

Rainscreen cladding pre-cover inspection checklist

A rainscreen cladding 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 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, at the hold point right before the panels close the cavity. When: After sub-framing and flashings are complete and before panel install starts — the last moment the cavity and barrier are visible.

Drainage cavity

- ☐ Cavity open, vented and clear behind the sub-framing
- Continuous air gap behind the panel line, cavity free of sealant, insulation and debris, path for water to drain and air to move confirmed.
- 2 photos required

Flashings and terminations

- ☐ Head, sill and base flashings lapped to drain outward
- Flashings integrated with the WRB, lapped so water sheds to the exterior, end dams where required, no reverse laps at openings or transitions.
- 2 photos required

Weeps and venting

- ☐ Weep and vent openings clear at base and heads
- Base track weeps and vent openings open and unobstructed so the cavity drains and breathes once the panels are on.
- 1 photo required