READY TO INSPECT — FIELD CHECKLIST

Segmental pavers and hardscape final inspection checklist

Segmental pavers and hardscape 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 ICPI guidance, the project specifications. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent with the hardscape foreman, walking the completed area before turnover. When: After pavers are laid, jointed and compacted, before the area is opened to foot or vehicle traffic.

Pattern and laying course

- [ ] Paver pattern and joint lines true
  Laying pattern matches the drawings, joint lines straight and consistent, cut pavers at edges clean and uniform.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Laying-course consistency across the field
  Joint widths even throughout, no wandering courses or wide gaps where the field was closed out against the edge.
  1 photo required
- [ ] No undersized cut pieces at edges, drains and castings
  Cut pieces no smaller than the minimum the specification or manufacturer lists; slivers against a structure replaced by re-cutting the adjoining units.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Color blend even with no banding from single pallets
  Shade and color read blended across the field, no stripes or patches where one pallet or lot was laid on its own.
  1 photo required

Joints and restraint

- [ ] Joint sand filled and compacted
  Joints filled full, sand compacted into them and the surface re-swept, no empty or partially filled joints.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Edge restraint secure at the perimeter
  Restraint tight against the outer course with no gaps or movement, edge pavers held firmly in line.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Joint material bags or tickets match the approved submittal
  Joint sand, polymeric sand or permeable joint aggregate checked by bag label or ticket against the approved submittal for product and gradation.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Polymeric joint sand activated per the manufacturer
  Where polymeric sand is used, faces swept clean before wetting and the sand activated as the manufacturer's instructions describe, with no haze left on the units.
  No photo required

Surface and drainage

- [ ] Surface plane free of trip lips and rocking pavers
  Surface even across the field, no individual pavers proud or low, none rocking underfoot.
  2 photos required
- [ ] Positive drainage with no ponding
  Surface sheds to the drainage points, checked after rain or a hose run for standing water.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Pavers flush at thresholds, walks, drains and castings
  Finished units meet each tie-in at the relationship the drawings detail, with no lip at doors or along the accessible route.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Finished-surface slopes read with a digital level
  Running and cross slopes measured on the laid pavers against the drawings, with walking routes read against the values on the accessibility plan.
  1 photo required
- [ ] Faces cleaned of joint sand, cutting slurry and stains
  Excess joint material swept off and saw slurry, mortar and tire marks cleaned per the manufacturer's recommendations before the area is turned over.
  1 photo required

Closeout records

- [ ] Extra pavers from the same lot turned over to the owner
  Attic stock in the quantity the specification lists, stacked and labeled with product, color and lot, and the handoff logged.
  No photo required
- [ ] Paver, bedding and joint product data filed
  Product data with color and lot numbers for pavers, bedding and joint material placed in the closeout file with the approved submittals.
  No photo required