

IMC (mechanical code)

International Code Council

The mechanical code governs how HVAC work is installed: duct construction and support, combustion air, ventilation rates, condensate handling and the clearances a service technician will need later.

What it covers

- Duct construction, sealing and support
- Combustion air and flue arrangement
- Ventilation and exhaust requirements
- Condensate drainage and equipment access

What a field inspection looks at

- Duct sealing photographed before insulation covers the joint.
- Equipment clearance measured in frame, ahead of the walls closing in.
- Condensate trap and termination shot, including the primary and secondary path.

Adoption varies by jurisdiction. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction enforces before you run a walk against it.