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Section M1502.4.2

Question:

Is it the intent of this section that all dryer venting shall have screws or similar fasteners to be considered mechanically fastened?

Answer

Yes to mechanical fastening. The code clearly states: "... and shall be mechanically fastened". The code does not, however, specify the use of screws or rivets. The Section references Section M1604.41 and other methods of mechanical fastening are mentioned there, such as crimping. The allowable fastening methods may rely on the material and in some cases the shape of the duct. The code does stipulate that screws or similar fasteners shall not protrude more than 1/8-inch into the inside of the duct.

Commentary:

None

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