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Section M1305.1.3

Question:

Can an air handler be placed in an attic with a sloped floor or bottom chord of truss?

Answer

Probably, if the equipment can be serviced and replaced directly through the required opening per Exc. 1. AND compliance with Energy Code R403.2.4 is met.

Commentary:

The unit could be put into the attic without having to service it through the opening provided the unit access and service space complies with section FBC Residential-M1305.1, FBC Residential-M1305.1.3, and FBC Energy Conservation-R403.2.4. It could be a large truss space! Otherwise, the size, etc. of the servicing platform requirements must meet the provisions of FBC-EC R403.4. Must be a very large cathedral space for someone to get to the unit to work on it.

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