

Masonry final inspection checklist

Masonry 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 TMS standards. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The mason foreman at completion, then the GC or owner's representative at final walk. When: After the wall is complete, cleaned and cured, before scaffolding comes down and the area is turned over.

Surface and finish

- ☐ **Wall face free of efflorescence and staining**
No white salt deposits or streaking at the surface; mortar and unit color consistent across the wall. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Mortar joint color and tooling consistent across the wall**
No visible cold joints or patch repairs with a different mortar batch or tool profile. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Units undamaged and properly cleaned**
No mortar smears, tool marks or chipped edges left on the finished face. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Finished wall compared against the approved mockup or samples**
Unit blend, mortar color and joint profile photographed beside the mockup panel or approved sample units; visible differences logged before scaffolding drops. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Scaffold tie and bracing holes pointed to match**
Where scaffold or bracing was anchored to the wall, the holes are filled with matching mortar and tooled to the joint profile, no open or patched-looking spots. No photo required
- ☐ **Cleaning method matched the unit manufacturer's guidance**
Cleaning product and method recorded, consistent with the unit maker's recommendation, and tried on a test area first. No photo required

Movement joints and details

- ☐ **Control and expansion joints present at the planned locations**
Joints open through the full wall thickness, backer rod and sealant installed, not filled with mortar. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Flashing and weeps visible and functioning at the base**
Weep holes clear at grade and above openings, no landscaping or grading blocking drainage. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Copings, sills and caps sloped and sealed**
Positive slope away from the wall face, sealant continuous at joints between units. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Perimeter joints at frames and dissimilar materials sealed**
Sealant continuous where masonry meets window and door frames, other cladding and penetrations, with backer and no voids. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Exposed lintels and shelf angles coated with no rust bleed**
Where steel lintels or angles are exposed, they are primed or painted as specified, with no rust staining running down the face below them. No photo required
- ☐ **Water repellent applied only where specified and after cleaning**
Repellent product matches the approved submittal and went on after cleaning and cure, not over wet or dirty masonry. No photo required

Site condition and closeout

- ☐ **Scaffolding, bracing and debris removed**
No tie-backs, braces or leftover mortar bags left against the finished wall. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Adjacent surfaces protected from mortar and cleaning residue**
Sidewalks, glazing and finished surfaces near the wall free of mortar splatter or acid burn. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Mortar mix and color record turned over with any attic stock**
The mortar mix, color and unit lot record handed over for future repairs, with any spare units the spec requires stored and labeled where the owner wants them. No photo required