

**Oregon  
Interpretive Ruling No. 93-89  
CONCEALED UNIONS ON FURNACES**

**Requested By:** PPPI MANUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

**QUESTION**

What is the definition of "*concealed*" in the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code for unions in furnaces?

**APPLICABLE CODE SECTIONS**

1993 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC), Chapter 22 and Oregon One and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code (Dwelling Code), Chapter 17.

**BACKGROUND**

The 1981 OMSC did not have a definition for *concealed* and PPPI-4086 was written to help clarify the meaning. The current Dwelling Code gives a definition for *concealed* that is similar to the one in PPPI-4086.

**FINDINGS**

This interpretation is authorized by ORS 455.060, Rulings on Acceptability of Materials, Designs or Methods of Construction and Attorney General's Opinion OP-4208 issued October 1, 1981, which advised the statute permits authoritative interpretations of existing code requirements.

**DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION**

Recommend PPPI-4086 be rescinded.

(signed January 26, 1994)

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John Talbott, Chairman  
Structural Code Advisory Board

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Date

The recommendations and findings of the Structural Code Advisory Board are accepted and the conclusions are adopted.

(signed January 26, 1994)

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Gary J. Wicks, Administrator  
Building Codes Division

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Date