

Building Codes that Regulate Decorative Chimney Shrouds



International Mechanical Code 2000

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806.6 Decorative Shrouds. Decorative shrouds shall not be installed at the termination of factory-built chimneys, except where such shrouds are listed and labeled for use with specific factory-built chimney systems and are installed in accordance with section 304.1

Reason: Decorative shrouds have been the cause of roof and chase fires...

International Residential Code 2000

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1004.3 Decorative Shrouds. Decorative shrouds shall not be installed at the termination of factory-built chimneys, except where such shrouds are listed and labeled for safe use with the specific factory-built chimney system and are installed in accordance with manufacturers installation instructions.

Reason: Decorative shrouds often allow for the creation of temperatures in excess of those permitted in UL103 and UL127. Decorative shrouds have been the cause of chase top fires...

International Fire Code 2000

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603.6.3 Decorative Shrouds. Decorative shrouds installed at the termination of factory-built chimneys shall be removed, except where such shrouds are listed and labeled for use with the specific factory-built chimney system and are installed in accordance with manufacturers installation instructions.

Reason: Decorative shrouds have been the cause of dozens of chase fires. As a non-listed part to a listed assembly, their use should not have been allowed in the first place.