



Duct leakage is not a blower-door test. A sticker on the air handler is not either.

Original Masterbuild PE packet. Not a copy of the County mechanical-inspection guideline. County mechanical final looks for duct-leakage testing under the adopted Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation — rough-in or post-construction, with published exceptions. Confirm the adopted energy edition and the exceptions the day you test. This packet does not publish a leakage class or a pass number.

Two different tests

☐ Air changes per hour at 50 pascals (ACH50) is the envelope.

Cubic feet per minute at 50 pascals $\times 60 \div$ volume. That is the blower-door packet. Taping the ducts shut for ACH50 does not test the ducts.

☐ Duct leakage is the air that never reaches the room.

Rough-in (before concealment) or post-construction (after registers). Pick the method that is actually on the energy forms. Do not run a parlor test and hope the inspector treats it as the other method.

☐ Exceptions exist. They are not 'we always skip it on change-outs.'

Confirm the adopted energy section. If the exception you are using is not written on the energy forms, it is not an exception. The inspector is looking at the forms, not at your last job.

☐ Name the test class and the protocol on the mechanical cover sheet before you upload.

A missing leakage class on M-001 is a routine closeout comment. Write the protocol. Then test to that protocol. Then put the report with the permit card.

The fail we see first

Blower-door passed, ducts never tested, flexible duct added after the rough-in test, and the energy form still says 'post-construction.' Retest. The envelope number did not buy the duct test.

What to send

Energy path, whether the test is rough-in or post-construction, and whether flexible duct changed after the test. We will say whether the duct row still has no protocol — not whether it will pass.

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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