

POLICY:

Policy effective: March 11, 2019

VERIFICATION OF TEST AND BALANCE

2015 IMC 403.3.1.5 Balancing.

CODE SECTION:

403.3.1.5 Balancing. The ventilation air distribution system shall be provided with a means to adjust the system to achieve not less than the minimum ventilation airflow rate as required by Sections 403.3 and 403.3.1.2. Ventilation systems shall be balanced by an approved method. Such balancing shall verify that the ventilation system is capable of supplying and exhausting the airflow rates required by Sections 403.3 and 403.3.1.2.

POLICY:

Mechanical A Contractors may self perform Test and Balance verification as required per 2015 IMC 403.3.1.5 without holding a specific NEBB, AABC, or other national group certification as long as the system meets the following requirements.

- The largest piece of equipment is a single factory packaged unit that does not exceed 5 nominal tons; and
- The system is a single zone HVAC system that serves an individual tenant space in a single story building or a single floor in a two story building; and
- The system is individually ducted or has a single occupant common return air plenum.

COMMENTARY:

The intent of this policy is to provide an alternative compliance path for verification of test and balance requirements of single occupant / tenant spaces by allowing the mechanical A contractor the ability to self perform the verification without holding a nationally recognized certification.