

CHANGE TYPE: Addition

CHANGE SUMMARY: The 2012 IECC contains the first eave baffle requirements found in the IECC.

2012 CODE:

R402.2.3 Eave Baffle. For air-permeable insulations in vented attics, a baffle shall be installed adjacent to soffit and eave vents. Baffles shall maintain an opening equal or greater than the size of the vent. The baffle shall extend over the top of the attic insulation. The baffle shall be permitted to be any solid material.

CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE: Although 2012 *International Residential Code*® (IRC) **Section R806.3 Vent and Insulation Clearance** calls for “a minimum of a 1-inch (25 mm) space . . . Between the insulation and the roof sheathing and at the location of the vent.” There is no means specified in the IRC for maintaining this dimension throughout the useful life of the building. The baffle requirement works in conjunction with the IRC to ensure that the required ventilation space will be created and maintained.

R402.2.3

Eave Baffle



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Insulation installed over eave baffles

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