

§RR309
GARAGES AND CARPORTS

§RR309.1 Opening protection. Openings from a private garage directly into a room used for sleeping purposes shall not be permitted. Other openings between the garage and residence shall be equipped with a 3/4-hour fire-protection-rated door assembly equipped with a self-closing device.

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§RR309.1.1 Duct penetration. Ducts in the garage and ducts penetrating the walls or ceilings separating the dwelling from the garage shall be constructed of a minimum No. 26 gage (0.48 mm) sheet steel and shall have no openings into the garage.

§RR309.2 Separation required. The garage shall be separated from the residence and its attic area by horizontal or vertical separations conforming to [§RR309.2.1](#) and [§RR309.2.2](#).

§RR309.2.1 Vertical separations. Where partitions are used to separate an attached garage from a living space or its attic, the partition assembly shall have a 3/4-hour fire-resistance rating.

Exception: In lieu of providing partitions that have a 3/4-hour fire-resistance rating, one layer of 5/8-inch thick, type-X, gypsum board may be installed on the garage side and one layer of 1/2-inch, type X, gypsum board may be installed on the opposite side. Application shall be in accordance with [§RR702.3](#).

§RR309.2.2 Horizontal separations. Where horizontal construction is used to separate the garage from the living space or its attic, such construction shall be protected with one layer of 5/8-inch thick, type X, gypsum board, installed in accordance with the requirements of [§RR805.1](#). Openings in horizontal separations shall not be permitted except where the residence is otherwise protected by vertical separations. Where the horizontal separation is a floor-ceiling assembly, the structure supporting the separation shall also be protected by not less than 5/8-inch (15.87 mm) type X gypsum board or equivalent.

§RR309.3 Floor surface. Garage floor surfaces shall be of approved noncombustible material.

The area of floor used for parking of automobiles or other vehicles shall be sloped to facilitate the movement of liquids to a drain or toward the main vehicle entry doorway.