

Plumbing pre-cover inspection checklist

A plumbing pre-cover inspection is the hold point before concealed work disappears behind the next layer. This checklist is built for that walk: verify, photograph, then release the cover, not the other way around. Work is commonly verified against IPC / UPC family. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent with the plumbing foreman, releasing slab and wall areas for pour or cover. When: After the rough-in and pressure test pass, the day before slab pour or the day drywall is scheduled on each area.

Slab and underground release

- ☐ **Test pressure still holding at time of pour**
Gauge photographed on the day of pour showing the same reading as the original test. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Sleeves and stub-outs match the fixture plan**
Stub locations checked against fixture rough-in dimensions before concrete covers them. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Trench backfilled with approved material and compacted**
No sharp debris against the pipe, compaction lifts consistent with the geotechnical requirement. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Drain stubs capped and blockouts formed against the pour**
Every drain stub capped so concrete and slurry can't get in, with blockouts at tubs, showers and floor drains formed to the size the fixture needs. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Stubs and risers tied off against the pour**
Risers and stub-ups staked or tied to rebar so placement and vibration can't knock them out of position or plumb. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Under-slab runs dimensioned before concrete**
Runs and fittings located by tape from gridlines or walls and marked on the as-built set before the pour covers them. 1 photo required

Wall and ceiling release

- ☐ **In-wall piping test still holding before drywall**
Gauge reading confirmed the day drywall is scheduled, not left over from the rough-in date. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Firestopping complete at rated wall and floor penetrations**
Listed firestop system installed and cured at every pipe penetration through a rated assembly. 2 photos required
- ☐ **No conflicts with other trades' backing or blocking**
Backing added for cabinets or fixtures does not crush or shift any pipe or valve body. 1 photo required
- ☐ **Supply lines in exterior walls inside the insulation line**
Where water piping runs in exterior walls or unheated spaces, it is kept on the warm side of the insulation, or insulated as the drawings show. No photo required
- ☐ **Every concealed valve and cleanout has a planned access**
Each valve, cleanout or trap primer going behind a finished wall has a framed access panel opening lined up with it, or is reached through its trim as drawn. 1 photo required
- ☐ **In-wall valve bodies and boxes set to the finished wall depth**
Shower valve bodies, fixture carriers and washer or ice-maker boxes set within the trim maker's range for the finished wall build-up, tile and backer included. 1 photo required

Release sign-off

- ☐ **AHJ rough-in approval recorded for the area**
The inspector's approval of the underground or in-wall rough-in is on file for this area; no approval, no release. No photo required
- ☐ **Pour crew briefed on where stubs and risers stand**
Finishers and the pump operator walked through stub and riser locations so hoses, screeds and buggies stay clear of them. No photo required