

Technical Tip

What Does “Rough Dry-In” Mean?

This Technical Tip is intended to clarify what is meant by the term “Rough Dry-In” when used in ZIP System® product literature.

ZIP System® sheathing is a combination wood structural panel and roofing underlayment when used on the roof or a wood structural panel, weather-resistive barrier and air barrier when used on the wall. ZIP System Sheathing is code recognized by The International Building Code (IBC) and The International Residential Code (IRC) in ICC-ES ESR-1473 and ESR-1474 as an alternate to roofing underlayment (felt paper) on roofs and alternate to the water-resistive barrier on walls. After the ZIP System Sheathing is properly installed and taped, it can be considered “rough dried-in” which is defined as the stage of construction when the inside of the structure is protected from weather. Generally, it is the point when all exterior doors and windows are installed and finished roof covering underlayment is in place. Being protected from weather should not be considered the same as the fully watertight protection provided by the finished roof and wall coverings.

Depending upon the governing building authority, rough installation of mechanical trades may begin after a building is considered, “rough dried-in.” Installation of any “finish” work should not begin until after the finished roof covering is fully installed.

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