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Date: March 31, 2006
To: Residential Contractors
From : John O'Connor, CBO, Building Director
Re: A/C Ducts in Residential Garages

The Florida Building Code-Residential Volume section R309.1.1 states:

R309.1.1 Duct penetration.

Ducts in the garage and ducts penetrating the walls or ceilings separating the dwelling from the garage shall be constructed of a minimum No. 26 gage (0.48 mm) sheet steel or other approved material and shall have no openings into the garage.

Based on Underwriters Laboratories test data as presented in a letter to Owens Corning dated November 28, 2006, and Florida Building Commission Declaratory Statement DCA05 DEC-216 ordered March 21, 2006, I have determined that ridged fiberglass duct board, that is at least 1 ½ inches thick (Min. R 6.0), qualifies as an “other approved material” for use for A/C ducts located in a residential garage. This determination applies to all buildings permitted under this code provision (permitted after October 1, 2005).

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

John O'Connor

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Building Director

Attachment: UL Letter dated 11/28/05
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