

EIFS (exterior insulation and finish) rough-in inspection checklist

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

Who runs it: The EIFS foreman checking the wall behind the crew, or the GC's superintendent releasing elevations before board goes up. When: After the substrate is up and the barrier and flashing are on, before the first insulation board is set and everything behind it is hidden.

Substrate

- ☐ Substrate sound, dry and fastened
Sheathing flat and secured, joints as required, no damaged, wet or bowed board left to receive the system. 2 photos required

Water-resistive barrier

- ☐ Barrier continuous and correctly lapped
Barrier covering the full field, laps shingled to shed water, penetrations and fastener heads sealed per the system. 2 photos required
- ☐ Barrier tied into openings and transitions
Barrier carried into rough openings and sealed to the drainage plane at every transition, no bare substrate at edges. 2 photos required

Flashing and drainage

- ☐ Flashing and drainage plane at openings and terminations
Head, jamb and sill flashing lapped correctly with end dams, drainage track or exit clear at the base per the system. 2 photos required