Interpretation:
Section 605.5 of the Mechanical Code states the requirement for access to fire dampers.

Field Application:
Fire damper access shall be gained by removing the mechanical fastener and duct tape and pulling the flexible duct from the damper sleeve. This procedure will permit full access to the damper for servicing and to reset.

Note: The requirement requires tools to do this but was a trade-off with industry of not requiring rigid duct for placement of the access door.