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PVC Pipe Restrictions for Category IV Vented Water Heaters

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Per the latest ANSI Z21.10.1*CSA 4.1-2014 and ANSI Z21.10.3*CSA 4.3-2014 standards the following vent pipe materials are no longer acceptable for use in Rheem water heater venting systems:

<u>Material</u>	<u>Pipe Nomenclature</u>	<u>Reference Standard</u>
PVC	Cellular Core	ASTM-F891
ABS	Schedule 40, DWV Cellular Core	ASTM-F628

This affects all our Residential and Commercial Power Vent, Power Direct Vent and Tankless as well as Spiderfire and AdvantagePlus commercial water heaters installed on or after April 1, 2016.

The appropriate Use & Care Manuals are being revised. This technical bulletin stands as an addendum to any Rheem/Ruud/Richmond product that uses PVC piping as a venting material.