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Section 505.1

Question:

Is it the intent of section 505.1, when the code section indicates "such ducts shall have smooth inner walls", that the use of flexible and semi-rigid corrugated ducts provided by the manufacturer is allowable under Exception #1 which indicates, "Where installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions."

Answer

No.

Commentary:

FMC 505.1, Exception #1 refers to cases where listed and labeled "recirculating hoods" are used, in such applications hoods are not required to discharge to the outdoors. As long as ventilation to the kitchen is in compliance with options provided in Chapter 4

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