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<b>INTERPRETATION</b>		
Interpretation Date:	July 17, 2002	File No.:  <b>98-0055</b>
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 1998	
Subject:	Dry Vent Connections	
Keywords:	Vent, Vertical	
Building Code Reference(s):	7.5.6.2.(1)(b), 7.5.6.2.(2), 7.5.6.4.(1)	Page 1 of 2

**Question:**

Can an individual vent from a fixture run horizontally prior to extending vertically above the flood level rim of the fixture?

**Interpretation:**

No, in most installations a vent can be installed in accordance with Clause 7.5.6.2.(1)(b) which states "Every *vent pipe* shall be installed in a *nominally vertical* position where it is practical to do so."

Sentence 7.5.6.4.(1) requires the vent to extend above the fixtures served before connecting to another *vent pipe* and Sentence 7.5.6.2.(2) requires a *vent pipe* other than a *wet vent* be connected above the horizontal centre line of the *soil-or-waste pipe*.

The 1992 BC Plumbing Code stated in Sentence 5.6.4.(1) that a *vent pipe* shall extend vertically not less than 150 mm above the *flood level* rim of the fixtures served before running horizontal or being connected to another *vent pipe*.

In the 1998 BC Building Code Sentence 7.5.6.4.(1) the phrase "before running horizontal" has been deleted and only references connecting to another vent.

(See Page 2 for drawing examples.)

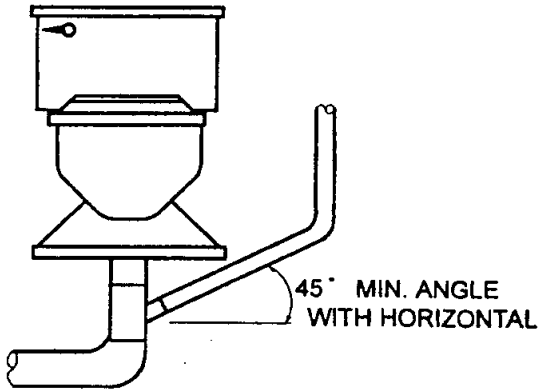


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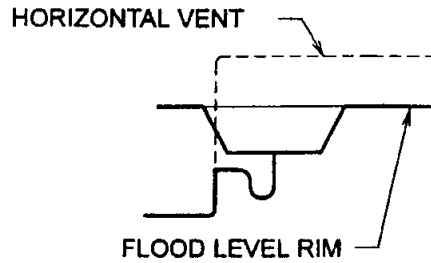
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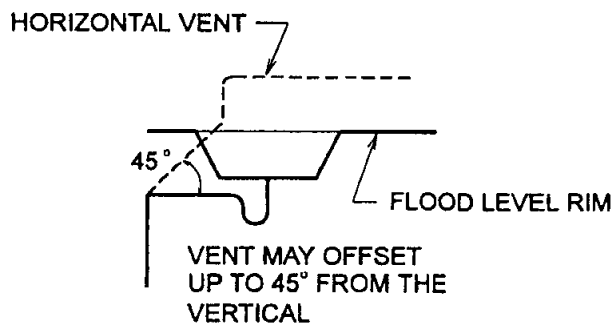
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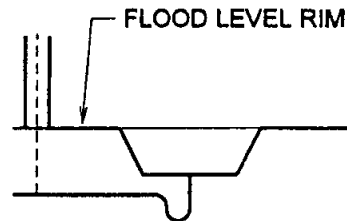
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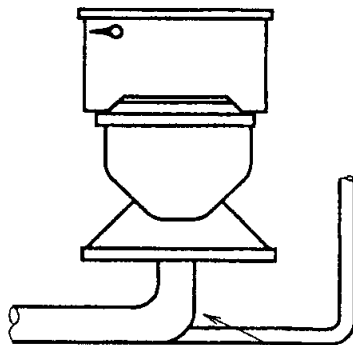
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