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Section 603

Question:

Is mechanical equipment (such as a fan coil unit) allowed in attics of Type I and II construction so long as it meets the requirements of 718.5? This is assuming the attic is designed as a 1-hour roof/ceiling assembly.

Answer

No. Clarifying - Wrong code book.

If this is a commercial building, Section C403.2.9.6 in the FBC-EC does not allow air handling units in attics of commercial buildings.

Section 603.1.1 has allowances for nonmetallic ducts installed per the FBC-Mech.

Commentary:

None.

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