

Access doors and panels rough-in inspection checklist

Access doors and panels rough-in is the last time the work is fully visible. Once the cover inspection passes and the walls, ceilings and slabs close, every defect left behind becomes a demolition bill. This checklist walks the rough-in in the order the work goes in, with the photo each item needs before it gets buried. Work is commonly verified against the applicable building code, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The carpentry or drywall crew setting frames with the GC's superintendent, walking each opening before finish covers the frame. When: As access-door frames are set in the framed wall or ceiling and backing is placed, before drywall, plaster or ceiling finish closes the surface around the frame.

Frame and backing

- ☐ **Frame square and backed before finish closes**
Frame set plumb and square with continuous backing so the finished surface and latch stay true, flange fastened per the manufacturer, no reliance on drywall alone. **2 photos required**

Location and reach

- ☐ **Opening placed for real access to the equipment behind**
Door centered on the valve, damper, cleanout or junction it serves, clear reach past framing and other trades, size adequate to service the item. **1 photo required**

Rated assemblies

- ☐ **Rated access doors in rated assemblies verified to schedule**
Where the wall or ceiling is rated, the access-door rating observed and documented against the opening schedule, frame installed per its listing; the AHJ certifies the assembly. **2 photos required**