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Building Code Reference(s): 3.1.8.14.(5)

Question:

Can a hold open device with a fusible link be used on a closure that is required to have a fire protection rating?

Interpretation:

Yes (with restrictions)

Sentence 3.1.8.14.(5) permits hold-open devices to be used on closures, other than those described in Sentences 3.1.8.14.(3) & (4), which are released upon actuation of a heat-actuated device such as a fusible link.

Hold-open devices with fusible links are not permitted on closures described in Sentences 3.1.8.14.(3) & (4).



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