

Rainscreen cladding final inspection checklist

Rainscreen cladding 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 the applicable building/energy code, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The cladding foreman with the GC's superintendent, walking the finished elevation before turnover. When: After panels are installed and trims and sealants are complete, before the owner's walk and before staging comes down.

Panel alignment and reveals

- ☐ Panels flat, aligned with consistent reveals
Even joint reveals across the elevation, panels in plane with no lippage, coursing lined up around corners and openings. 2 photos required

Attachment

- ☐ Panels engaged and fastened to the layout
Clips and fasteners complete on the specified spacing, panels fully engaged, no loose or rattling panels, edges captured as detailed. 2 photos required

Joints and venting kept open

- ☐ Designed-open joints and vents left open
Open joints and vent gaps clear, sealant only where the detail calls for it, drainage cavity not sealed shut at the finish. 1 photo required