

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**

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**