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Section Table 403.3.1.1 Minimum Ventilation Rates

Question:

Is mechanical exhaust ventilation required for SFR's that have garages ?

Answer

Firstly, the code cited does not apply to SFR. To answer the question, no; unless the blower door test indicates an air infiltration rate of are less than 3 ach thereby triggering a requirement for whole house mechanical ventilation. (FBC-R R303.4)

Commentary:

Refer back to the FBC-Residential, Chapter 15 deals with exhaust systems.

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