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Section 707.1

Question:

Is it the intent of the Existing Building Code, Section 707.1, that all alterations will require a blower door test at completion?

Answer

No. The codes did not contemplate the application of the blower door test requirements to alterations or repairs. The FBC-EC 6th Edition has been modified with a Florida specific amendment to create an exception to R402.4.1.2 for work in existing buildings as shown in the commentary section.

Commentary:

"Exception: Testing is not required for additions, alterations, renovations, or repairs, of the building thermal envelope of existing buildings in which the new construction is less than 85 percent of the building thermal envelope."

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