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**Adoption of 2010 Oregon Mechanical  
Specialty Code**

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**Purpose of the rule:**

These rules adopt the 2010 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC). The 2010 OMSC consists of the 2009 editions of the International Mechanical Code and International Fuel Gas Code, and Oregon amendments. The rules also make non-substantive housekeeping changes to rules in division 440 in order to improve consistency and clarity of the rules.

For the purposes of allowing a phase-in period from July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010, building officials must allow either the use of the 2010 OMSC or the 2007 OMSC.

These rules and the code become effective July 1, 2010.

**Citation:**

Amend: OAR 918-440

View the [2010 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code](#).

Code books may be purchased from vendors listed on the division's web site at <http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/codestandards.html>.

**Effect of the rule:**

Highlighted changes in the 2010 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code:

- Chapter 4 dealing with occupancy ventilation.
- Chapter 5 requirements for domestic clothes dryer ducts have been extensively revised.
- Chapter 5 aligns the domestic kitchen hood requirements with the current provisions of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code.
- Chapter 7 change in direction from providing prescriptive combustion air requirements for oil and solid-fuel burning appliances.
- Chapter 11 refrigerant access ports located outdoors shall be equipped with locking-type tamper-resistant caps.
- Chapter 12 allows a number of additional options in the design and installation of hydronic piping systems.
- The fuel-gas Appendix no longer allows fuel-gas piping to penetrate through a foundation wall below grade.
- A new section clarifies the installation of LPG regulators to address the installation of LPG second stage and 2 psi regulators.

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