READY TO INSPECT — FIELD CHECKLIST

Doors, frames and hardware rough-in inspection checklist

Doors, frames and hardware 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 NFPA 80, the applicable building code, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The carpentry foreman setting frames, or the GC's superintendent walking openings before the drywall crew closes the walls. When: As hollow-metal and wood frames are set in each opening, before drywall hangs on the jamb and before masonry frames are grouted solid.

Frames received and checked

- [ ] Frame at each opening matches the door schedule
  Frame size, profile, hand and throat read against the door schedule and the approved frame submittal before it is set in the opening.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Frame tag or stamped marking matched to the submittal
  Manufacturer's tag, sticker or stamp on the frame photographed and matched to the gauge and material on the approved submittal; any rating label left clean.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Hardware preps in the frame suit the hardware schedule
  Hinge, strike and closer preps, and any electrified preps, cut where the hardware schedule needs them; no missing mortise or wrong-hand strike.
  1 photo required

Frame anchorage

- [ ] Frame anchors correct for the wall type
  Anchor type matched to stud, masonry or existing wall, spacing and count per the frame, anchors fastened not just tack-set.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Masonry frames grouted solid
  Frames in masonry filled full so the profile is backed, no hollow spots that let the jamb flex under a closer.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Hollow-metal frame base anchors fastened at both jambs
  Floor clips or base anchors at each jamb foot fastened into the slab or subfloor so the frame cannot kick out when the wall is boarded.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Hollow-metal frame spreaders held until the frame is anchored
  Setting or shipping spreaders keep the jambs at the opening width until anchors and grout are done, and come out before the door is hung.
  1 photo required

Plumb, square and clearance

- [ ] Frame plumb, level and square in the opening
  Jambs plumb, head level, diagonals equal, throat matched to the wall so the door will sit flush without twist.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Frame set to the finished-floor elevation
  Frame feet at the finished-floor line so the undercut in the hardware schedule still works with the floor finish still to come.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Latch-side and push-side clearances at the opening per the plans
  Wall-to-frame dimensions at the latch and push sides measured against the plans, so the accessible maneuvering space is not lost when the wall closes.
  1 photo required

Backing and blocking

- [ ] Backing set for hardware before wall closes
  Blocking or reinforcement in place for closers, stops, holders and continuous hinges at the mounting heights before drywall covers the wall.
  2 photos required

- [ ] Frame boxes and raceway ready for electrified hardware
  Where the hardware schedule shows electrified locks, strikes, power transfers or position switches, the frame boxes and wire path confirmed with the low-voltage installer before the wall closes.
  No photo required

Hand-off to the wall crew

- [ ] Set frames protected before drywall and paint
  Jambs wrapped or corner-guarded through board, mud and paint, primer undamaged by carts, and hinge and strike preps taped against compound.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Openings clear to close reported to the drywall foreman
  Openings checked on this walk logged by room, with the drywall foreman told which are clear to board and which still need a frame fix.
  No photo required