

TITLE: CLOTHES DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION
VERSION: V2.2
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DEFINITION: The system connected to the clothes dryer vent outlet that exhausts air from the dryer blower to a designated area.
PURPOSE: Remove combustion gases (including carbon monoxide), heated air, moisture, and lint from the dryer to a designated area.
COMMON COMPONENTS: Transition duct; Metal or aluminum ductwork; External louvered vent and cover; Water reservoir
LOCATION: Unit Laundry room, washer and dryer area
 Inside Laundry room, washer and dryer area
 Outside Exterior vent cover
MORE INFORMATION:

- Use of a dryer vent lint trap box with water reservoir is allowed on electric dryers only and the reservoir must be filled with water.
- Listed and labeled condensing (ductless) dryers are exempt.
- If the dryer is not positioned for use (e.g., disconnected and removed from electrical and ducting connection points), then do not evaluate under this standard.

DEFICIENCY 1: Electric dryer transition duct is detached or missing.
LOCATION: Unit Inside

DEFICIENCY 2: Gas dryer transition duct is detached or missing.
LOCATION: Unit Inside

DEFICIENCY 3: Electric dryer exhaust ventilation system has restricted airflow.
LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY 4: Exterior dryer vent cover, cap, or a component thereof is missing.
LOCATION: Outside

DEFICIENCY 5: Dryer transition duct is constructed of unsuitable material.
LOCATION: Unit Inside

DEFICIENCY 6: Gas dryer exhaust ventilation system has restricted airflow.
LOCATION: Unit Inside Outside

DEFICIENCY I — UNIT: ELECTRIC DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS DETACHED OR MISSING.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Electric dryer transition duct is detached or missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but is now not present or is incomplete).

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Life-Threatening The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:

- Look behind the clothes dryer and attempt to locate the dryer transition duct.
- Visually observe if the dryer transition duct is securely attached.
- If unable to locate the dryer transition duct, look behind the clothes dryer and observe if there is an accumulation of dryer lint, which indicates that the dryer transition duct may be detached or missing.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:**
- Look behind the clothes dryer and attempt to locate the dryer transition duct.
 - Visually observe if the dryer transition duct is securely attached.
 - If unable to locate the dryer transition duct, look behind the clothes dryer and observe if there is an accumulation of dryer lint, which indicates that the dryer transition duct may be detached or missing.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- If the laundry facility is locked, request access from the resident or POA.
 - If the dryer transition duct is concealed and reasonably accessible, request access from the POA.
- ACTION:** - None
- MORE INFORMATION:** - None
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DEFICIENCY 2 — UNIT: GAS DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS DETACHED OR MISSING.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Gas dryer transition duct is detached or missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but is now not present or is incomplete).

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Life-Threatening The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

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REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

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- If unable to locate the dryer transition duct, look behind the clothes dryer and observe if there is an accumulation of dryer lint, which indicates that the dryer transition duct may be detached or missing.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION:

- If the laundry facility is locked, request access from the resident or POA.
- If the dryer transition duct is concealed and reasonably accessible, request access from the POA.

DEFICIENCY 3 — UNIT: ELECTRIC DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Electric dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Life-Threatening The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION:

- Look at the exhaust ventilation system and identify the flexible duct line.
- Look at the entire duct line that runs from the back of the dryer.
- Look for crushed pipe or any unintentional kinks in the duct line.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

DEFICIENCY 3 — INSIDE: ELECTRIC DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.

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OBSERVATION:

- Look at the exhaust ventilation system and identify the flexible duct line.
- Look at the entire duct line that runs from the back of the dryer.
- Look for crushed pipe or any unintentional kinks in the duct line.

REQUEST FOR HELP:

- If the laundry facility is locked, request access from the resident or POA.
- If the exhaust ventilation system is concealed and reasonably accessible, request access from the POA.

ACTION:

- None

MORE INFORMATION:

- Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

DEFICIENCY 3 — OUTSIDE: ELECTRIC DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:** - Look at the dryer exhaust ventilation system (e.g., external vent, damp), as applicable, to identify any blockages.
- REQUEST FOR HELP:** - None
- ACTION:** - None
- MORE INFORMATION:** - Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.
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DEFICIENCY 4 — OUTSIDE: EXTERIOR DRYER VENT COVER, CAP, OR A COMPONENT THEREOF IS MISSING.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Exterior dryer vent cover, cap, or a component thereof is missing (i.e., evidence of prior installation, but now not present or is incomplete).

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Advisory Deficiencies critical to habitability but not presenting a substantive health or safety risk to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

HCV PASS / FAIL: Pass

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: N/A

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the exterior of the building to identify the location where the dryer ventilation system terminates.
- Determine if the exterior dryer vent cover, cap, or any component thereof is missing.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

DEFICIENCY 5 — UNIT: DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS CONSTRUCTED OF UNSUITABLE MATERIAL.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Dryer transition duct is not constructed of metal or an approved material.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Life-Threatening The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the dryer transition duct and determine if it is constructed of metal or an approved material.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

DEFICIENCY 5 — INSIDE: DRYER TRANSITION DUCT IS CONSTRUCTED OF UNSUITABLE MATERIAL.

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CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the gas dryer vent and determine if it is constructed of metal.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - If the laundry facility is locked, request access from the resident or POA.
- If the dryer transition duct is concealed and reasonably accessible, request access from the POA.

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - None

DEFICIENCY 6 — UNIT: GAS DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.

DEFICIENCY CRITERIA: Gas dryer exhaust ventilation system is blocked or damaged such that airflow may be restricted.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Life-Threatening The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:**
- Look at the exhaust ventilation system and identify the flexible duct line.
 - Look at the entire duct line that runs from the back of the dryer.
 - Look for crushed pipe or any unintentional kinks in the duct line.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

DEFICIENCY 6 — INSIDE: GAS DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY DETERMINATION: Life-Threatening The Life-Threatening category includes deficiencies that, if evident in the home or on the property, present a high risk of death to resident.

CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

HCV PASS / FAIL: Fail

HCV CORRECTION TIMEFRAME: 24 hours

INSPECTION PROCESS:

- OBSERVATION:**
- Look at the exhaust ventilation system and identify the flexible duct line.
 - Look at the entire duct line that runs from the back of the dryer.
 - Look for crushed pipe or any unintentional kinks in the duct line.

- REQUEST FOR HELP:**
- If the laundry facility is locked, request access from the resident or POA.
 - If the exhaust ventilation system is concealed and reasonably accessible, request access from the POA.

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

DEFICIENCY 6 — OUTSIDE: GAS DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION SYSTEM HAS RESTRICTED AIRFLOW.

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INSPECTION PROCESS:

OBSERVATION: - Look at the dryer exhaust ventilation system (e.g., external vent, damp), as applicable, to identify any blockages.

REQUEST FOR HELP: - None

ACTION: - None

MORE INFORMATION: - Improvised filter materials (e.g., stockings, t-shirts, etc.) attached to the duct line are considered a blockage and should be recorded as a deficiency.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

TITLE: CLOTHES DRYER EXHAUST VENTILATION

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FIELD	CHANGE	VERSION	DATE
----	Abbreviated published version	V2.2	2022-06-23
Name Variants	Removed from published version		
Common Materials	Removed from published version		
Rationale	Removed from published version		
Tools or Equipment	Removed from published version		
Deficiency 4		V2.2	2022-06-23
Health and Safety Determination	Outside: Relabeled from "N/A" to "Advisory"		
Title	Revised title	V2.1	2021-04-02
Definition	Revised definition		
Purpose	Revised purpose		
Common Materials	Revised common materials		
Location	Revised Outside explanation	V2.1	2021-04-02
More Information	Revised response	V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency 1		V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Unit & Inside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit & Inside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit & Inside: Revised to "Life-Threatening"		
Rationale	Unit & Inside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit & Inside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 2		V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Unit & Inside: Revised title		

Deficiency Criteria	Unit & Inside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Rationale	Unit & Inside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit & Inside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 3		V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Rationale	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 4		V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Outside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Outside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Outside: Revised to "N/A"		
Rationale	Outside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Outside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 5		V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Unit & Inside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit & Inside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Rationale	Unit & Inside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit & Inside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 6	Removed previous deficiency 6; captured under deficiency 3 and revised deficiency 6	V2.1	2021-04-02
Deficiency Title	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised title		
Deficiency Criteria	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised to "Life-Threatening"		
Rationale	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised rationales and explanations		
Inspection Process	Unit, Inside, & Outside: Revised Observation, Request for Help, Action, and More Information		
Deficiency 1		V2.0	2020-10-28

Deficiency Criteria	Copy edits		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Copy edits		
Deficiency 2		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Copy edits		
Deficiency 3		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Inspection Process	Copy edits		
Deficiency 4		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Deficiency 5		V2.0	2020-10-28
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to "Life-Threatening"		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Rationale	Copy edits		
Deficiency 6		V2.0	2020-10-28
Deficiency Criteria	Copy edits		
Health and Safety Determination	Added standardized description		
HCV Pass / Fail	Field added; response input as "Fail"		
Overall Formatting	Complete rework of document format and layout	V1.3	2020-07-31
Definition	Revised definition	V1.3	2020-07-31
Purpose	Field added	V1.3	2020-07-31

Name Variants	Revised name variants	VI.3	2020-07-31
Common Materials	Revised common materials	VI.3	2020-07-31
Common Components	Revised common components	VI.3	2020-07-31
Location	Revised inspectable locations	VI.3	2020-07-31
More Information	Field added	VI.3	2020-07-31
Deficiency 1	Separated by inspectable locations — Unit and Inside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Revised title; added inspectable locations		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to “Standard” determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”		
HCV — Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “Within 30 days”		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency; response revised		
Deficiency 2	Separated by inspectable locations — Unit and Inside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Revised title; added inspectable locations		
Deficiency Criteria	Revised deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to “Life-Threatening” determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “24 hours”		
HCV — Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as “24 hours”		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency; response revised		
Deficiency 3	Separated by inspectable locations — Unit and Inside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added inspectable locations		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to “Life-Threatening” determination; added standardized description		

Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "24 hours"		
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "24 hours"		
Rationale	Revised rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Revised observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency; response revised		
Deficiency 4	Added by inspectable location – Outside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added title; added inspectable location		
Deficiency Criteria	Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Added "Standard" determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "Within 30 days"		
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "Within 30 days"		
Rationale	Added rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Added observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency		
Deficiency 5	Added by inspectable locations – Unit and Inside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added title; added inspectable locations		
Deficiency Criteria	Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Added "Standard" determination; added standardized description		
Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "Within 30 days"		
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "Within 30 days"		
Rationale	Added rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions		
Inspection Process	Added observation, request for help, action, and more information		
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency		
Deficiency 6	Added by inspectable location – Outside	VI.3	2020-07-31
Title	Added title; added inspectable location		
Deficiency Criteria	Added deficiency criteria		
Health and Safety Determination	Revised to "Life-Threatening" determination; added standardized description		

Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "24 hours"
HCV – Correction Timeframe	Field added; response input as "24 hours"
Rationale	Added rationale categories, types, and explanations; added standardized codes and descriptions
Inspection Process	Added observation, request for help, action, and more information
Tools or Equipment	Field added to deficiency