

Firestopping pre-cover inspection checklist

A firestopping 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 the applicable building code, listed system documentation. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent releasing ceiling close or shaft liner, with the firestopping installer walking the same area.
When: The day before ceiling grid is loaded or shaft walls are closed on each area, the last time the seals are visible without demolition.

Re-walk before close

- ☐ **No new penetrations since the rough-in walk**
Every sleeve and opening compared against the logged map; new penetrants sealed and labeled before close. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Existing seals undamaged by follow-on work**
No crushed, cut or displaced sealant where other trades ran late lines or worked lifts against the assembly. 2 photos required
- ☐ **No unlisted foam or caulk added over the seals by others**
Seals checked for canned foam, acoustical caulk or batt stuffed in by other trades, which voids the listed system and has to be cut out and redone. 1 photo required

Seal and joint condition

- ☐ **Close-up of each seal with its label taken before cover**
Each seal shot square-on with its label legible in the same frame, the last proof of that penetration before the ceiling or liner hides it. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Head-of-wall joints still bonded along their full run**
Spray or sealant still adhered to both the deck and the wall top with no tears or pull-away where the deck deflected or framing moved after install. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Sealant cured and firm before the ceiling closes**
Sealant past the cure time in the manufacturer's instructions, firm to a light press, not skinned over a wet core that other trades can still dent. No photo required

Assemblies around the seals

- ☐ **Rated wall layers complete to the deck at sealed head joints**
Gypsum layers carried up to the deck on both faces where the joint system depends on them, with no missing board above the ceiling line; gaps reported to the framing trade. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Fire damper sleeves left to the damper's installation instructions**
Where ducts pass through with fire dampers, the sleeve and retaining angles are not packed or sealed rigid with firestop material unless the damper instructions allow it. No photo required
- ☐ **Outlet boxes in rated walls protected or spaced per the listing**
Back-to-back or closely spaced boxes checked for the putty pads, wraps or separation the membrane-penetration listing calls for before the wall is closed. No photo required

Release

- ☐ **Every ceiling and shaft area released individually**
Wide photos per area showing sealed penetrations in place, tagged to that area's close release. 3 photos required

- ☐ **Failed or repaired seals re-verified**
Corrections photographed in place and tied back to the original item, not just marked done. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Above-ceiling firestopping inspection requested and result logged**
The AHJ or third party inspection the project requires called before the area closes, with the date, inspector and result recorded against the area. No photo required
- ☐ **Reseal responsibility for late penetrations agreed with the super**
Who seals, labels and logs any pipe, cable or duct added after release is settled with the super and the trades before the ceiling goes up. No photo required