

Framing final inspection checklist

Framing 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 applicable building code, engineered drawings. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent walking framing-related punch items alongside the finish trades' first pass. When: After drywall substrate is up but before cabinets, fixtures and trim are installed, catching framing issues that would otherwise show up as finish defects.

Substrate flatness

- ☐ Wall and ceiling framing free of crowns or bows that telegraph through drywall
Straightedge held across studs and joists, any crown beyond the allowable tolerance planed or replaced. 2 photos required
- ☐ Corners and intersections square and consistent
Square checked at inside and outside corners, no visible twist where walls meet. 1 photo required
- ☐ Floors walked for squeaks, bounce and humps before finish flooring
High spots at joist lines, squeaks or loose subfloor fixed with fastening or shims before the flooring installer arrives. 1 photo required
- ☐ Ceiling and soffit framing level at the planned height
Ceiling joists or furring and any soffit bottoms level and at the heights on the reflected ceiling plan, edges straight along their length. 1 photo required

Backing for fixtures and cabinets

- ☐ Backing present at every marked cabinet and fixture location
Blocking located where the cabinet, TV mount or grab bar layout calls for it, marked so the installer can find it. 2 photos required
- ☐ Backing height and width match the fixture being hung
Blocking width and vertical placement checked against the actual fixture's mounting pattern, not a generic assumption. 1 photo required
- ☐ Framed cabinet and countertop dimensions sent to the supplier
Critical room dimensions for cabinet and countertop runs measured and sent to the cabinet supplier before fabrication. No photo required

Openings and trim readiness

- ☐ Door and window rough openings square and sized correctly
Diagonal measurements equal, opening width and height match the unit's rough opening requirement. 2 photos required
- ☐ No remaining framing punch items before trim starts
Prior punch list items re-checked and closed, with a photo of each corrected condition. 1 photo required
- ☐ Door rough openings plumb and in plane with the wall
Level on both jambs and a straightedge across the opening show no lean or twist, so the door frame sets without being shimmed out of the wall. 1 photo required

Stairs and guards

- ☐ **Stair riser heights and tread depths uniform along the flight**
On framed stairs, each rise and run measured before treads go on, consistent step to step and matching the drawings. No photo required
- ☐ **Stair stringers bearing and fastened at top and bottom**
Where stairs are framed, stringers fully seated on the landing or header and the floor below, with the hangers or fasteners the drawings call for. No photo required
- ☐ **Handrail and guard blocking in place along stairs and landings**
Wherever the drawings show stairs, landings or guards, continuous blocking at handrail height and solid framing at each guard post attachment. No photo required