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Section SECTION 708 CLEANOUTS

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 708.7 Minimum Size to require the cleanout which is part of a p-trap assembly to comply with Exception #1 which states "P? trap connections with slip joints or ground joint connections, or stack cleanouts that are not more than one pipe diameter smaller than the drain served, shall be permitted."? Or is the cleanout in the p-trap assembly designed solely to evacuate only the p-trap and not to be used as the piping system cleanout?

Answer

No, in order to comply with this code section the trap must
be removable to allow rodding.

Commentary:

The cleanout in the trap assembly is only intended for
cleaning out the trap. The trap itself must be removable
(i.e. slip joint connection) in order to use the open waste
arm as an access point for cleaning out the system.

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