

BEST PRACTICE GUIDES

SECTION 5 FIRST FIX OPERATIONS



**PRIDE IN
THE JOB
AWARDS**



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Our series of Best Practice Guides will take you through what the Pride in the Job judges look for at each stage of construction and when considering the site manager's overall organisation and management skills.

The Pride in the Job marking sheet used by our judges has 44 marking lines split across 9 sections. The judges will give a score for each line - where there is no work to mark, that line will be left blank and no mark given. A mark of 4 indicates compliance with NHBC Standards and with Building Regulations. A mark of 5 indicates extra attention to detail over and above compliance standards. A mark of 6 would indicate that much of what the judges have seen cannot be improved upon. A mark less than 4 would indicate varying issues relating to workmanship and non-compliance with NHBC's Standards - the greater the issue or number of the same issue, the lower the mark. The final score will be all the marks awarded expressed as a percentage.

These Guides set out what the judges are looking for with clear hints and tips on the sort of practice that will lead to higher marks.

Clearly it is impossible in these short guides to cover every single point of construction - we try here to cover the main issues that are taken into account when considering a mark for each score line.

When looking at the photographs, consider each one in the context of the score line heading - don't be distracted by something else that isn't as good - that will be marked accordingly elsewhere.

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NON-LOAD BEARING AND COMPARTMENT WALLS
PLASTER AND DRY LINING
FIRESTOPPING (FIRST FIX)

Looking at a property at first fix stage is probably one of the best opportunities to see many aspects of the build before it all gets covered up - it's the skeleton of the home before boarding and painting takes place.

This section covers those construction processes which would normally be available at this time. Bear in mind that many aspects of the quality of the home when it is finished are fixed at this stage - for example spacing of electric sockets and switches.

WINDOW AND DOOR FRAMES



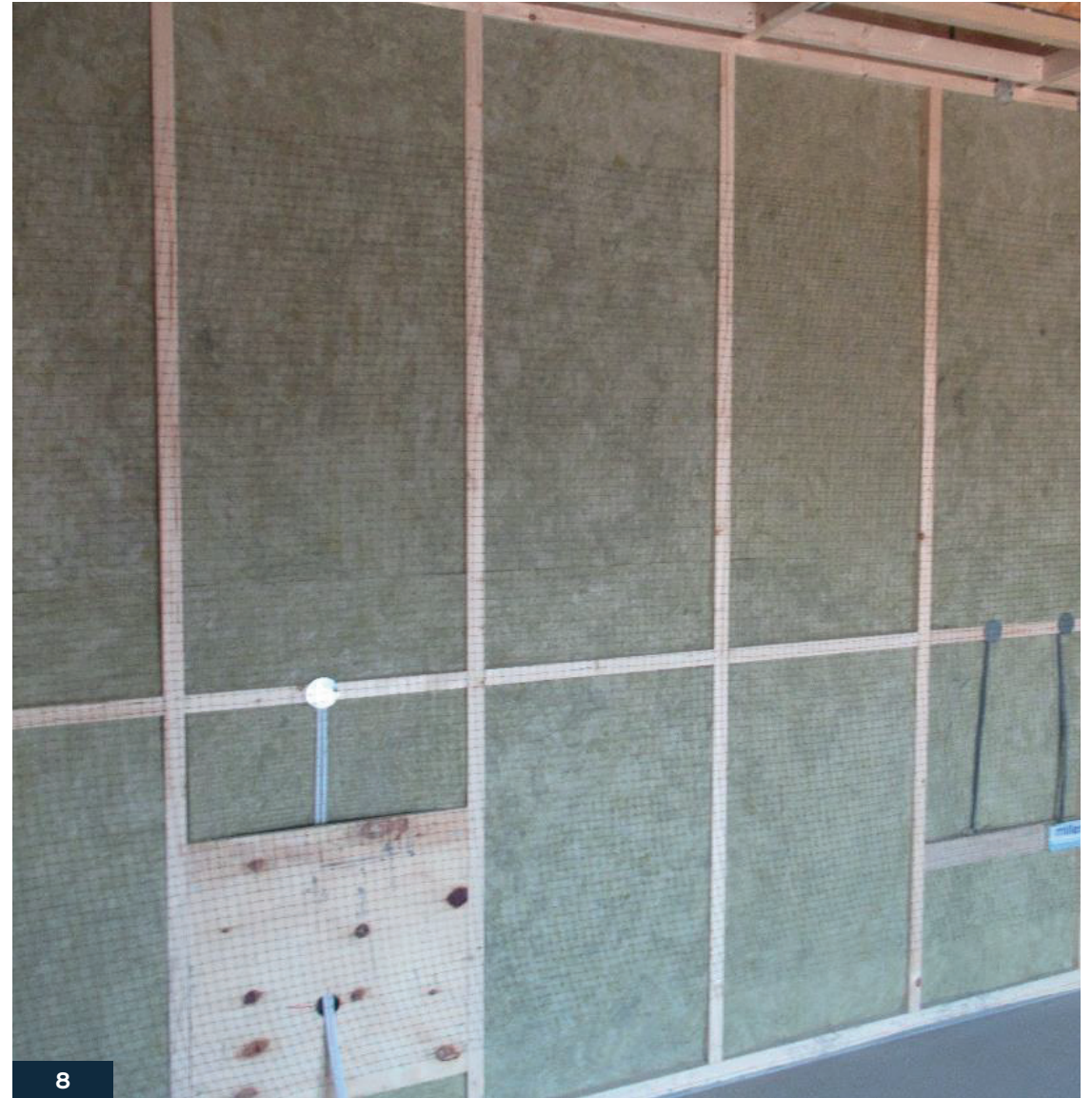
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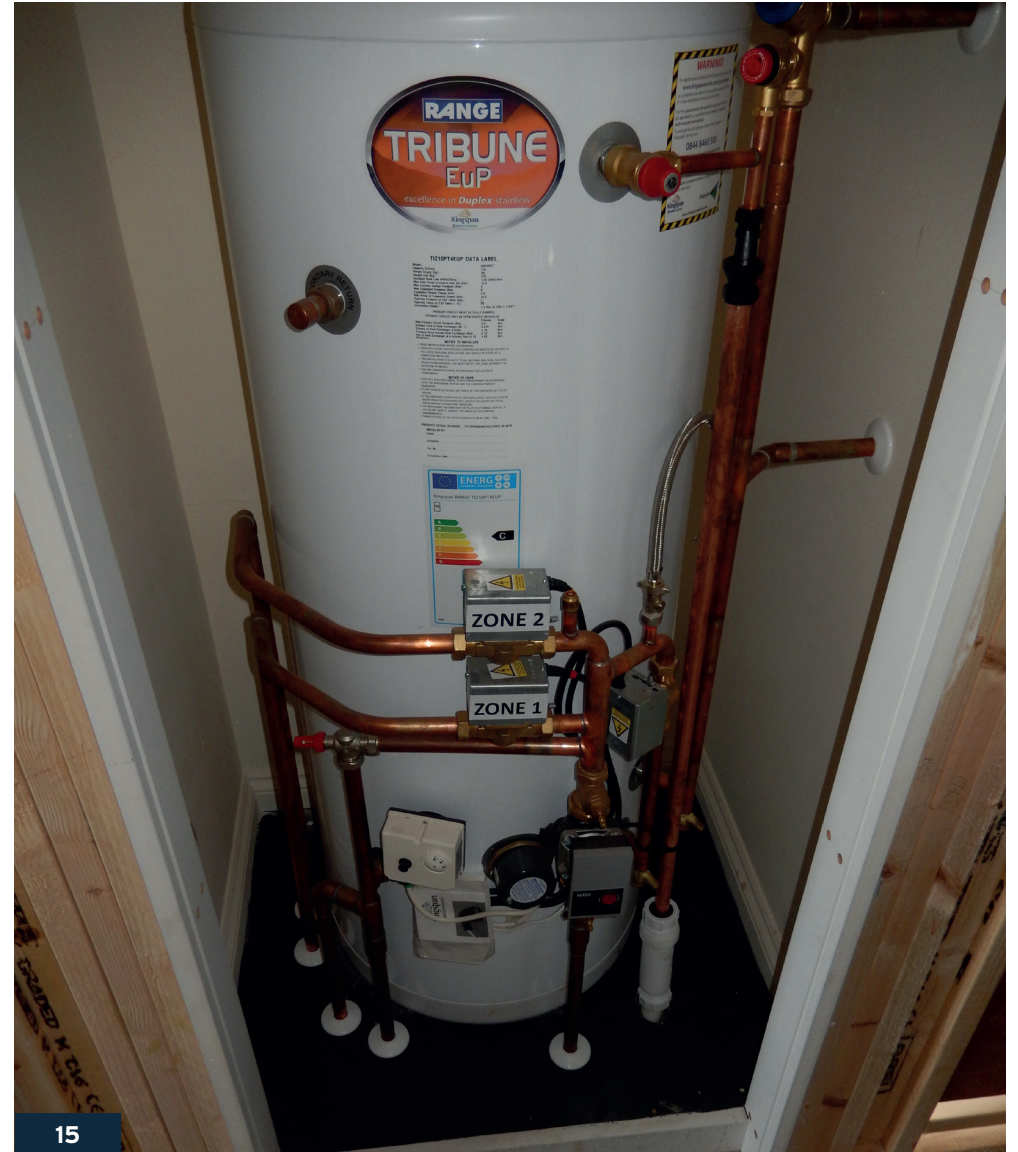
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GOOD LUCK!

We hope you have found this best practice guide useful in gaining a better understanding of what the judges are looking for at each stage of construction.

Remember, the six characteristics the judges are looking for in a site manager are:

- consistency
- attention to detail
- technical expertise
- leadership
- interpretation
- health and safety.

We wish you all the very best in the Pride in the Job competition as you strive for your very first win or to repeat or even improve on your performance in previous years.