

# Fencing and gates final inspection checklist

Fencing and gates 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 the project specifications, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent with the fence foreman, walking the completed run and cycling every gate. When: After fabric, panels and gates are hung and any operators are wired, before turnover and before the site is opened to traffic.

## Fabric, panels and rails

- ☐ **Fabric or panels aligned and tensioned**  
Chain-link stretched taut with tension bands and bars set, or panels seated square and level, no waves, sags or gaps at the bottom rail or ground. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Rails, caps and fittings aligned across the run**  
Top and bottom rails continuous and level, caps and fittings tight, splices staggered, the run sighted end to end for line. 1 photo required

## Gates and hardware

- ☐ **Gate swing or slide operation full travel**  
Each leaf cycled through its full travel by hand, swinging or rolling free with no drag, bind or scrape, hinges and rollers carrying the weight without sagging. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Latches, locks and closers function**  
Latches engaging cleanly, locks and drop rods seating, self-closers and stops working, gate holding closed and holding open where required. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Grounding and bonding in place where required**  
Fence and gates grounded and bonded where the spec or proximity to power requires it, connections tight and to a clean surface. 1 photo required

## Gate operators

- ☐ **Operator drives, stops and holds the gate**  
Powered leaf run open and closed under the operator, travel limits set, gate stopping and holding at each end without slamming or straining. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Entrapment and reversing safety devices proven**  
Reversing edges, photo eyes and any entrapment sensors tested by obstructing the gate, the leaf stopping and reversing as the operator's instructions require, manual release working. 2 photos required