

Segmental pavers and hardscape rough-in inspection checklist

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

Who runs it: The GC's superintendent walking the base with the hardscape foreman before setting begins. When: After the base is compacted and screeded and before pavers cover it, because base thickness, compaction and slope cannot be checked once the surface is laid.

Subgrade and base

- ☐ **Subgrade compacted and to grade**
Subgrade proof-rolled or tested, no soft or pumping spots, cut to a grade that leaves room for base and pavers at final elevation. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Aggregate base thickness and compaction**
Base placed and compacted in lifts to the specified thickness, checked with a probe or measurement, firm underfoot with no movement. 2 photos required

Edge restraint and drainage

- ☐ **Edge restraint installed and secured**
Restraint set against the compacted base before paving, spiked or anchored per the detail, continuous around the field. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Slope to drain established across the base**
Base surface pitched to the drainage points shown, no flat or reverse-fall areas that will pond once paved. 1 photo required

Bedding layer

- ☐ **Bedding sand screeded to a uniform depth**
Bedding course screeded to a consistent thickness, not thickened to make up for base irregularities. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Geotextile placed where specified**
Separation or stabilization fabric present and lapped per the detail where the specification calls for it under the base or bedding. 1 photo required