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Section R303.8 Required Heating

Question:

Is it the intent of section R303.8 Required Heating to disallow the use of combination Cooling/Heating Window Units for individual rooms.

Answer

Yes, units installed in a window, are not permitted to satisfy the heating requirement. They can be used, but not to satisfy the requirements for heating facilities in R303.8 as they are considered portable.

Commentary:

Packaged Terminal Air Conditioner (PTAC) units are allowed to meet the requirements of the minimum heat requirement for occupancy. If a through the wall type unit, with sleeve, is installed similar to a PTAC, then it would satisfy the requirements of R303.8.

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