

CHAPTER 5

EXHAUST SYSTEMS

501.0 General.

501.1 Applicability. This chapter includes requirements for environmental air ducts, product-conveying systems, and commercial hoods and kitchen ventilation. Part I addresses environmental air ducts and product conveying systems. Part II addresses commercial hoods and kitchen ventilation.

502.0 Termination.

502.1 Exhaust Opening Protection. Exhaust openings terminating to the outdoors shall be covered with a corrosion-resistant screen having not less than ¼ of an inch (6.4 mm) openings, and shall have not more than ½ of an inch (12.7 mm) openings.

Exception: Clothes dryers.

502.2 Termination of Exhaust Ducts. Exhaust ducts shall terminate in accordance with Section 502.2.1 through Section 502.2.3.

502.2.1 Environmental Air Ducts. Environmental air duct exhaust shall terminate not less than 3 feet (914 mm) from a property line, 10 feet (3048 mm) from a forced air inlet, and 3 feet (914 mm) from openings into the building. Environmental exhaust ducts shall not discharge onto a public walkway.

502.2.2 Product Conveying Ducts. Ducts conveying explosive or flammable vapors, fumes, or dusts shall terminate not less than 30 feet (9144 mm) from a property line, 10 feet (3048 mm) from openings into the building, 6 feet (1829 mm) from exterior walls or roofs, 30 feet (9144 mm) from combustible walls or openings into the building that are in the direction of the exhaust discharge, and 10 feet (3048 mm) above adjoining grade.

Other product-conveying outlets shall terminate not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from a property line, 3 feet (914 mm) from exterior walls or roofs, 10 feet (3048 mm) from openings into the building, and 10 feet (3048 mm) above adjoining grade.

502.2.3 Commercial Kitchen Ducts. Commercial kitchens exhaust ducts shall terminate in accordance with Section 510.9 or Section 519.5.

Part I - Environmental Air Ducts and Product-Conveying Systems.

503.0 Motors, Fans, and Filters.

503.1 General. Motors and fans shall be sized to provide the required air movement. Motors in areas that contain flammable vapors or dusts shall be of a type approved for such environments. A manually operated remote control installed at an approved location shall be provided to shut off fans or blowers in flammable vapor or dust systems. Equipment used in operations that generate explosive or flammable vapors, fumes, or dusts shall be interlocked with the ventilation system so that

the equipment cannot be operated unless the ventilation fans are in operation. Motors for fans used to convey flammable vapors or dusts shall be located outside the duct or shall be protected with approved shields and dustproofing. Where belts are used, they shall not enter the duct unless the belt and pulley within the duct are enclosed. Motors and fans shall be accessible for servicing and maintenance.

503.2 Fans. Parts of fans in contact with explosive or flammable vapors, fumes, or dusts shall be of nonferrous or non-sparking materials, or their casing shall be lined or constructed of such material. Where the size and hardness of materials passing through a fan are capable of producing a spark, both the fan, and the casing shall be of nonsparking materials. Where fans are required to be spark-resistant, their bearings shall not be within the airstream, and parts of the fan shall be grounded. Fans in systems handling materials that are likely to clog the blades, and fans in buffing or woodworking exhaust systems, shall be of the radial-blade or tube-axial type.

Equipment used to exhaust explosive or flammable vapors, fumes, or dusts shall bear an identification plate stating the ventilation rate for which the system was designed.

Fans located in systems conveying corrosives shall be of materials that are resistant to the corrosive or shall be coated with corrosion-resistant materials.

504.0 Environmental Air Ducts.

504.1 General. Where not specified in this chapter, exhaust ducts shall be constructed and installed in accordance with Chapter 6 and shall be airtight as approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Environmental air ducts that have an alternate function as a part of an approved smoke-control system do not require design as Class I product-conveying ducts.

Exceptions:

- (1) Ductless range hoods where installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- (2) Condensing clothes dryers where installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

504.1.1 Backdraft Protection. Exhaust ducts shall terminate outside the building and shall be equipped with backdraft dampers or with motorized dampers that automatically shut where the systems or spaces served are not in use. **[OSHPD 1, 1R, 2, 4 & 5] Exception:** Backdraft dampers are not required when the exhaust fan must operate continuously.

Exception: Where the exhaust duct does not discharge into a common exhaust plenum and one of the following:

- (1) The exhaust fan runs continuously.
- (2) The exhaust duct serves space(s) that are not mechanically heated or cooled.
- (3) The space served is maintained at positive pressure.

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504.2 Independent Exhaust Systems. Single or combined mechanical exhaust systems shall be independent of other exhaust systems.

504.3 Domestic Range. Ducts used for domestic kitchen range or cooktop ventilation shall be of metal and shall have smooth interior surfaces.

Exception: Ducts for domestic kitchen downdraft grill-range ventilation installed under a concrete slab floor shall be permitted to be of approved Schedule 40 PVC provided:

- (1) The under-floor trench in which the duct is installed shall be completely backfilled with sand or gravel.
- (2) Not more than 1 inch (25.4 mm) of 6 inch diameter (152 mm) PVC coupling shall be permitted to protrude above the concrete floor surface.
- (3) PVC pipe joints shall be solvent cemented to provide an air and greasetight duct.
- (4) The duct shall terminate above grade outside the building and shall be equipped with a back-draft damper.

504.4 Clothes Dryers. A clothes dryer exhaust duct shall not be connected to a vent connector, gas vent, chimney, and shall not terminate into a crawl space, attic, or other concealed space. Exhaust ducts shall not be assembled with screws or other fastening means that extend into the duct and that are capable of catching lint, and that reduce the efficiency of the exhaust system. Exhaust ducts shall be constructed of rigid metallic material. Transition ducts used to connect the dryer to the exhaust duct shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2158A, or installed in accordance with the clothes dryer manufacturer's installation instructions. Clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall terminate to the outside of the building in accordance with Section 502.2.1 and shall be equipped with a backdraft damper. Screens shall not be installed at the duct termination. Devices, such as fue or smoke dampers that will obstruct the flow of the exhaust shall not be used. Where joining of ducts, the male end shall be inserted in the direction of airflow.

504.4.1 Provisions for Makeup Air. Makeup air shall be provided in accordance with the following:

- (1) Makeup air shall be provided for Type 1 clothes dryers in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. [NFPA 54: 10.4.3.1] Where a closet is designed for the installation of a clothes dryer, an opening of not less than 100 square inches (0.065 m²) for makeup air shall be provided in the door or by other approved means.
- (2) Provision for makeup air shall be provided for Type 2 clothes dryers, with a free area of not less than 1 square inch (0.0006 m²) for each 1000 British thermal units per hour (Btu/h) (0.293 kW) total input rating of the dryer(s) installed. [NFPA 54: 10.4.3.2]

504.4.2 Domestic Clothes Dryers. Where a compartment or space for a Type 1 clothes dryer is provided, not less than a 4 inch diameter (102 mm) exhaust duct of approved material shall be installed in accordance with Section 504.0.

Type 1 clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall be of rigid metal and shall have smooth interior surfaces. The diameter shall be not less than 4 inches nominal (100 mm), and the thickness shall be not less than 0.016 of an inch (0.406 mm).

504.4.2.1 Length Limitation. Unless otherwise permitted or required by the dryer manufacturer's instructions and approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, domestic dryer moisture exhaust ducts shall not exceed a total combined horizontal and vertical length of 14 feet (4267 mm), including two 90 degree (1.57 rad) elbows. A length of 2 feet (610 mm) shall be deducted for each 90 degree (1.57 rad) elbow in excess of two.

Exception: Where an exhaust duct power ventilator, in accordance with Section 504.4.2.3, is used, the maximum length of the dryer exhaust duct shall be permitted to be in accordance with the dryer exhaust duct power ventilator manufacturer's installation instructions.

504.4.2.2 Transition Ducts. Listed clothes dryer transition ducts not more than 6 feet (1829 mm) in length shall be permitted to be used to connect the Type 1 dryer to the exhaust ducts. Transition ducts and flexible clothes dryer transition ducts shall not be concealed within construction, and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

504.4.2.3 Exhaust Duct Power Ventilators. Dryer exhaust duct power ventilators for single residential clothes dryers shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 705 and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

504.4.3 Commercial Clothes Dryers. Commercial dryer exhaust ducts shall be installed in accordance with their listings. The installation of commercial clothes dryer exhaust ducts shall comply with the appliance manufacturer's installation instructions.

504.4.3.1 Exhaust Ducts for Type 2 Clothes Dryers. Exhaust ducts for Type 2 clothes dryers shall comply with the following:

- (1) Exhaust ducts for Type 2 clothes dryers shall comply with Section 504.4. [NFPA 54: 10.4.5.1]
- (2) Exhaust ducts for Type 2 clothes dryers shall be constructed of sheet metal or other noncombustible material. Such ducts shall be equivalent in strength and corrosion resistance to ducts made of galvanized sheet steel not less than 0.0195 of an inch (0.4953 mm) thick. [NFPA 54: 10.4.5.2]
- (3) Type 2 clothes dryers shall be equipped or installed with lint-controlling means. [NFPA 54: 10.4.5.3]
- (4) Exhaust ducts for Type 2 clothes dryers shall be installed with a clearance of not less than 6 inches (152 mm) from adjacent combustible