

Casework and millwork rough-in inspection checklist

Casework and millwork 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 AWI / architectural woodwork standards, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The casework foreman or the GC's superintendent walking each room with the shop drawings before the drywall crew hangs board. When: After framing and rough MEP, before drywall closes the walls — once board is up, missing blocking means opening the wall back up.

Blocking coverage

- ☐ **Blocking present for uppers, wall cabinets and counters**
Continuous solid backing behind every wall-hung cabinet, upper run and supported counter, sized and spanning the studs the anchors will catch. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Backing for grab-type and wall-mounted anchors**
Solid backing where grab bars, wall-hung units and heavy accessories anchor, not just at cabinet lines, so later fasteners hit wood or plate rather than board. 2 photos required

Location and height

- ☐ **Blocking heights and locations match the shop drawings**
Heights and horizontal locations measured against the approved shop drawings for each elevation, not assumed from a standard detail. 2 photos required

Coordination

- ☐ **Blocking clears rough MEP in the same wall**
Backing does not conflict with boxes, valves or vents roughed into the same wall, so cabinets sit flat and cutouts land clear. 1 photo required