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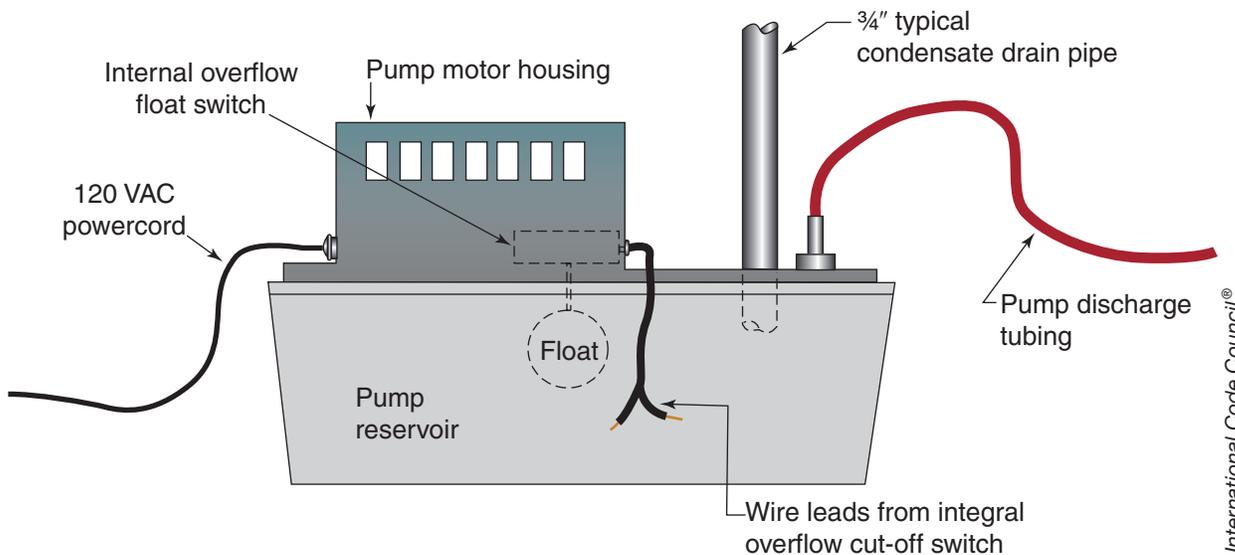
Condensate Pumps

CHANGE TYPE: Addition

CHANGE SUMMARY: Condensate pumps located in uninhabitable spaces and used with condensing fuel-fired appliances and cooling equipment must be connected to the appliance or equipment served by the pump to prevent water damage in the event of pump failure.

2015 CODE: **307.6 Condensate Pumps.** Condensate pumps located in uninhabitable spaces, such as attics and crawl spaces, shall be connected to the appliance or equipment served such that when the pump fails, the appliance or equipment will be prevented from operating. Pumps shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.

CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE: Condensate pumps are often located in attics and crawl spaces and above ceilings where they are not readily observable. If they fail, the condensate overflow can cause structural damage to the building, especially where the overflow will not be noticed immediately. The majority of such pumps are equipped with simple float controls that can be wired in series with the appliance/equipment control circuit. When the pump system fails, the float will rise in the reservoir and open a switch before the condensate starts to overflow the reservoir. These float controls are commonly not connected, and in other cases, the pump might not be equipped with an overflow switch. This new code section requires the installation of condensate pumps that have this overflow shutoff capability and requires that the appliance/equipment served be connected to take advantage of that feature.



Float switch for appliance shut-off to prevent overflow

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