

CHAPTER 10
TRAPS, INTERCEPTORS AND SEPARATORS

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1003.4 Oil separators required. At repair garages, car-washing facilities, at factories where oily and flammable liquid wastes are produced and in hydraulic elevator pits, separators shall be installed into which all oil-bearing, grease-bearing or flammable wastes shall be discharged before emptying into the building drainage system or other point of disposal.

Exception: An oil separator is not required in hydraulic elevator pits where an approved alarm system is installed.



Q: Is an oil separator required in a repair garage that does not have floor or trench drains?

A: No.

An oil separator is required only where floor or trench drains are present. It is not assumed that oil bearing waste will be introduced into the drainage system through plumbing fixtures other than floor drains and trench drains.

Note: The 2015 International Plumbing Code has been clarified and will read as follows:

1003.4 Oil separators required. At repair garages where floor or trench drains are provided, car-washing facilities, factories where oily and flammable liquid wastes are produced and in hydraulic elevator pits, separators shall be installed . . .
