

Wood flooring rough-in inspection checklist

Wood flooring 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 manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The flooring installer or lead checking the room, with the GC's superintendent confirming the slab and building conditions are ready. When: After the substrate is prepped and the wood has sat in the space to acclimate, and before the first board is fastened or glued down.

Substrate

- ☐ Subfloor flat within tolerance
Slab or subfloor checked with a straightedge over its length, high spots ground and low spots filled to the product's flatness tolerance. 2 photos required
- ☐ Moisture tested on slab and wood
Slab moisture measured by the specified method and the wood's moisture content read with a meter, both within the product's range and within the allowed spread of each other. 2 photos required

Acclimation and layout

- ☐ Flooring acclimated to the space
Wood stored in the conditioned room long enough to acclimate, HVAC running at service conditions, moisture re-read before install. 1 photo required
- ☐ Vapor retarder or underlayment installed
Specified vapor retarder or underlayment down and lapped where required, continuous under the field with no gaps. 2 photos required
- ☐ Expansion gap laid out at the perimeter
Starting line and perimeter expansion gap set to the product's requirement at walls and fixed obstructions before the first row is fastened. 1 photo required