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Section 311.5.3

Question:

Is it the intent of R311.5.3 that all dimensions and dimensioned surfaces be inclusive of carpets, rugs or runners

Answer

No. The section specifically states the dimensions are EXCLUSIVE of carpets, rugs, and runners.

Commentary:

The thickness of the carpet, rug, or runner is not standardized and could make code legal dimensions appear to not meet the code requirement.

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