

ASHRAE Technical FAQ

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Question What is ASHRAE's recommendation regarding duct cleaning?

ASHRAE does not have an official policy on duct cleaning.

The [2008 ASHRAE Handbook - Systems and Equipment, Chapter S18](#) refers the reader to the National Air Duct Cleaners Association ([NADCA](#)) 2002 Standard "Assessment, Cleaning, and Restoration of HVAC Systems" and the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association 1993 publication "Cleaning Fibrous Glass insulated Air Duct Systems."

The handbook and the other publications may be purchased and/or individual chapters of the handbook may be purchased and downloaded on-line at our website, www.ashrae.org or by calling 1-800-527-4723 in the USA and Canada or 1-404-636-8400 worldwide.

Answer More information on duct cleaning can be obtained from the National Air Duct Cleaners Association ([NADCA](#)) and the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association ([NAIMA](#)).

The [US EPA](#) website on the subject of duct cleaning can be found at www.epa.gov/iaq/pubs/airduct.html

[NADCA](#) - National Air Duct Cleaners Association - www.nadca.com.

[NAIMA](#) - North American Insulation Manufacturer's Association - www.naima.org.

[SMACNA](#) - Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association - www.smacna.org

ASHRAE Pubs [2008 ASHRAE Handbook - Systems and Equipment, Chapter S18](#)

Topic References Ducts, cleaning, indoor air quality (IAQ)

	Cognizant ASHRAE Committees	Refer to Organization
1	TC 5.2	NADCA
2	EHC	NAIMA
3		US EPA
4		SMACNA
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