



Product Notification

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Power Vented Products

This notification is to update you on a few changes to the certification standards for our residential gas power vented products. This will affect both power vent & power direct vent products. These new requirements have been added to the current certification standard and will be enforced immediately.

The first amendment is cellular core plastic vent pipe is no longer an approved plastic vent material. Only solid core, schedule 40 plastic vent pipe will be accepted.

Another change was the addition of a new, non-metallic vent test. One part of this test requires we list a maximum ambient temperature for installations. These ambient temperature requirements can vary depending on the model but most all are suitable for ambient installation temperatures up to 140°F. The one exception is the 40-gallon power vent with 50,000 Btu input. This model is certified for installations up to 120°F degrees without any special installation requirements. However, if installation ambient temperatures up to 140°F are expected then you **must** install CPVC or ABS vent material for the first five (5') feet of vent run off the heater. If local codes allow for using different types of vent material in the same vent system then you may change the plastic vent pipe back to PVC after the first five feet or the entire vent run can continue with CPVC or ABS pipe.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or your local A. O. Smith Sales Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cliff Deidiker'.

Cliff Deidiker
Residential Product Manager