

Concrete Contractor & Finisher Photo Checklist

Concrete work — footings, slabs, flatwork, and foundations — is permanent the moment it cures. If the subgrade is wrong, the rebar is missing, or the pour depth is off, there is no pulling it out. When a homeowner disputes the scope, an engineer reviews the job, or a structural warranty issue arises, the question is always the same: **can you prove the prep was done right, the mix was correct, and it cured properly?** This guide gives your crew the exact shots to capture on every concrete job, from footings and foundations to decorative flatwork and stamped finishes.

THE 7 PHASES

Document Every Phase, Protect Every Job

01 PHASE Pre-Pour Site Assessment

- Site conditions & access documented
- Existing grade & elevation shots
- Soil compaction test results visible
- Underground utilities marked & confirmed
- Tree roots or obstructions noted
- Permit & approved plans on-site
- Adjacent structures documented pre-work
- Homeowner pre-existing damage noted
- Drainage path & slope confirmed

02 PHASE Forming & Layout

- Form boards — species, size & spacing
- Form alignment & level confirmed
- Stake spacing & depth documented
- Form height matches design depth
- Control joint locations marked
- Expansion joint placement confirmed
- Radius / curve forms photographed
- Edge forms staked & braced
- Grade pins set at correct elevation

03 PHASE Subgrade & Base Preparation

- Subgrade compaction — proof photo
- Gravel / base depth with tape measure
- Vapor barrier installed & lapped
- Vapor barrier sealed at penetrations
- Base material type labeled
- Moisture content of subgrade noted
- Existing slab removal — debris cleared
- Fill material & lifts documented
- Compaction equipment in use



04 PHASE Reinforcement — Rebar & WWM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebar size & spacing per plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebar chairs / supports in place | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebar cover depth from bottom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebar tied at all intersections | <input type="checkbox"/> Wire mesh — gauge & lap distance | <input type="checkbox"/> Dowels at construction joints |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebar at slab edges & thickening | <input type="checkbox"/> Post-tension cables (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> All steel before concrete covers it |

05 PHASE Concrete Pour & Placement

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete ticket — mix design & PSI | <input type="checkbox"/> Slump test result on ticket | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-cement ratio documented |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delivery truck number on ticket | <input type="checkbox"/> Pour start time documented | <input type="checkbox"/> Vibrator use — consolidation shots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Screeding technique in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> Bull-float or darby passes captured | <input type="checkbox"/> Test cylinders made on-site |

06 PHASE Finishing & Curing

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Final finish — broom, smooth, or trowel | <input type="checkbox"/> Stamp or texture pattern documented | <input type="checkbox"/> Control joints cut — width & depth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorative color / stain applied | <input type="checkbox"/> Curing compound — product label shot | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet burlap or poly curing method |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curing blanket in cold weather | <input type="checkbox"/> No foot traffic signage visible | <input type="checkbox"/> Finished slab — wide & detail shots |

07 PHASE Final Inspection & Closeout

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Permit card & inspection sticker | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspector approval documented | <input type="checkbox"/> Slab flatness — F-number if required |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crack-free surface — final wide shot | <input type="checkbox"/> Control & expansion joints sealed | <input type="checkbox"/> Forms stripped — edge condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage away from structure confirmed | <input type="checkbox"/> Client walkthrough documented | <input type="checkbox"/> As-built photos of concealed steel |






HOW TO USE THIS IN THE FIELD**Turn This Checklist Into Your Daily Workflow**

- 01 Photograph the Delivery Ticket Before the Truck Leaves**
The concrete delivery ticket is your proof of mix design, PSI, slump, and water content. If there is a strength dispute later, this is your first line of defense — and once the truck rolls, the ticket is gone.
- 02 Capture Rebar & Wire Mesh Before the Pour Covers It**
Steel placement, spacing, cover depth, and chair height all disappear under concrete in minutes. These are the shots you cannot recreate after the fact — take them before the first chute drops.
- 03 Document the Subgrade Before Forms Go In**
Compaction, base depth, and vapor barrier are invisible after forming begins. A photo with a tape measure or grade rod at the correct depth proves your prep work was done right.
- 04 Wide Shot Before and After Every Pour**
A before-and-after pair for each slab, footing, or wall shows exactly what you inherited and exactly what you delivered — protecting you from pre-existing condition disputes and scope disagreements.

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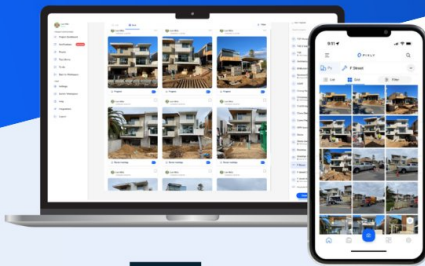
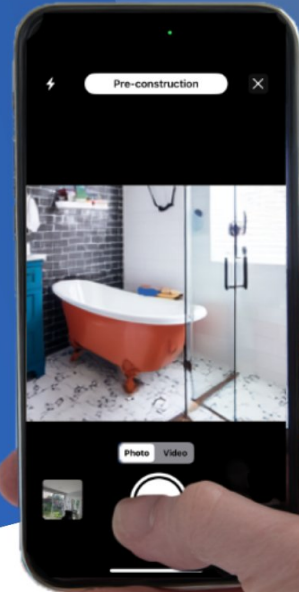
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