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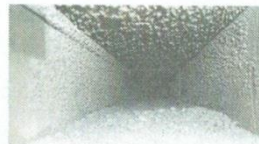
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Duct maintenance – Think of load from the outset

The European standard EN12236 Ventilation for buildings – Ductwork hangers and supports – Requirements for strength, introduced in 2002, stipulates that



'consideration shall be given to the loading conditions including... the additional weight of a person or persons who may gain access to the ductwork for purpose of cleaning or maintenance'.

At present, however, the UK industry standard DW144, which was introduced earlier in 1998, does not fully incorporate the European standard requirements. This can only lead to confusion and increased risk associated with the health and safety of those carrying out inspections or cleaning, as suitable fixing points and calculations to establish potential loads on each fixing are not taken into consideration.

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