

Flooring final inspection checklist

Flooring 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 manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent with the flooring foreman, walking finished areas before protection comes off and the owner walks them. When: After the floor is complete and cleaned, before base and transition punch and before the area is opened to other trades unprotected.

Surface quality

- ☐ **Tile bond sounded across the field**
Random tap or chain-drag check across each area, hollow units marked and replaced, not just noted. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Lippage within tolerance at joints**
Feel and straightedge check at a sample of joints per room, including at doorways and transitions. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Seams, welds and pattern alignment consistent**
Heat welds smooth and fully bonded, seams tight, pattern lines straight through openings. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Finished surface free of telegraphing, ridges and hollows**
Floor viewed in low raking light for substrate joints, trowel ridges or patch edges showing through, and walked for soft spots. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Color, pattern and sheen match the approved sample**
Installed floor photographed beside the approved sample or mockup, with no visible shade shift between cartons or rooms. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Finish face clean of adhesive, seam sealer and layout marks**
No adhesive squeeze-out at seams, edges and transitions, no seam-sealer smear on sheet goods, no chalk or marker left on the finish. 1 photo required

Edges and transitions

- ☐ **Transitions and reducers secure and flush**
Every threshold and reducer strip fastened, flush, and matched to the floor heights on both sides. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Perimeter gaps and base condition correct for the system**
Expansion gap consistent at walls and columns where the system requires it, base or shoe ready to cover it. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Cuts at door frames and floor penetrations tight and clean**
Flooring slid under undercut jambs or scribed tight to frames, pipes and floor boxes, with no chipped edges or open gaps left for caulk to hide. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Doors swing clear of the new floor and transitions**
Each door in the area opened through its full swing with no drag on the finish, threshold or reducer. No photo required

Protection

- ☐ **Finished floor protected before other trades return**
Protection coverage photographed edge to edge, seams taped, with the area logged as protected. 2 photos required

- ☐ **Foot and rolling-load restrictions set until setting materials cure**
Cure times for adhesive, mortar or grout from the manufacturer's instructions passed to the super, with no carts, lifts or furniture moved on early. No photo required

Turnover materials

- ☐ **Attic stock delivered to the owner's storage and logged**
Where the specification calls for extra material, quantity counted against the requirement, cartons labeled by product and lot, owner's receipt recorded. No photo required
- ☐ **Moisture results, lot numbers and product data in the closeout file**
Test records, carton lot numbers per area and the care and maintenance instructions filed so a future repair or warranty claim can be traced. No photo required