READY TO INSPECT — FIELD CHECKLIST

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
- [ ] Glue-down areas rolled with full adhesive transfer
  Direct glue-down carpet rolled as the maker directs to push out trapped air, with a lifted edge in the first area showing adhesive transfer to the backing.
  No photo required
- [ ] Stair carpet wrapped tight over each nosing
  Where stairs are carpeted, pile running down the nosing, carpet held tight into the riser and tread junction by the method the maker lists, with no loose nosings.
  No photo 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
- [ ] Seams joined with the method the carpet maker lists
  Hot-melt tape for stretched-in seams and seam adhesive along glue-down seams, with seam sealer run on the cut edges before joining, confirmed with the foreman.
  No photo required
- [ ] Seam lines free of melted, glazed or crushed pile
  Each broadloom seam viewed along its length for iron scorch, glazed fibers or pile trapped in the tape, brushed up or recut before the carpet is protected.
  No photo required
- [ ] Seams hand-pulled across the join with no movement
  Hand tension across a sample of broadloom seams in each room shows no opening, shifting or backing showing through the pile.
  No photo 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
- [ ] Carpet edge fully captured in every transition
  At each doorway and floor change, the carpet edge seated fully in the strip or gripper with no backing or tackless showing.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Cut edges at floor boxes, columns and open ends sealed
  Exposed cut edges not covered by a strip or base sealed or bound so loop pile will not zipper or fray.
  No photo required

Sprouts and records

- [ ] Field walked for sprouts and loose tufts
  Sprouting tufts and loose yarn ends at seams and cuts snipped level with the pile rather than pulled, with any run of pulled rows logged.
  No photo required

- [ ] Seaming diagram marked up with seams as installed
  For broadloom, the seaming diagram updated to where each seam actually landed and filed with the dye-lot record so a future repair can find it.
  No photo required