



ADDENDA

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Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Residential Buildings

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FOREWORD

Addendum d replaces the current definition of “readily accessible” with a new definition from the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) intended to be less ambiguous and more compatible with building codes. Addendum d also adds a new definition of “accessible,” and makes edits in the standard to refer to one of the two definitions where needed.

Note: In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~strike through~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

Addendum d to Standard 62.2-2019

Revise Section 3 as shown. The remainder of Section 3 is unchanged.

~~**readily accessible:** capable of being quickly and easily reached for operation, maintenance, and inspection.~~

accessible: capable of being reached for operation, renewal, inspection, removal, and exposure without damaging the building structure or finish.

accessible, readily: capable of being reached quickly for operation, renewal, or inspections without requiring those to whom ready access is requisite to take actions such as use tools (other than keys), climb over or under, remove obstacles, or resort to portable ladders.

Add a new Section A2.1 as shown.

A2.1 Control. The control required by Section 4.4.1 shall be accessible to the dwelling-unit occupant but shall not be required to be readily accessible to the dwelling-unit occupant.

Revise Section A5 as shown. The remainder of Section A5 is unchanged.

A5. DWELLING-UNIT AIR SEALING

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A5.1 The spaces around ~~readily~~-accessible penetrations through the dwelling-unit air barrier, including but not limited to the following, shall be sealed:

- a. Vent and pipe penetrations, including those from water piping, drain waste and vent piping, HVAC piping, and sprinkler heads
- b. Electrical penetrations, including those for receptacles, lighting, communications wiring, and smoke alarms
- c. HVAC penetrations, including those for fans and for exhaust, supply, transfer, and return air ducts

A5.2 ~~Readily accessible~~ leaks and gaps in the dwelling-unit air barrier shall be sealed, including but not limited to the intersections of baseboard trim and floor, the intersections of walls and ceilings, around window trim and dwelling-unit doors, and the termination points of internal chases in attics and crawlspaces.

A5.3 Where previously inaccessible locations are made ~~readily~~-accessible during renovation activities, those areas shall be air sealed as prescribed in Sections A5.1 and A5.2.

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