



P-003 – BUILDING DIVISION DIRECTIVE

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# ABS/PVC FOR FIXTURE CONNECTIONS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS GREATER THAN 2 STORIES

This directive is intended to clarify the implementation of Section 701.2(2)(a) of the 2022 California Plumbing code which states:

[HCD 1 & HCD 2] ABS and PVC installations are limited *to buildings* with not more than two stories of areas of residential accommodation.

This section shall be modified for new projects within the City of San Jose with the following provisions:

*Fixture drain parts such as tailpieces, traps, trap arms and portions of the tub waste fittings shall be of approved materials in accordance with one of the referenced standards including PVC and ABS for all residential accommodations.*

*In Buildings of fire-resistive construction, the rated membrane or assembly shall not be compromised by the use of combustible piping. The use of ABS and PVC fixture drain parts shall be restricted to within the individual dwelling unit only and never within a wall, floor, or ceiling.*