

Carpet and carpet tile final inspection checklist

Carpet and carpet tile 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 CRI carpet installation guidance, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The carpet foreman with the GC's superintendent, walking the finished floor before it is protected and before the owner's walk. When: After the field is stretched or the tile is laid and seams are finished, and transitions are set, before floor protection goes down.

Layout, stretch and lay

- ☐ Carpet laid to layout, stretched and flat
Field to the specified layout with balanced borders, broadloom power-stretched tight with no ripples, tile fully seated and flat with pile direction and pattern consistent. 2 photos required

Seams and tile joints

- ☐ Seams flat, sealed and tile joints tight
Broadloom seams sealed and heat-set flat with no peaking or fuzzing, tile joints tight and aligned with no gapping, pile combed clean across the join. 2 photos required

Transitions and base

- ☐ Transitions and edges set tight and clean
Transition strips and reducers set flush at doorways and material changes, edges tucked and secured at walls and base, wide shot placing the floor in the space. 1 photo required