

Electrical pre-cover inspection checklist

A electrical 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 NEC (NFPA 70). Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent with the electrical foreman, releasing walls and ceilings for cover trade by trade. When: After the AHJ rough-in has passed and corrections are complete, the day insulation or drywall is scheduled on each area.

Room-by-room release

- ☐ Every room or area walked and released individually
One photo per room showing the full wall line, tagged to the room's inspection point. 4 photos required
- ☐ Rough-in corrections verified closed
Each punch item from the AHJ or internal rough-in re-photographed in its corrected state. 2 photos required
- ☐ No new penetrations or damage since the rough-in walk
Other trades' screws, anchors and sleeve cuts have not struck conductors or boxes. 2 photos required
- ☐ Conductors made up or folded back with trim length
Splices and pigtails made up, or conductors folded neatly into the box with enough free length for trim; none pushed behind the box. 1 photo required

Concealment risks

- ☐ Backing and blocking clear of boxes and devices
Wood or hat channel added for other trades does not bury or shift any box. 1 photo required
- ☐ Above-ceiling work complete before the grid closes
Homeruns, junction boxes and supports photographed before tile or hard lid conceals them. 3 photos required
- ☐ Firestopping complete at rated penetrations
Every penetration through a rated assembly sealed with the listed system for that assembly. 2 photos required
- ☐ Wiring in insulated walls held tight to framing
Cable stapled and conduit strapped to the side of the stud so batts or spray foam can fill the cavity; no loose loops across the cavity face. 1 photo required
- ☐ Recessed housings rated for insulation contact where buried
Where recessed housings sit in an insulated ceiling, IC rating on the label wherever insulation will touch; non-IC housings keep their labeled clearance. No photo required
- ☐ Junction and pull boxes left reachable after cover
Every junction or pull box that will sit above a hard lid or behind a wall has an access panel located, or opens from the finished side. 1 photo required

Release records

- ☐ Passed rough-in inspection on file for the area
The AHJ's passed rough-in result for this area is on record before release; areas without one stay held. No photo required
- ☐ Release status marked at each room entry
Each room tagged released or held at the doorway with tape or signage, so cover crews can see which walls they may close. 1 photo required

☐ **Cover trades given the released rooms and box locations**

Insulation and drywall foremen given the released and held room list, with ceiling and soffit boxes pointed out so none is covered without a cutout.

No photo required