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Section M1601.4

Question:

Is it the intent of Section M1601.4 to require a metal connection along with screws when connecting duct board to an air handler, as shown in SMACNA Figure 4-10 and NAIMA Figure 3-30B, or would a metal listed tape satisfy this requirement?

Answer

Yes, the cited section requires compliance with the stated documents

Commentary:

None.

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