



The connector enters the chimney at least 12 inches above the lowest interior of the flue. The masonry cleanout sits below the lowest inlet — 6 inches high, upper edge at least 6 inches below that inlet, with a tight-fitting noncombustible cover. “Connect to existing chimney” without those elevations is not a detail.

Original Masterbuild PE packet from Daily Code Talk on 2024 IMC 801.12 and 801.13. Confirm the adopted edition. Distinct from existing chimney reuse (801.18) and abandoned openings (801.8). This is not a chimney design.

☐ **801.12: connector entrance not less than 12 inches above the lowest portion of the interior of the chimney flue.**
So the connector does not discharge into debris, condensate, ash, or soot at the bottom.

☐ **801.13: masonry chimney flues need a cleanout opening with a minimum height of 6 inches, upper edge at least 6 inches**
Exception: a cleanout is not required for chimney flues serving masonry fireplaces when access is provided through the fireplace opening. Do not assume that exception unless the fireplace opening actually gives that access.

☐ **On the set: connector entrance elevation and cleanout size, location, and cover.**
Access has to survive finishes, equipment, and casework. The vertical relationship is the review: connector inlet above, cleanout below, both accessible.

The fail we see first

Hidden behind the new casework. Existing-building reuse is where these sections bite: no entrance elevation, a missing or blocked cleanout, or a cleanout concealed once construction ends.

What to send: the chimney section (or photos of the connection and any cleanout), what is being connected, and whether this is masonry fireplace access or a separate cleanout.

Send the comments. Not the County guideline.

Folio (does it start with 30?), process or UP number, and the comments PDF. Masterbuild will say which row is actually open.

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