



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 609.1

Question:

Is it the intent of section 609 to only comply with section 301.11 of the 2010 FBC mechanical for the replacement of roof top mounted HVAC equipment and not comply with the windload provisions of mechanical or building code?

Answer

No, This section of the existing building code refers back to the section in the mechanical code that covers "repairs"

only. The section you refer to is intended to ensure the listing of the appliance is not violated and the

efficiency of the system is not diminished. A new piece of equipment would rightfully need to comply with section 602.4 which would lead to section 301.12 of the FBC Mechanical

code. This will provide the link to 1609 of the FBC Building code for the attachments.

Commentary:

The existing building volume also contains section 101.5.5

which specifically references existing equipment and

prohibits windload and roof clearance compliance

requirements enforcement until the equipment is removed or

replaced.

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