Shower Valves
SECTION 408, 2019 California Plumbing Code (CPC)

New changes in the 2019 CPC

The California Plumbing Code has changed the requirements for shower valves.

Section 408.1 Application. Manufactured shower receptors and shower bases shall comply with ASME A112.19.1/CSA B45.2, ASME A112.19.2/CSA B45.1, ASME A112.19.3/CSA B45.4, or CSA B45.12/IAPMO Z402 or CSA B45.5/IAPMO Z124 (new)

Section 408.2 Water Consumption. Showerheads shall have a maximum flow rate of not more than 1.8 gallons at 80 psi (6.81 L/m at 522 kPa) and residential showerheads shall comply with Division 4.3 of the California Green Building Standards Code 2019 Edition (CALGreen) (NEW)

Section 408.3 Individual Shower and Tub-Shower Combination Control Valves. Showers and tub-shower combinations shall be provided with individual control valves of the pressure balance, thermostatic or combination pressure balance/thermostatic mixing valve type that provide scald and thermal shock protection for the rated flow rate of the installed showerhead. These valves shall be installed at the point of use and in accordance with ASSE 1016 / ASME A 112.1016/CSA B125.16 or ASME A112.18.1/CSAB125.1. (NEW)

Gang showers, where supplied with a single temperature-controlled water supply pipe, shall be controlled by a mixing valve that is in accordance with ASSE 1069. Handle position stops shall be provided on such valves and shall be adjusted per the manufacturer’s instructions to deliver a maximum mixed water setting of 120°F (49°C). Water heater thermostat shall not be considered a suitable control for meeting this provision.

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