READY TO INSPECT — FIELD CHECKLIST

Portland cement plaster (stucco) punch checklist

Portland cement plaster (stucco) punch is where small misses become callbacks after the crew has demobilized. This checklist walks the finished work the way the owner and the next trade will see it, with the photo that closes each item instead of a note that reopens 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 plastering foreman on a callback, or the GC's superintendent closing exterior punch items. When: During closeout, after the wall has been through temperature swings and the first rains reveal cracks and dark damp patches.

Cracking and bond

- [ ] Cracks at joints and openings located and traced
  Each crack photographed in context, mapped against control joints and opening corners, cause noted rather than just filled.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Hollow or debonded areas sounded out
  Wall tapped for drummy, hollow spots where the plaster has let go of the lath, marked for cut-out rather than skim-patched.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Wall base at the weep screed checked for trapped water
  Base of each wall looked at for dark wet bands or efflorescence above the screed, and weeps cleared where soil, mulch or new paving has since buried them.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Accessories and fastener lines checked for rust bleed
  Beads, screeds and lath fastener rows looked at for rust showing through the finish, a sign of thin cover or the wrong accessory metal, noted for cut-out and repair.
  1 photo required

Joints and interfaces

- [ ] Control joints still open and moving
  Each control and expansion joint looked at for paint or patch bridging it and cracks running alongside it, which show the joint is not taking the movement.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Plaster edges at casing beads sound against frames
  Plaster at casing beads around windows, doors and penetrations checked for spalled or cracked edges and gaps opening at frames, logged for plaster or sealant callback.
  1 photo required

Repair and blend

- [ ] Patches blended into surrounding texture and color
  Repair feathered into the existing finish, texture and color matched so the patch does not flash under raking light.
  No photo required
- [ ] No remaining plaster items before elevation signoff
  All punch items per elevation closed with photos before the area is released to turnover.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Patch mix and cure recorded against each repair
  Repair material, bonding agent and how the patch was moist-cured logged on the punch item, so a crack that comes back can be traced to its repair.
  No photo required
- [ ] Owner given the weep screed and joint care notes
  Turnover notes tell the owner to keep irrigation spray, soil and mulch below the weep screed and to leave weeps and control joints open when repainting.
  No photo required