

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.

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**

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**

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**