

Print one per plot. Tick each detail off before the next trade covers it.

Every new dwelling under Part L 2021 needs its own set of photographs showing the insulation was installed continuously and properly. The SAP assessor reviews them before signing the completion BREL report, and a plot without them can't be signed off.

SITE	PLOT NO.	DWELLING TYPE	CHECKED BY / DATE
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1 Rules for every photograph

- ✓ **This plot only.** Photos can't be reused across plots, even identical ones.
- ✓ **Name the file by plot and detail, e.g. *Plot07_2b_rear.jpg*.**
- ✓ **Show thickness.** A tape against the insulation answers the first question anyone asks.
- ✓ **Location on, date and time recorded.** Check the phone's camera settings before you start.
- ✓ **A wide shot to show where, a close-up to show what.** One photo is rarely enough.
- ✓ **Every type, not just one.** Two wall types or roof types means two sets of those details.

2 The thirteen details, and when to catch them

Ref	Detail	The photograph must show	Take it before...	Wide	Close
1 · FOUNDATIONS AND GROUND FLOOR					
1a	Ground floor insulation	Boards laid tight with closed joints; the thickness	the screed or deck goes down	☐	☐
1b	Perimeter edge insulation	The upstand at the slab edge, continuous all round	the screed goes down	☐	☐
1c	External door thresholds	Insulation under and around the threshold, below DPC	the door frame and screed go in	☐	☐
2 · EXTERNAL WALLS — EACH WALL TYPE					
2a	Wall / ground floor junction	Wall insulation starting low enough to overlap the floor insulation	the floor is finished	☐	☐
2b	Wall insulation and penetrations	Batts or boards tight, no gaps or mortar snots; penetrations sealed	the outer leaf or boarding closes it	☐	☐
3 · ROOF — EACH ROOF TYPE					
3a	Insulation at joist level	Both layers, cross-laid, carried into the eaves without compressing	the loft is boarded or handed over	☐	☐
3b	Insulation at rafter level	Between and over rafters; continuity at gables and verges	the plasterboard goes up	☐	☐
4 · OPENINGS — EACH OPENING TYPE					
4a	Window position	Frame in line with the insulation or cavity closer; jambs, sill and head	the reveals are plastered	☐	☐
4b	Door position	Frame in line with the insulation or cavity closer	the reveals are plastered	☐	☐
5 · AIRTIGHTNESS					
5	Airtightness details	Sealing of service penetrations, membrane laps, frame tapes	dry-lining and boxing-in	☐	☐
6 · BUILDING SERVICES					
6a	Plant	Data labels on the boiler or heat pump, cylinder and controls, legible	handover	☐	☐
6b	Pipework	Primary pipework insulated, including runs in voids; the cylinder	floors and ceilings are closed	☐	☐
6c	Ventilation and renewables	Extract fans, MVHR unit and insulated ducting, PV or solar thermal	the ceilings close	☐	☐

Send them as you go, not at the end. If a photo shows a gap, it can still be fixed while the wall is open. At completion, the only fix for a missing photograph is opening the building back up or agreeing alternative evidence with Building Control. Mark a detail "n/a" only where the plot genuinely doesn't have it, such as 3b in a cold-roof bungalow.

SAP, the BREL reports and the photo review, all in one place.

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