

# EIFS (exterior insulation and finish) pre-cover inspection checklist

A eifs (exterior insulation and finish) pre-cover inspection is the hold point before concealed work disappears behind the next layer. This checklist is built for that walk: verify, photograph, then release the cover, not the other way around. 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 EIFS foreman walking behind the base-coat crew, or the GC's superintendent releasing each elevation for finish.  
When: After insulation board, base coat and mesh are on and edges are back-wrapped, before the finish coat goes over it all.

## Insulation board

- ☐ **Board attached and joints as the system requires**  
Board set tight with staggered joints and full attachment, no open gaps packed with base coat, rasped flat before coating. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Edges back-wrapped at openings and terminations**  
Mesh wrapped around board edges at openings and terminations, no raw foam left exposed at any edge. 2 photos required

## Base coat and mesh

- ☐ **Reinforcing mesh fully embedded in the base coat**  
Mesh troweled into wet base coat so the pattern is barely visible, laps as specified, not floated on the surface. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Aesthetic reveals coated and wrapped**  
Reveal grooves lined with mesh and base coat, edges crisp, no bare foam left in the groove. 1 photo required