READY TO INSPECT — FIELD CHECKLIST

Asphalt paving final inspection checklist

Asphalt paving final inspection is where the punch list is either short or expensive. This checklist walks the finished work the way an owner or AHJ will see it: devices on, systems running, everything labeled. Each item gets the photo that closes it instead of reopening it. Work is commonly verified against the project geotechnical report and specifications. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent with the paving foreman and the testing agency where cores or density are specified.
When: After paving and rolling are complete and the mat has cooled, before striping and before the lot or drive is opened to traffic.

Mat and joints

- [ ] Mat thickness verified against the specification
  Thickness confirmed by cores or depth checks where specified, consistent across the area rather than thin at the far end of the pour.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Joint construction tight and sealed
  Longitudinal and transverse joints tight with no open seam or height difference, sealed where specified so water can't enter the joint.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Compaction or density observed
  Rolling pattern followed while the mat was in temperature, density results reviewed against the specification where required, no roller marks or shoving.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Load tickets match the approved mix
  Delivered tickets show the plant, mix type and delivery temperature matching the approved mix design for each course placed.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Mat texture uniform with no segregation or tearing
  No coarse streaks, pulled or torn areas behind the screed, or rock pockets at truck exchanges and hand-worked corners.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Mat edges rolled straight with no crumbling
  Edge of pavement compacted and straight to the line, not slumped or breaking off, with the edge backed where the drawings show.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Longitudinal joints kept out of the wheel paths
  Where the area took more than one pass, joints fall on lane or stall lines per the paving plan rather than where tires track.
  No photo required

Ride and drainage

- [ ] Surface smoothness checked
  Surface run with a straightedge on the specified spacing, no bumps, dips or roller ridges beyond tolerance, transitions smooth at structures and curbs.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Drainage checked for ponding
  Surface flooded or observed after a rain, water running to the inlets with no birdbaths standing on the mat.
  2 photos required

Striping readiness

- [ ] Surface ready to accept striping
  Mat cooled and cured per the striping requirements, surface clean and dry, layout confirmed against the site plan before paint goes down.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Curbs, walks and structures cleaned of mix and tack
  No asphalt splatter, tack tracking or spilled mix left on adjacent curbs, walks, gutters or building faces. 1 photo required

Protection and records

- [ ] Fresh mat protected from traffic and equipment
  Barricades held until the mat is released, no scuffs from turning tires and no dents from parked equipment, outriggers or container pads. 1 photo required
- [ ] As-paved limits and lifts marked on the record set
  Paved areas, courses placed and any change from the plan drawn onto the record drawings for the turnover package. No photo required