

Painting inspection checklist

Paint failures are almost always preparation failures, and preparation is invisible under the first coat. Capture the substrate and the conditions before the sprayer starts and the argument about who owns a peeling wall is already settled.

Who runs it: Painting contractor; the GC verifies preparation before the first coat and finish at acceptance. When: Preparation before priming, conditions on each coating day, and acceptance under final lighting.

Surface preparation

- ☐ Substrate clean, dry and sound
No dust, grease or efflorescence; moisture within range for the substrate. 2 photos required
- ☐ Patches, repairs and caulking complete and sanded
Repairs feathered and spot-primed so they do not flash through. 2 photos required
- ☐ Protection and masking in place
Floors, hardware, glazing and finished surfaces covered before any spraying. 2 photos required

Conditions and materials

- ☐ Temperature and humidity within the product range
Record the readings on each coating day. A photo of the meter beats a memory. 1 photo required
- ☐ Products match the approved submittal
Photograph the can label; confirm sheen and system against the schedule. 2 photos required
- ☐ Approved mock-up or sample available for comparison
Colour and sheen compared against the accepted sample, not a chip. 1 photo required

Application

- ☐ Primer appropriate to the substrate and fully applied
Correct primer for drywall, masonry, metal or wood, not one primer for the job. 2 photos required
- ☐ Coats applied at the specified thickness with recoat times observed
Wet or dry film readings where specified; recoat windows respected. 2 photos required
- ☐ Coverage uniform with no holidays, runs or lap marks
Check at a low angle with a light; corners and cut lines are where it shows. 2 photos required

Acceptance

- ☐ Cut lines straight and edges clean
No bleed at trim, ceiling or colour changes. 2 photos required
- ☐ Finish inspected under final lighting
Walk with the installed fixtures on; document what is accepted. 2 photos required
- ☐ Attic stock delivered and labelled
Correct quantity, labelled by room and colour, stored where the owner will find it. 1 photo required