READY TO INSPECT — FIELD CHECKLIST

EIFS (exterior insulation and finish) final inspection checklist

EIFS (exterior insulation and finish) 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 manufacturer's published instructions, the applicable building code. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent with the EIFS foreman, walking finished elevations before turnover. When: After the finish coat and joint sealants are complete and cured, before lifts come down and turnover walks begin.

Finish coat

- [ ] Finish coat uniform in texture and color
  Consistent texture and color across the elevation, no lap marks, cold joints or patched areas standing out in raking light.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Finish color matches the approved sample
  Finished wall compared with the approved sample or mockup in daylight, differences noted for the architect.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Corners, edges and reveals straight and true
  Outside corners, reveal lines and terminations sighted along their length, with no waves, bellies or rounded arrises.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Windows, metal and paving free of finish splatter
  Adjacent frames, flashing, roofing and walks cleaned of finish and base coat splatter without scratching their surfaces.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Finish batch numbers recorded for each elevation
  Batch numbers used on each elevation logged so later repairs and warranty claims can be matched.
  No photo required

Joints and terminations

- [ ] Expansion and control joints present and correct
  Joints run at floor lines, substrate changes and specified spacing, backer and sealant profile per the detail.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Sealant at terminations and penetrations
  Sealant bonded to the base coat, primed where the EIFS manufacturer requires, not the finish coat, continuous at every termination and penetration, correct joint depth and no skips.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Sealant and primer on the manufacturer's compatible list
  Sealant and primer used match the approved submittal and the EIFS manufacturer's compatibility list.
  No photo required
- [ ] Finished grade held below the base termination
  Soil, mulch and paving kept below the base of the system by the clearance the details show; none of the system buried after landscaping.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Drainage exits left open at the base and heads
  Weep exits at the base track and window heads not closed by sealant or finish, so the drainage plane can empty.
  1 photo required

Impact resistance

- [ ] Impact-resistant build at high-traffic areas
  Heavier mesh or reinforcement present where specified at ground level, walkways and dock areas, verified before finish hid it.
  1 photo required

Attachments and turnover

- [ ] Wall-mounted items anchored to backing through the lamina
  Lights, signs, brackets and hose bibs fastened through the board into the backing or blocking the details show, not hung from the foam or lamina alone.
  1 photo required
- [ ] System warranty paperwork assembled for turnover
  Warranty application, any manufacturer field reports and the applicator's training record gathered for the turnover package.
  No photo required