READY TO INSPECT — FIELD CHECKLIST

Portland cement plaster (stucco) final inspection checklist

Portland cement plaster (stucco) 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 ASTM C926 / C1063 guidance, the applicable building code. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent with the plastering foreman, walking finished elevations before turnover walks begin. When: After the finish coat is on and the wall has taken its cure, before staging comes down and the owner's punch walk.

Coat application

- [ ] Scratch and brown coat thickness verified
  Scratch coat fully embedding the lath and scored, brown coat rodded straight and plumb, combined base thickness meeting the assembly before the finish coat.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Moist-cure observed between coats
  Evidence the base coats were kept damp and given time before the next coat, not stacked wet-on-green or dried out in the sun.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Brown coat floated open and dampened for the finish
  Brown coat floated to an even, open surface the finish can grip, no glazed, dusty or dried-out patches, and dampened just ahead of the finish coat.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Coat dates and mix logged for each elevation
  Scratch, brown and finish dates recorded per elevation with the mix or premix used and the curing given, against the intervals the specs or manufacturer set.
  No photo required

Finish coat

- [ ] Finish texture consistent across the wall
  Chosen texture worked the same way over the whole elevation, no trowel-heavy or starved areas, edges kept wet so passes blend.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Color uniform with no cold joints
  Color even across and between elevations, no blotching or lap lines where work stopped and restarted, corners and returns matching the field.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Finished wall checked for map cracking and crazing
  Each elevation looked at close up and under raking light once cured for fine map cracks or crazing in the field, found areas marked to trace back to mix or curing.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Interior plaster finish hard, true and free of trowel marks
  Interior work: finish troweled to the specified smooth or sand texture, hard and true at corners and trim, no chip marks, blisters or check cracks before decoration.
  No photo required

Joints and terminations

- [ ] Control joints honored, not plastered over
  Control and expansion joints left open and clean through the finish, not bridged by plaster, sealant where the detail calls for it.
  2 photos required

- [ ] Terminations and weep screed left working
  Finish stopped clean at casing beads, weep screed weeps and drainage slots not buried by finish or dropped mortar.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Plaster brought full to the bead and screed grounds
  Coats built out flush to the grounds at casing beads, corners and weep screed, no thin feathered edges along an accessory that will crack off later.
  1 photo required

Cleanup and handoff

- [ ] Cement droppings cleaned off glass and flashings
  Glass, frames, sill and head flashings and adjacent paving washed of plaster splatter before it cures and etches or stains the surface.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Coating over the plaster held until it has cured
  Paint or elastomeric coating scheduled only after the cure time and surface alkalinity the coating manufacturer requires, confirmed with the painter.
  No photo required