

Painting final inspection checklist

Painting 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 data sheets, MPI guidance. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The painting foreman at completion, then the GC or owner's representative at final walk. When: After the final coat has cured, before punch list closeout and turnover of the space.

Color and sheen

- ☐ **Color and sheen consistent across each room and between rooms of the same color**
No visible variation in daylight and artificial light between walls, cans or touch-up areas. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Full coverage with no thin spots or roller marks showing through**
Even coverage with no substrate or previous color showing through under normal lighting. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Finish free of runs, sags and heavy spray texture**
Doors, trim and walls show no drips at edges, sag curtains or orange-peel buildup at normal viewing distance. 1 photo required
- ☐ **No dust, hair or grit trapped in the final coat**
A hand run along doors and trim finds no nibs or embedded debris; enamel surfaces smooth to the touch. 1 photo required

Cut lines and edges

- ☐ **Cut lines straight at ceilings, trim and corners**
Clean, straight cut lines with no wavering, no paint bleeding onto adjacent surfaces or hardware. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Coverage complete at edges, corners and behind fixtures**
Check behind switch plates, at inside corners and above baseboards for missed or thin areas. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Top and bottom edges of site-painted doors finished**
A phone camera held at the top and bottom edge of each site-painted door shows finish applied as the door manufacturer's instructions call for. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Exposed pipe, conduit, grilles and panels painted as scheduled**
Items exposed in painted rooms finished or left bare exactly as the finish schedule shows, with no half-painted runs. 1 photo required

Touch-ups and closeout

- ☐ **Touch-ups blended and matched to the surrounding finish**
Touch-up areas invisible at normal viewing distance, same sheen and batch as the surrounding wall. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Overspray and drips removed from adjacent surfaces**
No paint on flooring, glass, hardware or fixtures left from masking removal or overspray. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Leftover materials and labels documented for owner records**
Color and product data recorded and left with the owner or included in the closeout package. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Doors, sashes and panels open freely, not painted shut**
Each door, window sash and access panel opened after the final coat; no paint bridging the gap at stops, hinges, sash tracks or panel edges. 1 photo required

- ☐ **Plates and hardware reinstalled only after the finish cured**
Foreman confirms cover plates, hardware and fixtures went back after the cure time, so nothing sticks to fresh paint. No photo required
- ☐ **Coat count matches the finish schedule for each area**
Daily logs or foreman records show the primer and the scheduled number of finish coats applied in every room. No photo required