to require the 4" dryer exhaust outlets and 3" bathroom exhaust outlets located on an exterior wall of a 3 story apartment building to use wall caps that meet the AMCA Standard 550 for water infiltration in the High Velocity wind zone, also, if no manufacturer can meet this requirement for a wall cap, would an approved tested louver be required?

Answer

No. Miami-Dade County requires louvers installed in commercial installation meet AMCA 550.

The code section in question requires louvers meet AMCA 550, not wall caps(unless they are a louver). This may explain why there seem to be no vent caps complying with the standard.

Commentary:

None.

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