STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 02-14


SECTIONS: 503.10.2 Seams and Joints

QUESTIONS: WSEC Section 503.10.2 prohibits the use of duct tape, while Section 1414.1 allows duct tape in nonresidential buildings providing the static pressure is less than one inch WC. Section 503.10.2 does allow for “…tapes installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.” What tapes would be acceptable?

ANSWERS: Allowable tapes are those used in accordance with their listing and in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions. Unlisted duct tape is permitted only on ducts entirely within the conditioned space of a building.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Spokane

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