

CHANGE TYPE: Addition

CHANGE SUMMARY: Removable traps and removable fixtures with integral traps are acceptable as equivalent to cleanouts.

2021 CODE: **708.1.6 Cleanout equivalent.** A fixture trap or a fixture with integral trap, removable without altering concealed piping, shall be acceptable as a cleanout equivalent.

CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE: Removable traps and removable fixtures with integral traps such as urinals and water closets have long been considered as acceptable access to the drainage system for clearing stoppages. Note that the current code already has a few limitations on these cleanout means: 1) Section 708.1.3 prohibits the removal of water closets to serve as cleanout access to a building sewer. 2) Section 708.1.5 (Exception 1) only allows cleanout access through a removable P-trap for the same or one size larger pipe size.

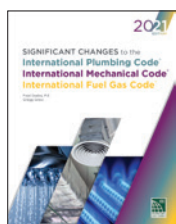


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Removable trap as cleanout

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Removable Fixture Traps Serving as Cleanouts



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