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Florida Building Code, 7th Edition **2017-2020 Significant Changes Residential Mechanical**

M1502.3.1 Dryer exhaust duct termination outlet and passageway size

The passageway of dryer exhaust duct terminals shall be undiminished in size and shall provide an area of not less than 12.5 square inches. The code has been very detailed as it relates to 90-degree elbows and their respective friction loss. The code now places the same emphasis on the termination and seeks to minimize resistance to airflow.

M1502.4.2 Concealed dryer exhaust duct installation

Wall and ceiling cavities enclosing dryer exhaust ducts must provide sufficient space that the 4-inch duct is not squeezed out of its round shape. Additionally, ducts are now prohibited from being joined with screws regardless of how much they protrude inside the duct.