

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**

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**

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**