## **1346.0604 SECTION 604 INSULATION.**

IMC Section 604.1 is amended to read as follows:

**604.1 General.** Duct insulation shall conform to the thickness required by this section and Sections 604.2 through 604.13.

**Exception:** Except as required to prevent condensation, ducts for which heat gain or loss, without insulation, will not increase the energy requirements of the building.

## Minimum Required Duct Insulation (see notes for explanations)

| <b>Duct Location</b>   | Requirements  |
|--|---------------|
| Attics, garages, and ventilated crawl spaces                         | R-8 and V     |
| Exterior of building   | R-8, V and W  |
| Inside of building and in unconditioned spaces                       |               |
| TD less than or equal to 15°F  | None required |
| TD greater than 15°F and less than or equal to 40°F                  | R-3.3 and V   |
| TD greater than 40°F   | R-5 and V     |
| Within conditioned spaces, in basements with insulated walls, and in | 1             |
| plenums within conditioned spaces                                    | None required |
| Intake and exhaust ducts within conditioned spaces*                  | R-3.3 and V   |
| Within cement slab or within ground (also see IMC Section 603.7)     | R-3.5         |

## Notes:

TD = Design temperature differential between the air in the duct and the ambient temperature outside of the duct.

V = Vapor retarder required in accordance with IMC Section 604.11. When a vapor retarder is required, duct insulation required by this section shall be installed without respect to other building envelope insulation.

W = Approved weatherproof barrier.

**Statutory Authority:** MS s 16B.59; 16B.61; 16B.64; 326B.101; 326B.106; 326B.13

**History:** 15 SR 71; 29 SR 299; L 2007 c 140 art 4 s 61; art 13 s 4; 34 SR 537

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<sup>\*</sup>Insulation required for a distance of 3 feet (914 mm) from the exterior.