



Setting the Standards for Home Energy Efficiency

Interpretation: Handling of Pet Door openings during infiltration testing

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Background Statement: *Provided by person requesting the interpretation.*

In section 4.2. Procedure to Prepare the Building or Dwelling Unit for Testing, item 4.2.1. Fenestration states “Exterior doors and windows shall be closed and latched.” A question has come up regarding how to handle pet doors. As these are also fenestrations, I would assume that, if they have a latching or some type of specific closing mechanism that they should also be closed and latched. However, if no such mechanism exists for the pet door, then its natural state would be open or able to be blown open and I would assume no additional air sealing should be provided.



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Proposed Interpretation: *Provided by person requesting the interpretation.*

A pet door on an exterior location shall be closed and latched to the extent that a specific closing and/or latching mechanism exists for the pet door. No additional air sealing shall be performed.

SDC Response:

Is the proposed interpretation correct? Yes No

SDC Comments: