

Signage rough-in inspection checklist

Signage 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 sign installer's field lead coordinating with the framer and electrician, or the GC's superintendent releasing walls to close in. When: Before drywall, veneer or the monument base closes over the sign locations, so backing and conduit stubs land where the sign actually mounts.

Blocking and backing

- ☐ In-wall blocking located to the sign's anchor layout
Backing set to the mounting points on the approved shop drawing, sized and placed for the sign's weight, height and pattern rather than a default center. 2 photos required
- ☐ Mounting substrate suitable for the sign and anchors
Wall type at each location matched to the specified anchor, solid backing behind veneer or panel, no hollow or unsupported point where a fastener lands. 1 photo required

Electrical rough

- ☐ Power and conduit stubbed for illuminated and monument signs
Circuit and conduit landed at the sign location per the plan, stub at the correct height and depth, junction accessible, disconnect provided where required. 2 photos required

Anchor layout

- ☐ Anchor points laid out and marked before close-in
Each mounting point marked on the wall against the shop drawing, dimensions to reference lines confirmed, photographed before drywall or veneer covers the backing. 2 photos required