

Sheet metal flashing and trim final inspection checklist

Sheet metal flashing and trim 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 SMACNA architectural sheet metal, NRCA roofing guidance, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The sheet metal foreman with the GC's superintendent, walking completed runs before the work is turned over and before the roof sees a wet season. When: After copings, counterflashing, gutters and downspouts are set and sealed, before turnover and before the first real rain tests the drainage.

Copings and counterflashing

- ☐ **Coping seated, cleated and joints watertight**
Cap seated on the nailer and hooked to the cleats with even overhang and drip both sides, joints covered or interlocked and sealed, expansion joints present in long runs. 2 photos required
- ☐ **Counterflashing engaged over base flashing**
Counterflashing lapped over the base flashing with the hem engaged and the reglet or termination sealed, so water is shed clear of the wall junction. 2 photos required

Gutters and downspouts

- ☐ **Gutter pitched and draining to downspouts**
Gutter hung with positive pitch to the outlets, hangers spaced to hold line under load, outlets and downspouts connected and discharging clear of the wall. 2 photos required

Edges, appearance and sealant

- ☐ **Edges true, sealant tooled and no oil-canning**
Gravel stops and drip edges to line, faces flat without pronounced oil-canning, sealant joints tooled and adhered, wide shot placing the run on the parapet or fascia. 1 photo required