

Rough carpentry rough-in inspection checklist

Rough carpentry 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 the applicable building code, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The rough-carpentry foreman installing backing, or the GC's superintendent walking each wall before the finish trades close it. When: After the framing is up and while the walls are still open, before insulation, drywall and the finish trades cover the studs.

Blocking and backing

- ☐ **Backing set at the right height for every wall-mounted item**
Solid blocking behind grab bars, cabinets, handrails, TVs, casework and accessories at the mounting heights on the drawings, fastened to studs before the wall closes. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Fire and draft blocking in place at required locations**
Blocking installed at floor and ceiling lines and at concealed vertical and horizontal runs so there are no open paths left for the drywall to cover. 1 photo required

Nailers and furring

- ☐ **Nailers and wood furring fastened flat and on layout**
Furring straight, shimmed to a true plane, spaced to the finish it carries, and nailers anchored to the substrate with the specified fastener, not tacked. 1 photo required

Sheathing and treated lumber

- ☐ **Sheathing panels gapped and fastened to the nailing pattern**
Panels spaced at the edges, fasteners on the specified schedule, seated flush without breaking the face, no missed studs at the panel edges. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Treated lumber used where it contacts concrete, masonry or weather**
Preservative-treated stock at sills, plates on slabs and any ground or moisture contact, with cut ends field-treated and correct fasteners for treated wood. 1 photo required