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**INTERPRETATION**

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## Question:

1. Does Sentence 2.5.6.2.(2) limit the location of vent pipes for a manufactured oil interceptor to above the horizontal centre line of the inlet and outlet of the oil interceptor?
2. If the answer to question #1 is yes, could vents be provided on the inlet and outlet of the oil interceptor which comply with the requirements of Sentence 2.5.6.2.(2)?

## Interpretation:

1. No,

The requirement of Sentence 2.5.6.2.(2), that vents other than wet vents, are to connect above the horizontal centre line of the drainage pipe is in place for venting of traps for fixtures. A manufactured oil interceptor is constructed and tested to function as intended and the vents required to satisfy Sentence 2.5.5.2.(1), regarding the two vents for the separate chambers, may not completely comply with Sentence 2.5.6.2.(2) if designed this way by the manufacturer.

2. Since the answer above is 'No', it would only be required to provide a vent on the outlet piping from the oil interceptor (see Note A-2.5.5.2.).



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