

Portland cement plaster (stucco) rough-in inspection checklist

Portland cement plaster (stucco) rough-in is the last time the work is fully visible. Once the cover inspection passes and the walls, ceilings and slabs close, every defect left behind becomes a demolition bill. This checklist walks the rough-in in the order the work goes in, with the photo each item needs before it gets buried. 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 walking the wall ahead of the scratch crew, or the GC's superintendent releasing elevations before lath is buried. When: After lath and accessories are up and before any scratch coat goes on, while a missed lap or a wrong bead can still be pulled and reset.

Water-resistive barrier

- ☐ **Barrier layers and shingle laps verified**
Required number of barrier layers present, horizontal laps shingled over the course below, vertical laps offset, tape or seams intact behind where the lath will sit. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Barrier integrated with flashings and openings**
Barrier lapped over sill flashing and under head flashing at openings, penetrations sealed, no reverse laps that would channel water into the wall. 2 photos required

Lath and furring

- ☐ **Lath type, orientation and self-furring confirmed**
Correct lath for the assembly, cups facing up so the scratch coat keys, self-furring dimples or separate furring holding the lath off the barrier for full embedment. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Fastening and lath laps checked**
Fasteners into framing at the specified spacing, lath side and end laps overlapped and tied, no loose or drumming panels. 2 photos required

Accessories

- ☐ **Casing beads, weep screed and corner beads placed**
Weep screed continuous at the base holding its clearance above grade and paving, casing beads at all terminations, corner beads plumb and straight. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Control and expansion joints located**
Joints placed to break up large panel areas and to land at openings and floor lines, accessories lapped to the barrier so joints do not become leak paths. 1 photo required