



# **HOME INSPECTION REPORT**

SAMPLE

# INSPECTION AGREEMENT

(Please read carefully)

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between \_\_\_\_\_, referred to as "Inspector", and \_\_\_\_\_, referred to as "Client."

In consideration of the promise and terms of this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The client will pay the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the inspection of the "Property," being the \_\_\_\_\_ garage or carport, if applicable, located at \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Inspector will perform a visual inspection and prepare a written report of the apparent condition of the readily accessible installed systems and components of the property existing at the time of the inspection. Latent and concealed defects and deficiencies are excluded from the inspection.

3. The parties agree that the "Standards of Practice" (the "Standards") shall define the standard of duty and the conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the inspection and shall be incorporated by reference herein. If the State/Province where the inspection is performed imposes more stringent standards or administrative rule, then those standards shall define the standard of duty and the conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the inspection.

4. The parties agree and understand that the Inspector and its employees and its agents assume no liability or responsibility for the costs of repairing or replacing any reported defects or deficiencies either current or arising in the future or any property damage, consequential damage or bodily injury of any nature. If repairs or replacement are done without giving the Inspector the required notice, the Inspector will have no liability to the Client. The Client further agrees that the Inspector is liable only up to the extent of the inspection. This clause may be contrary to local law. Please verify applicability. Not valid in State/Province \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The parties agree and understand the Inspector is not an insurer or grantor against defects in the structure, items, components, or systems inspected. INSPECTOR MAKES NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE FITNESS FOR USE, CONDITION, PERFORMANCE OR ADEQUACY OF ANY INSPECTED STRUCTURE, ITEM, COMPONENT, OR SYSTEM.

6. If Client is married, this obligation is a family obligation incurred in the interest of the family.

7. This Agreement, including the terms and conditions on the reverse side, represents the entire agreement between the parties and there are no other agreements either written or oral between them. This Agreement shall be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State/Province of \_\_\_\_\_, and if that State/Province laws or regulations are more stringent than the forms of the agreement, the State/Province law or rule shall govern.

Client has read this entire agreement and accepts and understands this Agreement as hereby acknowledged. If no State/Province regulations apply, this report adheres to the \_\_\_\_\_ Standards, which is available upon request.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State or Province/Zip Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Buyer Present: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Agent present Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Agent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection # \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspector's Address \_\_\_\_\_ License/Certification # \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State or Province/Zip or Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Client agrees to release reports to seller/buyer/REALTOR® Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND LIMITATIONS**

ADDITIONAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND LIMITATIONS

8. Systems, items, and conditions which are not within the scope of the building inspection include, but are not limited to: radon, formaldehyde, lead paint, asbestos, toxic or flammable materials, mold, fungi, \_\_\_\_\_ environmental hazards; pest infestation; security and fire protection systems; household appliances; humidifiers; paint, wallpaper and \_\_\_\_\_ treatments to windows, interior walls, ceilings, and floors; recreational equipment or facilities; pool/spa water purification systems (ozone generator/saltwater, etc.); underground storage tanks, energy efficiency measurements; motion or photo-electric sensor lighting; concealed private secured systems; water wells; all overflow drains; heating system's accessories; solar heating systems, \_\_\_\_\_ exchanges; lawn sprinkling systems; water softener or purification systems; central vacuum systems; telephone \_\_\_\_\_; cable TV systems; antennae, lightning arrestors, load controllers; trees or plants; governing codes, \_\_\_\_\_, statutes, and covenants; and manufacturer specifications, recalls, and EIFS. Client understands that these systems, items, and conditions are excepted from this inspection. Any general comments about these systems, items, and conditions of the written report are informal only and DO NOT represent an inspection.

9. The Inspection and report are performed and prepared for the sole and exclusive use and possession of the Client. No \_\_\_\_\_ person or entity may rely on the report issued pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that any person, not a party to this Agreement, makes any claim against Inspector, its employees or agents, arising out of the services performed by Inspector under this Agreement, the Client shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Inspector from any and all damages, expenses, costs, and attorney's fees and \_\_\_\_\_ from such claim.

10. The Inspection will not include an appraisal of the value or a \_\_\_\_\_ key. The written report is not a compliance inspection or certification for past or present governmental codes or regulations of any \_\_\_\_\_.

11. In the event of a claim by the Client that an inspected system or component of the premises, which was inspected by the Inspector was not in the condition reported by the Inspector, the Client agrees to notify the Inspector at least 72 hours prior to repairing or replacing such system or component. The Client further agrees that the Inspector is liable only if there has been a complete failure to follow the standards adhered to in the report or State/Province law. Furthermore, any legal action must be brought within two (2) years from the date of the inspection, or will be deemed waived and forever barred.

12. This inspection does not determine whether the property is insurable.

13. Exclusions of systems not inspected \_\_\_\_\_.

DEFINITIONS

1. Apparent Condition: Systems and components are categorized as follows:

**SATISFACTORY (Sat.)** - Indicates the component is functionally consistent with its original purpose but shows no signs of normal wear, tear and deterioration.

**PERIODIC MAINTENANCE (Per.)** - Indicates the component will probably require repair or replacement anytime within five years.

**POOR (P)** - Indicates the component will need repair or replacement now or in the very near future.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES** - A system or component that is considered significantly deficient, inoperable or is unsafe.

**SAFETY HAZARD** - Denotes a condition that is unsafe and in need of prompt attention.

Inspected systems and components: structural components; exterior; interior; roofing; plumbing; electrical; heating; central air-conditioning (weather permitting); insulation and ventilation.

3. Readily accessible systems and components: only those systems and components where Inspector is not required to remove personal items, furniture, equipment, soil, snow, or \_\_\_\_\_ items which obstruct access or visibility.

Any component not listed as being deficient in some manner is assumed to be satisfactory.



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## BUILDING DATA

Approx. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ yrs.      Style:     Single Family       1 Story  
 Multi-Family       1 1/2 Story  
 Apartment       2 Story  
 Condominium       High Rise  
 Townhouse

Orientation:    North \_\_\_\_\_    South \_\_\_\_\_    East \_\_\_\_\_    West \_\_\_\_\_

State of Occupancy:     Vacant       Occupied       Unoccupied but furnished  
 Fully       Partially

Weather Conditions:     Sunny     Cloudy       Windy     Snow       Rain  
Recent Rain:       Yes       No

Ground cover:     Snow     Wet     Damp     Dry    Temperature \_\_\_\_\_ °F/°C



### SERVICE WALKS/DRIVEWAYS

Spalling concrete cannot be patched with concrete because the new will not bond with the old. Water will freeze between the two layers, or the concrete will break up from movement or wear. Replacement of the damaged section is recommended. Walks or driveways that are close to the property should be properly pitched away to direct water away from the foundation. Asphalt driveways should be kept sealed and larger cracks filled so as to prevent damage from frost.

**PATIOS** that have settled towards the structure should be mudjacked or replaced to assure proper pitch. Improperly pitched patios are one source of wet basements/crawlspaces.

### EXTERIOR WOOD SURFACES

All surfaces of untreated wood need regular applications of paint or special chemicals to resist damage. Porch or deck columns and fence posts which are buried in the ground and made of untreated wood will become damaged within a year or two.

Decks should always be nailed with galvanized, stainless steel or aluminum nails. Decks that are not painted or stained should be treated with a water sealer.

### GRADING AND DRAINAGE

Any system of grading or landscaping that creates positive drainage (moving water away from the foundation walls) will help to keep a basement and crawlspace dry. Where positive grade is suggested and additional backfill is suggested, it may require digging out around the property to get a proper pitch. Dirt shall be approximately 6" below the bottom sill and should not touch wood surfaces.

Flower beds, loose mulched areas, railroad ties, and other items such as stepping items close to the foundation trap moisture and contribute to wet basements. To establish positive grade, proper slope away from the house is 1" per foot for approximately 5-6 feet. Recommendations for planting or grading up to foundation.

### ROOF AND SURFACE WATER CONTROL

Roof and surface water should be controlled to maintain a dry basement and crawlspace. This means keeping gutters cleaned out and aligned, extending downspouts, installing splashblocks, and building up the grade so that roof and surface water is diverted away from the basement.

### WINDOW WELLS

The amount of water which enters a window well from falling rain is generally slight, but water will accumulate in window wells if the yard is improperly graded. Plastic window well covers are useful in keeping out leaves and debris.

### RETAINING WALLS

Retaining walls deteriorate because of excessive pressure buildup behind them, generally due to water accumulation. Conditions can often be improved by excavating a trench behind the retaining wall and filling it with coarse gravel. Drain holes through the wall will then be able to relieve the water pressure.

Retaining walls can also suffer from tree root pressure or from general movement of topsoil down the slope. Normally, these conditions require rebuilding the retaining wall.

### RAILINGS

It is recommended that railings be installed for any stairway over 3 steps and porches over 30" for safety reasons. Balusters for porches, balconies, and stairs should be close enough to assure children cannot squeeze through.

### DEFINITIONS

**SATISFACTORY (Suf.)** - Indicates the component is functionally consistent with its original purpose but may show signs of normal wear and tear and deterioration.

**MARGINAL (Marg.)** - Indicates the component will probably require repair or replacement anytime within five years.

**POOR** - Indicates the component will need repair or replacement now or in the very near future.



## PROCEDURE

Walk around the property before the client shows up. Fill out the basic information on the report. When the client shows up, take **several** trips around the property pointing out any problems or maintenance items needed.

## ITEMS TO NOTE:

1. Balconies without railings or unsafe railings (safety hazard).
2. Settling cracks that are trip hazards (safety hazard).
3. Railings needed for three (3) or more steps (safety hazard).
4. Wood surfaces that come in contact with the ground.
5. Grading and sidewalks where grade is pitched towards the home.
6. **Settling porches must be noted.** Check support piers.
7. Rotted boards on balconies, porches and decks.

## TERMINOLOGY

1. Recommend mudjacking or regrading surface that pitch towards the home.
2. Recommend replacing rotted boards.
3. Recommend sealing areas between sidewalk/drive and house.

## FHA, VA

1. Railings around balconies must be noted.
2. Peeling paint.



**1. SERVICE WALKS**  None  Not visible  **Public sidewalk needs repair**

**Material:**  Concrete  Flagstone  Gravel  Brick  \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  **Trip Hazard**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Cracks**

**Pitched towards home (See remarks page 4)**  **Settling cracks**

**2. DRIVEWAY/PARKING**  None  Not visible

**Material:**  Concrete  Asphalt  Gravel/Dirt  Brick  \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  **Settling cracks**  Typical cracks

**Pitched towards home (See remarks page 4)**  **Trip Hazard**  Fill cracks  Seal

**3. PORCH (covered entrance)**  None  Not visible

**Support Pier:**  Concrete  Wood  \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  **Railing/Balusters recommended**

**Floor:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  **Safety Hazard**

**4. STOOPS/STEPS**  None  Uneven risers  Cracked/Damaged  Cracked  Settling

**Material:**  Concrete  Wood  \_\_\_\_\_  Railing/Balusters recommended

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  **Safety Hazard**

**5. PATIO**  None

**Material:**  Concrete  Flagstone  Gravel/Dirt  Brick  \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  **Settling cracks**  **Trip Hazard**

**Pitched towards home (See remarks page 4)**  Drainage provided  Typical cracks

**6. DECK/BALCONY (flat, floored, roofed, etc.)**  None  Not visible

**Material:**  Wood  Metal  Composite  \_\_\_\_\_  Railing/Balusters recommended

**Finish:**  Treated  Painted/Finished  \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  **Improper attachment to house**  Railing loose  Wood in contact with soil

**7. DECK/PATIO/PORCH ROOFERS**  Earth to wood contact  Moisture/Insect damage

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Posts/Supports need Repair

**Recommend:**  Metal Straps/Bolts/Nails/Flashing  Improper attachment to house

**8. FENCE/VAULT**  Not evaluated  None  Brick/Block  Wood  Metal  Chain Link  Rusted  Vinyl

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Typical cracks  Loose Blocks/Caps

**Gate:**  N/A  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Planks missing/damaged

**9. LANDSCAPE AFFECTING FOUNDATION (See remarks page 4)**

Negative Grade  East  West  North  South  Satisfactory

Recommend additional backfill  Recommend window wells/covers  Trim back trees/shrubberies

Wood in contact with/improper clearance to soil

**10. LEANING WALL**  None  Material \_\_\_\_\_  Drainage holes recommended

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Safety Hazard  Leaning/Cracked/Bowed

(Relates to the visible condition of the wall)

**11. HOSE BBS**  None  No anti-siphon valve  Recommend Anti-Siphon Valve

**Operable:**  Yes  No  Not tested  Not on

**GENERAL COMMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Valleys and Flashings** that are covered with shingles and/or tar or any \_\_\_\_\_ material are considered \_\_\_\_\_ and are not part of the inspection.

**Tar and Gravel Roofs** - This type of covering on a pitched roof requires ongoing annual \_\_\_\_\_ We recommend that a roofing contractor evaluate this type of roof. Infra-red photography is best \_\_\_\_\_ to determine areas of potential leaks.

Flat roofs are very vulnerable to leaking. It is very important to maintain proper drainage to prevent the \_\_\_\_\_ of water. We recommend that a roofing contractor evaluate this type of roof.

ROOF TYPE	LIFE EXPECTANCY	SPECIAL REMARKS
<i>Asphalt Shingles</i>	15-20 years	Used on nearly 90% of all residential roofs; requires little maintenance.
<i>Asphalt Multi-Thickness Shingles*</i>	20-30 years	Heavier and more durable than regular asphalt shingles.
<i>Asphalt Interlocking Shingles*</i>	15-25 years	Especially good in high-wind areas.
<i>Asphalt Rolls</i>	10 years	Used on low slope roofs.
<i>Built-up Roofing</i>	10-20 years	Used on low slope roofs; 2 to 3 times as long as asphalt shingles.
<i>Wood Shingles*</i>	10-40 years	Treated with preservative every 5 years to prevent decay.
<i>Clay Tiles*</i> <i>Cement Tiles*</i>	20+ years 20+ years	Durable, fireproof, but not watertight, requiring a good subsurface base.
<i>Slate Shingles*</i>	30-100 years <sup>2</sup>	Extremely durable, but brittle and expensive.
<i>Asbestos Cement Shingles*</i>	20-30 years	Durable, but brittle and difficult to repair.
<i>Metals*</i>	15-40 years	Comes in sheets & shingles; should be well grounded for protection from lightning; certain metals must be painted.
<i>Single Ply Membrane*</i>	10-20 years (Manufacturer's claim)	New material; not yet passed test of time.
<i>Polyurethane with Elastomeric Coating</i>	5-10 years <sup>1</sup>	Used on low slope roofs.

\_\_\_\_\_ recommended for use on low slope roof <sup>1</sup> Depending on local conditions and proper installation <sup>2</sup> Depending on quality of slate

Roof covering should be visually checked in the spring and fall for any visible missing shingles, damaged covering \_\_\_\_\_ defects. Before re-roofing, the underside of the roof structure and roof sheathing should be inspected to determine that the roof structure can support the additional weight of the shingles.

Wood shingles and shingles will vary in aging, due to the quality of the material, installation, maintenance, and surrounding shade trees. Ventilation and drying of the wood material is critical in extending the life expectancy of the wood. Commercial preservatives are available on the market, which could be applied to wood to impede deterioration.





**PROCEDURE**

View the roof covering from the roof if possible. In no way should you endanger your safety for any reason, (i.e., roof too steep, slippery, unsafe to walk on, etc).

If you cannot get on the roof, view sections from the eave with a ladder. It is very difficult to evaluate roof coverings without getting close. Use binoculars as a last resort.

Obtain age from seller, property condition report and using this information as a **guide**, estimate age based on condition and color using range, (i.e., 5-10, 10-15, 15-20, 20-25+, etc). Determine number of layers. (You may have to climb attic to determine if wood shakes exist).

Roof coverings that are in poor condition and will require replacing in less than a year should be listed under **Major Issues** on the **Summary Page**. Any asphalt shingle 15+ years should be noted in the **SUMMARY Page** under 'deferred cost' items. Report on any sags in roof structure.

**TERMINOLOGY**

**Sat.** - The roof covering under normal conditions should last at least 5 years or more.

**Marginal** - Will need replacement in 5 years or less.

**Poor** - Will need replacement soon

**Flashing, valleys, etc.** - Check the condition of all flashing, (i.e., skylights, chimney, and gutters). Check valleys for rust or any holes. Valleys and flashings covered with tar are not visible and probably in poor condition. This should be noted in the report.

SALE



# ROOF

**12. ROOF VISIBILITY**  All  Partial  None  Limited by \_\_\_\_\_

**13. INSPECTED FROM**  Roof  Ladder at eaves  Ground (*Inspection Limited*)  With Binoculars \_\_\_\_\_

**14. STYLE OF ROOF**  Gable  Hip  Mansard  Shed  Flat  \_\_\_\_\_  
**Pitch:**  Low  Medium  Steep  Flat

**ROOF #1** Type: \_\_\_\_\_ # Layers \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. age \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOF #2** Type: \_\_\_\_\_ # Layers \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. age \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs.

**ROOF #3** Type: \_\_\_\_\_ # Layers \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. age \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs.

**15. VENTILATION SYSTEM** Type:  Soffit  Ridge  Roof  Turbine  Power \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ventilation Present:**  Yes  No  \_\_\_\_\_

remarks page 9) (See page 21)

**16. FLASHING** Material:  Not visible  Galv Alum  Asphalt  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Copper  PVC  Rubber  Lead  
**Condition:**  Not visible  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  **Rusted**  Missing  
 Separated from chimney  Recommending sealing  \_\_\_\_\_

**17. VALLEYS**  N/A Material:  Not visible  Galv/Alum  Asphalt  Lead  
 Copper  \_\_\_\_\_  
**Condition:**  Not visible  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Holes  **Rusted**  Recommending sealing

**18. CONDITION OF ROOF COVERINGS** Roof #1:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
Roof #2:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
Roof #3:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Condition:**  Curling  Cracking  Ponding  Burn spots  Broken/Loose Tiles/Shingles  
 Missing  Granules missing  Alligatoring  Blistering  Missing Tabs/Shingles/Tiles  
 Moss/Growth  Exposed felt  Cupping  Incomplete/Improper Nailing  
 Recommending evaluate  Evidence of Leakage

**19. SKYLIGHTS**  N/A  Not visible  Cracked/Broken  
**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**20. PLUMBING FIXTURES**  Not visible  Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Conditions reported above reflect visible portion only  See Additional Comments on page 33

**GENERAL COMMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## EXTERIOR

### CHIMNEYS

Chimneys built of masonry will eventually need tuckpointing. A cracked chimney top that allows water and carbonic acid to get behind the surface brick/stone will accelerate the deterioration. Moisture will also deteriorate the clay flue liner. Periodic chimney cleaning will keep you apprised of the chimney's condition. The flashing around the chimney may need resealing and should be inspected every year or two. Fireplace chimneys should be inspected and evaluated by a chimney professional before using. Chimneys must be adequate height for proper drafting. Spark arrestors are recommended for a wood burning chimney, and chimney caps for fossil fuels.

**Unlined Chimney** - should be re-evaluated by a chimney technician.

Have flue cleaned and re-evaluated. The flue lining is covered with soot or creosote and no representation can be made as to the condition.

### NOT EVALUATED

The flue was not evaluated due to inaccessibility such as roof pitch too steep or not accessible, etc.

### CRICKET FLASHING

Small, sloped structure made of metal and designed to direct moisture away from a chimney. Usually placed at the back of a chimney.

### GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

This is an extremely important element in basement/crawl space dampness control. Keep gutters clean and downspout extensions in place (4' or more) at the inside. Galvanized gutters, which will extend the life. Shortly after a rain or thaw in winter, look for the joint seams in the gutters. These can be re-caulked before they cause damage to fascia or soffit boards. If no gutters exist it is recommended that they be added.

### SIDING

Wood siding should not come in contact with the ground. Moisture will cause rotting to take place and can attract carpenter ants. See also for siding that has known problems, but are not always recognizable.

Brick and stone veneer must be monitored for loose or missing mortar. Some brick and stone are susceptible to spalling. This can be caused when moisture is trapped and a freeze/thaw situation occurs. There are products on the market that can be used to seal out moisture. This is also true for brick and stone chimneys also.

Metal siding will dent and scratch. Oxidation is a normal reaction in aluminum. There are good cleaners on the market and are recommended that they be used occasionally. Metal siding can be painted.

**EIFS** The type of siding is synthetic stucco and has experienced serious problems. It requires a certified EIFS inspector to determine condition.

### DOORS AND WINDOWS

These can waste a tremendous amount of energy. Maintain the caulking around the frames on the exterior. Check for drafts in the winter and improve the worst offenders first. Windows that have leaky storm windows will usually have a lot of sweat. Likewise, well sealed storms that sweat indicate a leaky window. It is the tighter unit that will sweat (unless the home has excess humidity to begin with).

Wood that exhibits blistering or peeling paint should be examined for possible moisture sources: roof leaks, bad gutters, interior moisture from baths or laundry or from a poorly vented crawl space. Some paint problems have no logical explanation, but many are a symptom of an underlying problem. A freshly painted house may mask these symptoms. After you have lived in the home for a year or two, look for localized paint blistering (peeling). It may be a clue.

Glazing will last longer if the raw wood is treated with boiled linseed oil prior to glazing. It prevents the wood from drawing the moisture out of the new glazing.

### CAULKING

Many different types of caulk are available on the market today. Check with a paint or hardware store for the kind of application you need.



PROCEDURE

If possible, look into the flue from roof. If not possible, try to evaluate from inside at fireplace or cleanout. If you cannot get a good view of the flue, mark 'not evaluated'. If the flue is coated with soot or creosote, mark 'Have cleaned and re-evaluated.' Use flashlight or mirror to inspect the flue.

STUCCO/WOOD SIDING/TRIM/WINDOWS

Probe gently to see if wood is soft or rotted. Check window ledges and areas where stucco/wood comes in contact with ground. Check window sills for rot.

BRICK/STONE SIDING/CHIMNEY CHIMNEYS

Check for siding pulling away from frame, missing mortar, unusual cracks, etc., face of bricking crumbling.

NEVER MISS LIST

- Cracked or missing chimney flues
- Amateur work
- Loose brick or chimney cap
- Unlined chimney should be written up "should be re-evaluated"
- Rotted boards

EIFS (EXTERNAL INSULATION AND FINISH SYSTEMS)

This is a synthetic stucco, and has 5 distinct components:

- Adhesive or mechanical fastener
- Insulation board
- A base coat
- Reinforced fiberglass mesh
- Durable finish color coat applied on site



# EXTERIOR

**21. CHIMNEY(S)**  None Location: #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Viewed From:**  Roof  Ladder at eaves  Ground (*Inspection Limited*)  Yes  Binoculars

**Rain Cap/Spark Arrestor:**  Yes  No  *Recommended*

**Chase:**  Brick  Stone  Metal  Block  Frame

**Evidence of:**  Holes in metal  Cracked chimney cap  Loose mortar joints  Flaking  Brick  Rust

**Flue:**  Tile  Metal  *Unlined*  Not visible

**Evidence of:**  Scaling  Cracks  Cresosote  *Not evaluated (See remarks page 8)*

*Have flue(s) cleaned and re-evaluated*  *Recommend Cricket/Saddle/Flashing*

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend Repair*

**22. GUTTERS/SCUPPERS/EAVESTROUGH**  None  *Needs to be cleaned*  *Downspouts needed*

**Material:**  Copper  Vinyl/Plastic  Galvanized/Aluminum  \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Rusting*

**Leaking:**  Corners  Joints  *See remarks page \_\_\_\_\_*

**Attachment:**  *Loose*  *Missing Spikes*  *Improperly installed (See remarks page \_\_\_\_\_)*

**Extension needed:**  North  South  East  West  *Recommend repair/replacement of damaged sections*

**23. SIDING**  None  *Needs to be cleaned*  *Downspouts needed* *(\*See remarks page \_\_\_\_\_ EIFS)*

**Material:**  Stone  Slate  Block/Brick  Fiberboard  Fiber-cement  Stucco

EIFS\* Not Inspected  Asphalt  Metal/Vinyl  \_\_\_\_\_

Typical Cracks  Peeling  *Monitor for Wood Rot*  *Loose/Missing/Holes*

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend Repair/Painting*

**24. 1.)TRIM 2.)SOFFIT 3.) FASCIA 4.) DASH**

**Material:**  Wood  Fiberboard  Alum/Steel  Vinyl  Stucco

*Recommend Repair/Painting*  *Damaged Wood*  \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**25. CAULKING** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend Repair/Painting* *around windows/masonry ledges/corners/utility penetrations*

**26. WINDOWS & SCREENS**  None  *Sealed/Fogged Insulated Glass*

**Material:**  Wood  Metal  Vinyl  Aluminum/Vinyl Clad

**Screens:**  Present  Broken  Not installed  Glazing Compound/Caulk needed

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Wood rot*  *Recommend Repair/Painting*

**27. STORM WINDOWS**  None  Not Installed  Wood  Clad comb.  Wood/Metal comb.  Metal

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  *Needed*  N/A

*Broken/Cracked*  *Wood rot*  *Recommend Repair/Painting*

**28. SLAB ON GRADE FOUNDATION**

**Foundation:**  Concrete block  Poured Concrete  \_\_\_\_\_  Not Visible

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Monitor  Have Evaluated

**Concrete Slab:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Monitor  Have Evaluated

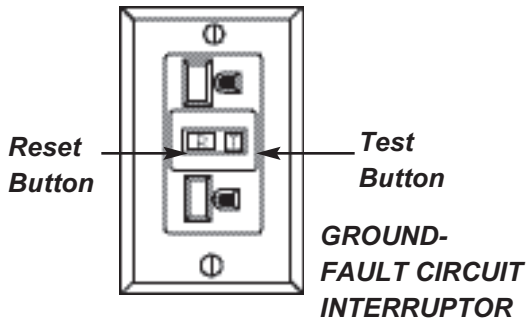
Condition reported above reflect visible portion only.

**GENERAL COMMENTS** \_\_\_\_\_  
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# EXTERIOR

Every effort has been made to evaluate the size of the service. Three wires going into the home indicate 240 volts. The total amperage can be difficult to determine. We highly recommend that ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) be connected to all receptacles around water. This device automatically shuts the circuit off when it senses a current leak to ground. This device can be purchased in most hardware stores. GFCI's are recommended by all receptacles located near water, outside receptacles, or garage receptacles. Pool receptacles should also be protected with a GFCI.

See diagram below:



If you do have GFCI's, it is recommended that you test them monthly. When you push the test button, the reset button should pop out, shutting off the circuit. If it doesn't, the breaker is not working properly. If you don't test them once a month, the breakers have a tendency to stick and may not protect you when needed.

Knob and tube wiring found in older homes should be checked by an electrician to insure that the wire condition is in good condition. Under no circumstances should this wire be covered with insulation. Recess light fixtures should be installed with a baffle around them so that they are covered with insulation. However recessed lighting fixtures will shut off if they overheat. (An alternative is made as a surface mounted lighting fixture).

Federal Pacific Stab-Lok® Electrical panels may be unsafe. See [www.gocpa.com](http://www.gocpa.com) (Federal Pacific)

**Aluminum wiring in general lighting circuits has a history of overheating, with the potential of fire. If this type of wiring exists, a licensed electrical contractor should inspect the whole system.**

### ARC FAULTS

In some areas arc faults are required for bedrooms in new homes starting in 2002. In some areas arc faults are required for all 120 Volt circuits that are not GFI protected in new homes starting in 2005. Upgrade as desired for enhanced safety.

### REVERSE POLARITY

A common problem that exists in many homes is reverse polarity. This is a potentially hazardous situation in which the hot and neutral wires in a circuit are reversed at the receptacle, thereby allowing the appliance to incorrectly be connected. This can make a flammable item correct.

Each receptacle has a brass and silver screw. The brass screw should be wired to the brass screw and the white wire should go to the silver screw. When these wires are switched, this is called "reverse polarity." Turning off the power and switching these wires will correct the problem.

Main service wire to a house is typically 240 volts. The minimum capacity for newer homes is 100 amps though many older homes still have 60 amp service. Newer homes or all electric homes will likely have a 200 amp service.

Main service wiring may have one or more circuit breakers or fuses. While most areas allow up to six main turnoffs, expanding on these provisions generally not allowed.

### COOLING

**Testing A/C System and Heat Pump-** The circuit breakers to A/C should be on for a minimum of 24 hours and the outside temperature at least 60 degrees for the past 24 hours or an A/C system cannot be operated without possible damage to the compressor. Check the instructions in your A/C manual or on the outside compressor before starting up in the summer. The pump can only be tested in the mode it's running in. Outside temperature should be at least 60 degrees for the past 24 hours to run in cooling mode.

Temperature differential, between 14°-22°, is usually acceptable. If out of this range, have an HVAC contractor examine it. It is not always feasible to do a differential test due to high humidity, low outside temperature, etc.

### A/C CONDENSER COIL

They should not become overgrown with foliage. Clearance requirements vary, but 2' on all sides should be maintained with up to 6' of air discharge desirable. If a clothes dryer vent is within five to ten feet, either seal the vent or do not run when the A/C is running. The lint will quickly reduce the efficiency of the A/C unit.



**PROCEDURE**

**A/C Condenser**

Check to see if level and if outside shutoff exists. Note the max. height allowed. Check to see that A/C condenser is running when turned on. Life expectancy is 10-15 years. If older than 7-8 years, list in **deferred maintenance** on Summary Page.

Temperature coming out of the condenser coils should be warmer than outside air.

Max breaker/fuse - Copy the amp rating from the name on the condensing unit. The breaker or fuse in the electrical panel should not exceed this.

**PROCEDURE**

**Exterior Doors** - Open the door to inspect the veneer of the exterior door. Check condition of storm doors. Check for weatherstripping and possible leaking thermopanes.

**Exterior Electrical**

**PROCEDURE** Check for power height - 10' above yard, 12' above driveway, and 3' from porches, balconies, and windows at open.

**Exterior Receptacle** - Check for GFCI - should exist on homes under 20 years of age. Open hoods or reverse polarity within 6 feet of water should be listed on **Summary Page** as a **safety hazard**.

Power overhead wires too close to balconies and porches should be written up as a **safety hazard**.

Missing exterior receptacle covers should be written up as a **safety hazard**.



# EXTERIOR

## 29. SERVICE ENTRY

Underground     Overhead     *Weather head needs repair*  
**Exterior Receptacles:**  Yes     No    **Operable:**  Yes     No     *Overhead wires too low/improper*  
**GFCI Present:**     Yes     No    **Operable:**  Yes     No     *Safety Hazard*  
 Reverse Polarity     Open Ground(s)     Recommend GFCI Receptacles  
**Condition:**     Satisfactory     Marginal     Poor

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## 30. BUILDING(S) EXTERIOR WALL CONSTRUCTION

**Type:**     Not visible     Framed     Masonry     Other  
**Condition:**     Not visible     Satisfactory     Marginal     Poor

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## 31. EXTERIOR DOORS 1.) ENTRANCE 2.) PATIO 3.) SCREENED 4.)

**Weatherstripping:**  Satisfactory     Marginal     Poor     Missing     Replace  
**Door Condition:**  Satisfactory     Marginal     Poor

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## 32. EXTERIOR A/C - HEAT PUMP

**UNIT #1:**  N/A    **Location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brand \_\_\_\_\_ Model# \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ yrs.  
**Outside Disconnect:**  Yes     No    Maximum fuse/breaker rating \_\_\_\_\_ Amp    Fuses/breakers installed \_\_\_\_\_ Amp  
**Level:**     Yes     No     Cabinet/Housing rusted     Improperly sized fuses/breakers  
**Condenser Fin:**  Damaged     Need cleaning     Damaged base/pad  
 Damaged Refrigerant Line    **Insulation:**     Yes     No     Replace  
**Condition:**     Satisfactory     Marginal     Poor    **Improper Clearance (Air Flow):**  Yes     No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT #2:**  N/A    **Location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Brand \_\_\_\_\_ Model# \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ yrs.  
**Outside Disconnect:**  Yes     No    Maximum fuse/breaker rating \_\_\_\_\_ Amp    Fuses/breakers installed \_\_\_\_\_ Amp  
**Level:**     Yes     No     Cabinet/Housing rusted     Improperly sized fuses/breakers  
**Condenser Fin:**  Damaged     Need cleaning     Damaged base/pad  
 Damaged Refrigerant Line    **Insulation:**     Yes     No     Replace  
**Condition:**     Satisfactory     Marginal     Poor    **Improper Clearance (Air Flow):**  Yes     No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_





## *GARAGE/CARPORT*

### **OVERHEAD DOOR OPENERS**

We recommend that a separate electrical receptacle be provided. Openers that do not have a safety reverse are considered a safety hazard. Small children and pets are especially vulnerable. We recommend the operating switches be set high enough so children cannot reach them. If a electric sensor is present, it should be tested occasionally to ensure it is working.

**GARAGE SILL PLATES** should be elevated or treated lumber should be used. If this is not the case, try to direct water away to prevent rotting.

### **BURNERS**

Any appliance such as a water heater, furnace, etc. should have the flame a minimum of 18" above the floor. Any open flame less than 18" from the floor is a potential safety hazard. Appliances should also be protected from vehicle damage.

SAMPLE



## GARAGE/CARPORT

### PROCEDURE

- State condition of siding, roofing, trim, in **comment line** if not satisfactory home
- Sill plates should be probed for rot.
- Check for safety reverse on garage door opener.
- Check for receptacle by overhead door opener.
- Check the overhead door for delamination and condition of weatherstripping on bottom.
- Check the service door.
- Lack of safety reverse or not operable is a safety hazard.
- Electric sensor present and not operating is a safety hazard.
- If the safety reverse operated and no sensor is present, this does not require an electric sensor.
- Fire doors should be solid core steel. On new construction, look for the fire rating.



# GARAGE/CARPORT

### 33. TYPE

- None
- Attached
- Detached
- 1-car
- 2-car
- 3-car
- 4-car

### 34. AUTOMATIC OPENER

- Yes
- No
- Operable
- Inoperable

### 35. SAFETY REVERSES

- Operable:**  Yes  No
- Need(s) adjusting
- Safety Hazard

### 36. ROOFING

- Material:**  Same as house
- Type: \_\_\_\_\_
- Approx. age \_\_\_\_\_
- Approx. layer \_\_\_\_\_

### 37. GUTTERS/EAVESTROUGH

- Condition:**  Satisfactory
- Marginal
- Poor
- Same as House

### 38. SIDING/TRIM

- Siding:**  Same as house
- Stucco
- Wood
- Metal
- Vinyl
- Fiberglass
- Aluminum
- Ply

### 39. FLOOR

- Material:**  Concrete
- Gravel
- Asphalt
- Dirt
- Condition:**  Satisfactory
- Typical cracks
- Large settling cracks
- Recommend Evaluation/Repair
- Burners less than 18" above garage floor:**  N/A
- Yes
- No
- Safety Hazard

### 40. SILL PLATES

- Not visible
- Level
- Elevated
- Rotted/Damaged
- Recommend repair

### 41. OVERHEAD DOOR(S)

- N/A
- Material:**  Wood
- Fiberglass
- Metal
- Insulated
- Recommend repair
- Condition:**  Satisfactory
- Marginal
- Poor
- Overhead door hardware loose
- Recommend Priming/Painting Inside & Edges:**  Yes
- No
- Safety Hazard
- Weatherstripping missing/Damaged

### 42. EXTERIOR SERVICE DOOR

- None
- Condition:**  Satisfactory
- Marginal
- Poor
- Damaged/Rusted

### 43. ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES PRESENT

- Yes
- No
- Not visible
- Reverse Polarity:**  Yes
- No
- Grounded:**  Yes
- No
- Safety Hazard
- GFCI Present:**  Yes
- No
- Operable:**  Yes
- No
- Handyman/Extension Cord Wiring
- Recommend GFCI Receptacles

### 44. FIRE SEPARATION WALLS AND CEILING

- N/A
- Missing
- Condition:  Satisfactory
- Safety Hazard(s)
- Recommend repair
- Holes walls/ceiling
- Water stains present:**  Yes
- No
- Fire door:**  Not verifiable
- Not a fire door
- Typical cracks:  Yes
- No
- Needs repair
- Satisfactory
- Attic closure:**  N/A
- Satisfactory
- Inoperable
- Missing

### GENERAL COMMENTS

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### PLASTER ON WOOD LATH

Plaster on wood lath is an old technique and is no longer in general use. Wood lath shrinks with age and the nails rust and loosen. As a result, the plaster may become fragile and caution is needed in working with this type of plastering system. Sagging ceilings are best repaired by laminating drywall over the existing plaster and screwing to the ceiling joists.

### PLASTER ON GYPSUM LATH (ROCK LATH)

Plaster on gypsum lath will sometimes show the seams of the 16" wide gypsum lath, but this does not indicate a structural fault. The scalloping appearance can be leveled with drywall joint compound and fiberglass mesh joint tape or drywall can be laminated over the existing plaster on the ceiling.

### WOOD FLOORING

Always attempt to clean wood floors first before making a decision to refinish the floor. Wax removers and mild stripping agents plus a good waxing and buffing will usually produce satisfactory results. Mild bleaching agents help remove deep stains. Sanding removes some of the wear in the floor and can usually be done safely only once or twice in the life of the floor.

### NAIL POPS

Drywall nail pops are due to normal expansion and contraction of the wood members to which the drywall is nailed and are usually of no structural significance.

### CARPETING

Where carpeting has been removed, the materials and condition of the floor underneath cannot be determined.

### APPLIANCES (If report indicates appliances were tested, the following applies)

Dishwashers are tested to see if they are operable and water sprays properly. Stoves are tested to see that burners are working and oven and broiler get hot. Timer and controls are not tested. Refrigerators are not tested. Most new Dishwashers have the drain line looped automatically and may not be visible on the day of inspection. It is essential for the dishwasher drain line to have an air gap or air gap break to prevent backflow. A drain line loop or Dishwasher air gap should be installed and to be visible. No representation is made to continued life expectancy of any appliances.

### ASBESTOS AND OTHER HAZARDS

Asbestos fibers in some form are present in many homes, but are often not visible and cannot be identified without testing.

If there is reason to suspect that asbestos may be present and if it is of particular concern, a sample of the material in question may be removed and analyzed in a laboratory. However, detecting or inspecting for the presence or absence of asbestos is not a part of our inspection.

Also excluded from this inspection and report are the possible presence of, or danger from, radon gas, lead-based paint, urea formaldehyde, toxic or flammable chemicals and all other similar or potentially harmful substances and environmental hazards.

### WINDOWS

A representative number of windows are inspected.



## GENERAL INTERIOR

### PROCEDURE

**DO NOT START THE INTERIOR WITHOUT THE CLIENT!** Have the client, family, watch, and help out throughout the entire inspection. If client is late, try to find out if they are coming.

Upon entering, take a quick trip around the interior, marking the 'General Interior' information. This is a good time to have the customer read and sign the contract.

Any ceilings with moisture stains should be noted somewhere in the report.

### KITCHEN

Run the water while testing electrical outlets, etc. Look for leaking faucets, pipes, etc.

Any open grounds, reverse polarity, or open wires under the sink should be noted in the **Summary Page** as a **safety hazard**.

Ask owners to start dishwashers if they are home.

Check burners on range oven for operation.

Check countertops for burn marks, etc.

Open and close drawers and cabinet doors.

**If you touch ovens and stoves, MAKE SURE YOU TURN THEM OFF!**

GFCI - Recommend these for receptacles by water. If GFCI installed but not working properly, note in **Summary Page** as a **safety hazard**.



# KITCHEN

45. COUNTERTOPS  Satisfactory  Marginal  Recommend repair/caulking

46. CABINETS  Satisfactory  Marginal  Recommend repair/adjustment

## 47. PLUMBING COMMENTS

Faucet Leaks:  Yes  No  
Sink/Faucet:  Satisfactory  Corroded  Chipped  Cracked  Recommend repair  
Functional Drainage:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
Functional Flow:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
Comments:

## 48. WALLS & CEILING

Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Typical cracks  Moisture

## 49. HEATING/COOLING SOURCE Yes No

50. FLOOR Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Spalling  Stains

Comments:

## 51. APPLIANCES (See remarks page 14)

Disposal Operable:  Yes  No  
 Oven Operable:  Yes  No  
 Range Operable:  Yes  No  
 Dishwasher Operable:  Yes  No  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Operable:  Yes  No  
 Trash Compactor Operable:  Yes  No  
 Exhaust Fan Operable:  Yes  No  
 Refrigerator Operable:  Yes  No  
 Microwave Operable:  Yes  No  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Operable:  Yes  No

Dishwasher Airgap:  Yes  No  
Dishwasher Drain Line Looped:  Yes  No

Receptacles Present:  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No

GFCI:  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No  Recommend GFCI Receptacles

Open ground/Reverse polarity:  Yes  No  Potentially Safely Hazardous(s)

Comments:

# LAUNDRY ROOM

Laundry sink:  N/A  Yes  No  Faucet leaks:  Yes  No  Pipes leak:  Yes  No

Cross connect:  Yes  No  Heat source present:  Yes  No  Room vented:  Yes  No

Dryer vented:  N/A  Wall  Ceiling  Floor  Not vented  Safety Hazard

Plastic Dryer vent not recommended  Not vented to Exterior  Recommend Repair

Open ground/Reverse polarity:  Yes  No  Safety Hazard

GFCI present:  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No  Recommend GFCI Receptacles

Appliances:  Washer  Dryer  Water Heater  Furnace/Boiler

Washer hookup lines/valves:  Leaking  Corroded  Not visible

Gas Shut-off Valve:  N/A  Yes  No  Cap needed  Safety Hazard  Not visible

Comments:



## BATHROOM

### STALL SHOWER

The metal shower pan in a stall shower has a potential or probable life of 10-20 years depending on the quality of the pan installed. Although a visible inspection is made to determine whether a shower pan is currently leaking, it cannot be stated with certainty that no defect is present or that one may not soon develop. Shower pan leaks often do not show except when the shower is in actual use.

### CERAMIC TILE

Bathroom tile installed in a mortar bed is excellent. It is still necessary to keep the joint between the tile and the tub/shower caulked or sealed to prevent water spillage from leaking through and damaging the ceilings below.

Ceramic tile is often installed in mastic. It is important to keep the tile caulked or sealed so that water will seep behind the tile and cause deterioration in the wallboard. Special attention should be given to the area around faucets and other wall penetrations.

### EXHAUST FANS

Bathrooms with a shower should have exhaust fans when possible. This helps to remove excess moisture from the room, preventing damage to the ceiling and walls and wood finishes. The exhaust fan should not be vented into the attic. The proper way to vent the fan(s) is to the outside. Running the vent pipe horizontally and venting into a gable end or soffit is preferred. Running the vent pipe vertically through the roof may cause condensation to run down the vent pipe, rusting the fan and damaging the wallboard. Insulating the vent pipe in the attic will help to reduce this problem.

**SLOW DRAINS** on sinks, tubs, and showers are usually caused by a build up of hair and soap scum. Most sink pop-ups can be easily removed by pulling. Some tubs have a spring attached to the closing lever that acts as a catch for hair. It may require removing a couple of screws to disassemble. If you cannot mechanically remove the obstruction, be kind to your pipes. **Don't use caustic drainer.** There are several bacteria drain cleaners available. They are available at hardware stores in areas where septic tanks are used. These drain cleaners take a little longer to work, but are safe for you and your pipes.

### SAFETY DEVICES

Typical safety devices found in bathrooms are open grounds or reverse polarity by water. Replacing these devices with GFCI's are recommended. (See page 28)

### WHIRLPOOL TUBS

This relates to exterior trim hooked up to exterior plumbing. Where possible, the motor will be operated to see that the jets are working. Whirlpool tubs and spas are not inspected.



**BATHROOMS**

**PROCEDURE**

Turn on water at each faucet and flush the toilet to determine pressure drop off.

Test receptacles for GFCI or grounding. Any receptacle not grounded or that has reverse polarity by the water should be noted in the **Summary Page** as a **safety hazard**. All switches within reach of the tub and shower areas that are not ground faulted should be noted.

Check tile in shower/tub areas for damage. If tile is not tight against the wall, some damage has most likely occurred to the drywall.

Check for loose or cracked toilet bowls. Check for rotted floor boards around tub or shower area.

Report if **no heat source** is present.

Report if **exhaust fan present** operable.

If **no electrical receptacle in bathroom** on report.

Check windows for rotted boards.

**GFCIs**

If a GFCI receptacle has an equipment ground, it should not turn off with the tester. It should turn off by pressing the test button on the receptacle. This condition is okay. These should be found mostly in older homes with two wire systems.

**WHIRLPOOL TUBS**

Tubs hooked up to the interior plumbing. Test that the jets are working. If you cannot test, write in *comment* "not tested" and the reason why.





# BATHROOM(S)

**52. BATH:** Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit# \_\_\_\_\_

**Sinks:** Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No

**Tubs:** Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No  N/A

**Showers:** Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No  N/A

**Toilet:** Bowl loose:  Yes  No **Operable:**  Yes  No  Cracked bowl  Toilet leaks

**Whirlpool:**  Yes  No **Operable:**  Yes  No  Not tested  No access door

**Shower/Tub area:**  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Masonite  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Rotted floors  
 Caulk/Grouting needed:  Yes  No Where: \_\_\_\_\_

**Drainage:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Water flow:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Moisture stains present:**  Yes  No  Walls  Ceilings  Cabinets

**Window/doors:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Receptacles Present:**  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No

**GFCI:**  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No  **Recommend GFCI Receptacles**

**Open ground/Reverse polarity:**  Yes  No  **Potential Safety Hazard(s)** (See remarks page 30)

**Heat source present:**  Yes  No

**Exhaust fan:**  Yes  No **Operable:**  Yes  No  Noisy

**GENERAL COMMENTS**  See additional comments on page 33

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**Sinks:** Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No

**Tubs:** Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No  N/A

**Showers:** Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No  N/A

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**Whirlpool:**  Yes  No **Operable:**  Yes  No  Not tested  No access door

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 Caulk/Grouting needed:  Yes  No Where: \_\_\_\_\_

**Drainage:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Water flow:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Moisture stains present:**  Yes  No  Walls  Ceilings  Cabinets

**Window/doors:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Receptacles Present:**  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No

**GFCI:**  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No  **Recommend GFCI Receptacles**

**Open ground/Reverse polarity:**  Yes  No  **Potential Safety Hazard(s)** (See remarks page 30)

**Heat source present:**  Yes  No

**Exhaust fan:**  Yes  No **Operable:**  Yes  No  Noisy

**GENERAL COMMENTS**  See additional comments on page 33

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**DOOR STOPS**

All swinging doors should be checked for door stops. Broken or missing door stops can result in door knobs breaking through drywall or plaster.

**CLOSET GUIDES**

Sliding closet doors should be checked to see that closet guides are in place. Missing or broken closet guides can cause scratches and damage to doors.

**COLD AIR RETURNS**

Bedrooms that do not have cold air returns in them should have a 3/4" gap under the doors to allow cold air to be drawn into the hall return.

**AN INSPECTION VERSUS A WARRANTY**

A home inspection is just what the name implies, an inspection of a home...usually a home that is being purchased. The purpose of the inspection is to determine the condition of the various systems and structures of the home. While an inspection performed by a competent inspection company will determine the condition of the major components of the home, an inspection will pick up every minute latent defect. The inspector's ability to find all defects is limited by access to various parts of the property, lack of information about the property and many other factors. A good inspector will do his or her level best to determine the condition of the home and to report accurately. The report that is issued is an opinion as to the condition of the home. This opinion is arrived at by the best technical methods available to the home inspection industry. It is not an insurance policy.

A warranty is a policy sold to the owner that warrants that specific items in the home are in sound condition and will remain in sound condition for a specified period of time. Typically, the warranty company never inspects the home. The warranty company uses actuarial tables to determine the expected life of the warranted item and charges the customer a fee for the warranty that will hopefully cover any projected loss and make a profit for the warranty seller. It is essentially an insurance policy.

The service that we have provided you is an inspection. We make no warranty of this property. If you desire warranty coverage, please see your real estate agent for details about any warranty plan to which their firm may have access.



## ROOMS

### PROCEDURE

Look at all window sills and sashes for dry rot or deterioration. Operate the window.

Each room **must** have a heat source. A cold air return should be present in a common hall area if not in each bedroom.

Check each room for electrical receptacles. Note any water stains on ceilings.

Check behind doors for holes in door or walls.

Write in bedroom, family room, living room, etc., whatever is appropriate.

### DON'T MISS LIST

If **no heat source** is present, this **must** be indicated.

If **no electrical receptacle in bedrooms**, note in report.

**Cold air returns** should exist in bedrooms or common hall. If none exist, note in report.

SAMPLE



BATHROOM(S)

**52. BATH:** Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit# \_\_\_\_\_

**Sinks:** Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No

**Tubs:** Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No  N/A

**Showers:** Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No  N/A

**Toilet:** Bowl loose:  Yes  No **Operable:**  Yes  No  Cracked bowl  Toilet leaks

**Whirlpool:**  Yes  No **Operable:**  Yes  No  Not tested  No access door

**Shower/Tub area:**  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Masonite  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Rotted floors  
 Caulk/Grouting needed:  Yes  No Where: \_\_\_\_\_

**Drainage:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Water flow:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Moisture stains present:**  Yes  No  Walls  Ceilings  Cabinets

**Window/doors:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Receptacles Present:**  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No

**GFCI:**  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No  **Recommend GFCI Receptacles**

**Open ground/Reverse polarity:**  Yes  No  **Potential Safety Hazard(s)** (See remarks page 30)

**Heat source present:**  Yes  No

**Exhaust fan:**  Yes  No **Operable:**  Yes  No  Noisy

**GENERAL COMMENTS**  See additional comments on page 33

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**Drainage:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Water flow:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Moisture stains present:**  Yes  No  Walls  Ceilings  Cabinets

**Window/doors:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Receptacles Present:**  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No

**GFCI:**  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No  **Recommend GFCI Receptacles**

**Open ground/Reverse polarity:**  Yes  No  **Potential Safety Hazard(s)** (See remarks page 30)

**Heat source present:**  Yes  No

**Exhaust fan:**  Yes  No **Operable:**  Yes  No  Noisy

**GENERAL COMMENTS**  See additional comments on page 33

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**DOOR STOPS**

All swinging doors should be checked for door stops. Broken or missing door stops can result in door knobs breaking through drywall or plaster.

**CLOSET GUIDES**

Sliding closet doors should be checked to see that closet guides are in place. Missing or broken closet guides can cause scratches and damage to doors.

**COLD AIR RETURNS**

Bedrooms that do not have cold air returns in them should have a 3/4" gap under the doors to allow cold air to be drawn into the hall return.

**AN INSPECTION VERSUS A WARRANTY**

A home inspection is just what the name implies, an inspection of a home...usually a home that is being purchased. The purpose of the inspection is to determine the condition of the various systems and structures of the home. While an inspection performed by a competent inspection company will determine the condition of the major components of the home, an inspection will pick up every minute latent defect. The inspector's ability to find all defects is limited by access to various parts of the property, lack of information about the property and many other factors. A good inspector will do his or her level best to determine the condition of the home and to report accurately. The report that is issued is an opinion as to the condition of the home. This opinion is arrived at by the best technical methods available to the home inspection industry. It is not an insurance policy.

A warranty is a policy sold to the owner that warrants that specific items in the home are in sound condition and will remain in sound condition for a specified period of time. Typically, the warranty company never inspects the home. The warranty company uses actuarial tables to determine the expected life of the warranted item and charges the customer a fee for the warranty that will hopefully cover any projected loss and make a profit for the warranty seller. It is essentially an insurance policy.

The service that we have provided you is an inspection. We make no warranty of this property. If you desire warranty coverage, please see your real estate agent for details about any warranty plan to which their firm may have access.



## ROOMS

### PROCEDURE

Look at all window sills and sashes for dry rot or deterioration. Operate the window.

Each room **must** have a heat source. A cold air return should be present in a common hall area if not in each bedroom.

Check each room for electrical receptacles. Note any water stains on ceilings.

Check behind doors for holes in door or walls.

Write in bedroom, family room, living room, etc., whatever is appropriate.

### DON'T MISS LIST

If **no heat source** is present, this **must** be indicated.

If **no electrical receptacle in bedrooms**, note in report.

**Cold air returns** should exist in bedrooms or common hall. If none exist, note in report.

SAMPLE



54. LOCATION:

UNIT #

- Walls & Ceiling:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Typical cracks  Damage
- Moisture stains:  Yes  No Where: \_\_\_\_\_
- Floors:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Squeaks  Slopes
- Ceiling fan:  N/A  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor
- Electrical: Switches:  Yes  No Receptacles:  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No
- Open ground/rev. polarity:  Yes  No  Safety Hazard  Cover plates missing
- Heat source present:  Yes  Not visible Holes:  Doors  Walls  Ceilings
- Egress Restricted:  N/A  Yes  No
- Doors & windows:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Cracked glass
- Evidence of leaking insulated glass  Broken/Missing Hardware

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UNIT #

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- Ceiling fan:  N/A  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor
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- Ceiling fan:  N/A  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor
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- Heat source present:  Yes  Not visible Holes:  Doors  Walls  Ceilings
- Egress Restricted:  N/A  Yes  No
- Doors & windows:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Cracked glass
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57. LOCATION:

UNIT #

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- Moisture stains:  Yes  No Where: \_\_\_\_\_
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- Ceiling fan:  N/A  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor
- Electrical: Switches:  Yes  No Receptacles:  Yes  No Operable:  Yes  No
- Open ground/rev. polarity:  Yes  No  Safety Hazard  Cover plates missing
- Heat source present:  Yes  Not visible Holes:  Doors  Walls  Ceilings
- Egress Restricted:  N/A  Yes  No
- Doors & windows:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Cracked glass
- Evidence of leaking insulated glass  Broken/Missing Hardware

GENERAL COMMENTS

See additional comments on page 33

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### WINDOW FRAMES AND SILLS

Window frames and sills are often found to have surface deterioration due to condensation that has run off the window and damaged the varnish. Usually this can be repaired with a solvent style refinisher and fine steel wool. This is sometimes a sign of excess humidity in the house.

See comments regarding caulking doors and windows, page 8.

### FIREPLACES

It is important that a fireplace be cleaned on a routine basis to prevent the buildup of creosote in the flue, which can cause a chimney fire.

Masonry fireplace chimneys are normally required to have a terra cotta or metal liner or 8 inches of masonry surrounding each flue in order to be considered safe and to conform with most building codes.

During visual inspections, it is not uncommon to be unable to detect the presence of a liner either because of stoppage at the firebox, a defective damper or lack of access from the roof.

### WOODBURNERS

Once installed, it can be difficult to determine proper clearance for woodburning stoves. Manufacturer specifications, which are not usually available to the inspector, determine the proper installation. We recommend you ask the owner for paperwork, verify that the stove was installed by a professional contractor.

### VENTILATION

Ventilation is recommended at the rate of one square foot of vent area for every 100 square feet of attic floor space, this being divided between soffit and rooftop. Power vents should ideally have both a humidistat and a thermostat, since ventilation is needed to remove winter moisture as well as summer heat. Evidence of condensation such as blackened roof sheathing or nail heads, etc., is an indication that ventilation may have been or is blocked or inadequate.

### INSULATION

The recommended insulation in the attic area is R-38 or approximately 12". If insulation is added, it is important that the ventilation is proper.

### SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors should be tested monthly. At least one detector should be on each level. CO detectors are not required in most states but, for safety reasons, are highly recommended.

### VAPOR BARRIERS

The vapor barrier should be on the warm side of the surface. Most older homes were built without vapor barriers. If the vapor barrier is towards the cold side of the surface, it should be sliced or removed. Most vapor barriers in the attic are covered by insulation and therefore, not visible.

### SAFETY GLAZING

Safety glazing requirements vary depending on the age of the home. Every attempt is made to identify areas where the lack of safety glazing presents an immediate safety hazard, such as a shower door. In some older homes it is difficult to determine if safety glazing is present, since the glass is not marked. Therefore, no representation is made that safety glazing exists in all appropriate areas.

### TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED GLASS

Broken seal in thermopane/insulated windows are not always visible nor detectible due to humidity and temperature changes during the day. Other factors such as window covering, dirty windows, and lack of accessibility, personal property placed in front of the windows all effect the view of the windows at the time of the inspection.





**PROCEDURE**

**Interior Windows**

Open windows to which you have easy access. Check sills and sashes for rot. Check for **leaking thermopanes.**

**Fireplace**

Check for loose firebrick and missing mortar. Check damper for operation. View flue from opening.

**Attic**

Check for delaminated plywood, moisture problems, insulation, fans exhausted to attic.

**Report fans not exhausted to outside**

Report improper attic fan wiring as safety hazard in summary.

**DON'T MISS LIST**

- Thermopanes or insulated glass not having broken seals and leaks.
- Delaminated plywood in attic.
- Rotted sills or sashes.
- Cracked/broken flue.

**Insulation**

R-Values		Approximate Amount of Insulation Required				
Insulation Type	Thickness	R-13	R-19	R-30	R-38	
Batt Blankets	Fiberglass	3.1/inch	4"	6"	9.5"	12.5"
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	Extruded	3.6/inch	3.5"	5.5"	8.5"	10.5"
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### INSULATION

In colder climates the recommended insulation varies from R-50 to R-38. This would be approximately 12"-18" of loose fill fiberglass insulation. In warmer climates the recommended insulation values are usually an R-19 which is approximately 9" of loose fill fiberglass insulation.

### SMOKE/CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Smoke/Carbon Monoxide detectors should be tested monthly. At least one detector should be on each level. CO detectors are not required by most jurisdictions but for safety reasons, are highly recommended.

### VAPOR BARRIERS

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### SAFETY GLAZING

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Report improper attic fan wiring as safety hazard in summary.

**DON'T MISS LIST**

- Thermopanes or insulated glass unit have broken seals and leaks.
- Delaminated plywood in attic.
- Rotted sills or sashes.
- Cracked/broken flue mortar.

**Insulation Recommend additional insulation (See comment on page 16)**

R-Value		Approximate Amount of Insulation Required				
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Batt Blanket	Fiberglass	3.1/inch	4"	6"	9.5"	12.5"
	Wool	3.7/inch	3.5"	5"	8"	10.5"
Loose Fill	Fiberglass	2.2/inch	6"	8.5"	13.5"	17.5"
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	Vermiculite	2.1/inch	6"	9"	14.5"	18"
Foam Board	Fiberglass	4/inch	3"	5"	7.5"	9.5"
	Polystyrene	3.9/inch	3.5"	5"	7.5"	9.5"
	Extruded	3.6/inch	3.5"	5.5"	8.5"	10.5"
	Bead Board Urethane	6/inch	2"	3"	5"	6.5"
Site-Foamed	UFFI	4.2/inch	3"	4.5"	7"	9"
	Urethane	6/inch	2"	3"	5"	6.5"
	Aircrete	4/inch	3"	5"	7.5"	9.5"



58. WINDOWS/GLASS

Condition: [ ] Satisfactory [ ] Marginal [ ] Poor [ ] Needs Repair
[ ] Representative number of windows operated [ ] Painted shut (See remarks page 20)
[ ] Glazing compound needed [ ] Cracked glass [ ] Hardware missing [ ] Broken counter-balance mechanism
Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass: [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A Safety Glazing Needed: [ ] Yes [ ] No
Security Bars Present: [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not tested [ ] Safety Hazard [ ] Test release mechanism broken [ ] Missing in

59. FIREPLACE

[ ] None Location #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_
Type: [ ] Gas [ ] Wood [ ] Woodburner stove [ ] Electric [ ] Ventless (See remarks page 20)
Material: [ ] Masonry [ ] Metal (pre-fabricated) [ ] Metal insert [ ] Cast Iron
Miscellaneous: [ ] Blower built-in Operable: [ ] Yes [ ] No Damper Operable: [ ] Yes [ ] No
[ ] Open joints or cracks in firebrick/panels should be sealed [ ] Fireplace doors need repair
Damper Modified for Gas Operation: [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Damper missing
Hearth Extension Adequate: [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A [ ] Secure [ ] Inadequate
Physical Condition: [ ] Satisfactory [ ] Marginal [ ] Poor [ ] Recommend having flue cleaned and re-examine

60. STAIRS/STEPS/BALCONIES

[ ] Satisfactory [ ] Marginal [ ] Poor [ ] None
Handrail: [ ] Satisfactory [ ] Marginal [ ] Poor [ ] Safety Hazard
[ ] Handrail/Risers/Balusters Recommended
Risers/Treads: [ ] Satisfactory [ ] Marginal [ ] Poor [ ] Risers/Treads uneven

61. SMOKE /CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

(See remarks page 20)
Present: [ ] Smoke Detector [ ] Yes [ ] Operable: [ ] Smoke Detector [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not tested
[ ] CO Detector [ ] Yes [ ] [ ] CO Detector [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not tested

62. ATTIC/STRUCTURE/FRAMING/INSULATION

(See remarks page 20)
Access: [ ] Stairs [ ] Pulldown [ ] Scuttle/Hatch [ ] No access [ ] \_\_\_\_\_
Inspected From: [ ] Access [ ] In the attic
Location: [ ] Bedroom [ ] Bathroom [ ] Bedroom Closet [ ] Garage [ ] \_\_\_\_\_
Access Limited By: \_\_\_\_\_
Flooring: [ ] Complete [ ] Partial [ ] None
Insulation: [ ] Fiberglass [ ] Blown-in [ ] Cellulose [ ] Foam [ ] \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Vermiculite [ ] Wool [ ] Depressed [ ] Recommend Baffles @ Eaves
[ ] Damaged [ ] Damaged [ ] Missing [ ] Compressed
Installed Insulation: [ ] Walls [ ] Between ceiling joist [ ] Underside of Roof Deck [ ] Not visible
[ ] Recommend additional insulation (See comment on page 20)
Vapor Barrier: [ ] Kraft/felt [ ] Plastic [ ] Not visible [ ] Improperly installed
Ventilation: [ ] Ventilation Appropriate [ ] Recommend Additional Ventilation
Fans Exhausted: [ ] Attic [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Outside: [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not visible
AC Duct: [ ] Satisfactory [ ] Damaged [ ] Split [ ] Disconnected [ ] Leaking [ ] Repair/Replace [ ] Recommend Insulation
Chimney Chase: [ ] N/A [ ] Satisfactory [ ] Needs repair [ ] Not visible
Structural Problems Observed: [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Recommend Repair [ ] Recommend Structural Engineer
Roof structure: [ ] Rafters [ ] Trusses [ ] Wood [ ] Metal [ ] \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Joist Ties [ ] Purlins [ ] Knee Wall [ ] Not Visible
Ceiling Joists: [ ] Wood [ ] Metal [ ] Not visible
Sheathing: [ ] Plywood [ ] OSB [ ] Planking [ ] Rotted [ ] Stained [ ] Delaminated
Evidence of Condensation/Moisture/Leaking: [ ] Yes [ ] No (See remarks page 20)
Firewall Between Units: [ ] N/A [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Needs repair/sealing
Electrical: [ ] Open Junction box(es) [ ] Handyman wiring [ ] Visible knob-and-tube

GENERAL COMMENTS

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## BASEMENT

### BASEMENT/CRAWLSPACE

Any basement/crawlspace that has cracks or leaks is technically considered to have failed. Most block basements/crawlspace have step cracks in various areas. If little or no movement has occurred and the step cracks are uniform, this is considered acceptable. Horizontal cracks in the third or fourth block down indicate the block has moved due to outside pressure. They can be attributed to many factors such as improper grading, improper functioning gutter and downspout system, etc. Normally if little or no movement has taken place and proper grading and downspouts exist, this is considered acceptable. If the wall containing the stress crack(s) has moved considerably, this will require some method of reinforcement. Basements/crawlspace that have been freshly poured or tuckpointed should be monitored for movement. This will be indicated by cracks reopening. If cracks reappear, reinforcement may be necessary. Reinforcing a basement/crawlspace wall can become expensive.

### FOUNDATION (COVERED WALLS)

Although an effort has been made to note any major inflections or weaknesses, it is difficult at best to detect these areas when walls are finished off, or basement/crawlspace storage areas are inaccessible. **No representation is made as to the condition of these walls.**

**INSULATED CONCRETE FORMS (ICF'S)** are formed for concrete that stays in place as permanent building insulation for energy-efficient, cast-in-place, reinforced concrete walls, floors and roofs.

**MONITOR** indicates that the walls have step cracks, but little movement has occurred. In our opinion, the cracks should be filled with mortar and the walls monitored for further movement and cracking. If additional movement or cracking occurs, reinforcement may be necessary.

**HAVE EVALUATED** We recommend that the walls be re-evaluated by a structural engineer or basement/crawlspace repair company and estimate the amount of work is required.

### VAPOR BARRIER

Floors that are dirt or gravel should be covered with a vapor barrier.

### MOISTURE PRESENT

Basement/crawlspace dampness is frequently noted in reports and in most cases the stains, moisture or efflorescence present is a symptom denoting that a problem exists outside the home. Usual causes are improper downspout extension, clogged gutters and/or low or improper grade (including concrete surfaces) at the perimeter of the house. A proper slope from the house is a 1/4 inch per foot for four to six feet.

Expensive solutions to basement/crawlspace dampness are frequently offered. It is possible to spend thousands of dollars on solutions such as pumping out water that has already entered or pumping of chemical preparations into the ground around the house, when all that may be necessary are a few common sense solutions at the exterior perimeter. However, this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of causes and solutions to the presence of moisture.

**No representation is made to future moisture that may appear.**

### PERIMETER VALVE

Many older homes have a valve in the floor drain. This drain needs to remain operational.

### DRAIN TILE

We offer no opinion about the existence or condition of the drain tile, as it cannot be visibly inspected.

### BASEMENT ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES

We recommend that you have an receptacles within 6' of each appliance. The appliance you plan to install may be different than what exists, therefore the inspection includes testing a representative number of receptacles that exist. It is also recommended to have ground fault circuit interrupts for any receptacles in the unfinished part of the basement and crawl spaces.



# BASEMENT FOUNDATION

## PROCEDURE

Walk around the basement looking for cracked block, movement, and indications of water problems. Use a 4' level or plumb line on all possible walls.

**Note any cracks** - Any shearing, horizontal cracks with movement, or step cracks that indicate footing settlement should be noted in **The Summary Section**. Check the 'move evaluated' box and/or 'monitor' box.

Horizontal cracks that have little or no movement should have the 'monitor' box checked.

**Monitor** - Indicates the walls have stress cracks, but little movement has occurred. In our opinion, the cracks should be filled with mortar and the walls monitored for further movement and cracking. If additional movement or cracking occurs, reinforcement may be necessary.

**Moisture present** - If any fresh moisture is present, note in the report. Check grading, downspouts, etc., in this area.

Phrases to use:

- Grading and improper downspout extensions may contribute to dampness.
- Presence of old stains were observed at time of inspection.

**Sump Pump** - Turn on all sump pumps. If sump is submersible, use wood stick to activate. Check drain tile coming into crawlspace for blockages, roots, etc. Indicate whether it operable or not.

If sealed fresh water crawlspace, indicate you could not operate unless it runs while you are there.

Sanitary sump pump - operate by running laundry tub water into it.

**Drain** - If there is no floor drain, indicate on the report. Check for Palmer valve.

**Columns** - Properly supported, level.

**Columns** - Rotted, rotten, supported correctly.

**Joist** - No bridging, cracking, improperly cut out by contractor.



N/A



# BASEMENT

## 63. STAIRS

Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Typical Wear and Tear  Need repair  
 Handrail:  Yes  No Condition:  Satisfactory  Loose  
 Handrail/Railing/Balusters Recommended  
 Headway over stairs:  Satisfactory  Low Clearance  Safety Hazard

## 64. FOUNDATION

Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Have Evaluated  Monitor  
 Material:  ICF  Brick  Concrete block  Fieldstone  Poured Concrete  
 Horizontal Cracks:  North  South  East  West  
 Step Cracks:  North  South  East  West  
 Vertical Cracks:  North  South  East  West  
 Covered Walls:  North  South  East  West  
 Movement Apparent:  North  South  East  West  
 Indication of Moisture:  Yes  No  Fresh  Old Stains

Basement walls  
North  
East  
South

*Condition reported above is visible portion only.*

## 65. FLOOR

Material:  Concrete  Dirt  Not Visible  Other  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Typical Cracks

## 66. SEISMIC BOLTS

N/A  None Visible  Near Satisfactory  Recommend Evaluation

## 67. DRAINAGE

Sump Pump:  Yes  No  Leaking  Not working  Needs cleaning  Pump Not tested  
 Floor Drains:  Yes  Not Visible  Drains Not tested

## 68. GIRDERS/BEAMS

Material:  Steel  Wood  Concrete  Block  LVL  Not visible  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Stained/Rusted

## 69. COLUMNS

Material:  Steel  Wood  Concrete  Block  Not visible  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Stained/Rusted

## 70. JOISTS:

Material:  Wood  Steel  Truss  Not Visible  
 2 x 8  2 x 10  2 x 12  Engineered I-Type  Sagging/Altered Joists  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

## 71. SUB FLOOR

indication of moisture stains/rotting  
 \*Areas around shower stalls, etc., as viewed from basement or crawl space.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

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## BASEMENT/CRAWL SPACE

### CRAWL SPACES

Crawl spaces are shallow spaces between the first level floor joist and the ground. Access to this space may be from the inside, outside or not accessible at all. Ductwork, plumbing, and electrical may be installed in the space in which access may be necessary. The floor of the crawl space may be covered with concrete, gravel or may be the original soil. A vapor barrier may be a sheet of plastic or tar paper and installed over or under this material. A vapor barrier will deter the moisture from the earth from escaping into the crawl space and causing a moisture problem. Ventilation is also important to control excess moisture buildup. Vents may be located on the outside of the house and are normally kept open in the summer and closed for the winter (where freezing may occur).

The basement/crawl space diagram indicates areas that are covered and the result of a visual inspection. Every attempt is made to determine if paneling is warped, moisture stains are bleeding through, etc. Storage that blocks the visibility of a wall is not removed to examine that area. Therefore, it is important that on your walk-through before closing, you closely examine these areas.

Closed crawl spaces that have vents to the outside should have insulation under the floor above the crawl space.

### HAVE EVALUATED

We recommend that the walls be re-evaluated by a structural engineer or basement repair company and estimates be obtained if work is required.

### MONITOR

Indicates that the walls have stress cracks, but no movement has occurred. In our opinion the cracks should be filled with mortar and the walls monitored for further movement and cracking. If additional movement or cracking occurs, reinforcement may be necessary.

### FOUNDATION (COVERED WALLS)

Although an effort has been made to note any major reflections or weaknesses, it is difficult at best to detect these areas when walls are finished. Basement/crawl space storage boxes areas inaccessible. **No representation is made as to the condition of the walls.**

### MOISTURE PRESENT

Basement/crawl space dampness is frequently noted in houses and in most cases the stains, moisture or efflorescence present is a symptom denoting that a problem exists outside the home. Usual causes are improper downspout extension or leaky gutters and/or low elevation proper grade (including concrete surfaces) at the perimeter of the house. A proper slope away from the house is 1/4 inch per foot for four to six feet.

Expensive solutions to basement/crawl space dampness are frequently offered. It is possible to spend thousands of dollars on solutions such as pumping out water that has already entered or pumping of chemical preparations into the ground around the house, when all that may be necessary are a few common sense solutions at the exterior perimeter. However, this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of causes and solutions to the presence of moisture. **No representation is made to future moisture that may appear.**



## BASEMENT/CRAWL SPACE

It is required that you fill in the diagram for the basement or crawl space. Indicate by drawing a line along the section of the wall that is covered and indicate how it is covered.

This represents a high liability area if it is not reported. Where there is both a basement and crawl space, make sure you are clear on which is which.

Report on whether insulation and vapor barrier are present.

Explain to the customer that you cannot evaluate covered areas.

The floor joists, plates, and plywood should be checked closer to the ground. Report on only that part of the crawl space that you can see. When in doubt, "no representation is made for areas not visible." Indicate on the diagram any areas not visible.

SAMPLE

N/A



# CRAWL SPACE

Full crawl space     Combination basement/crawl space/slab  
Conditioned (heated/cooled)     Yes     No

### 72. ACCESS

Exterior     Interior hatch/door     Via basement     No Access

**Inspected from:**  Access panel     In the crawl space

### 73. FOUNDATION WALLS

**Condition:**  Satisfactory     Marginal     Have Evaluated     Monitor

**Material:**  Concrete block     Poured Concrete     Stone     ICF  
 Wood     Brick     Piers & Columns  
 Cracks     Movement

### 74. FLOOR

Concrete     Gravel     Dirt     Not Visible  
 Typical cracks     Not Visible

### 75. SEISMIC BOLTS

N/A     None Visible     Appear Satisfactory     Require Evaluation

### 76. DRAINAGE

Sump pump:  Yes     No    Drainable:  Yes     No     Pump Not Tested

Standing Water:  Yes     No     Not Visible    Evidence of moisture damage:  Yes     No

### 77. VENTILATION

Wall vents     Power vents     None apparent

### 78. GIRDERS/BEAMS/COLUMNS

Steel     Wood     Masonry     Not visible

**Condition:**  Satisfactory     Marginal     Poor

### 79. JOIST

**Material:**  Wood     Steel     Truss     Not Visible

2 x 6     2 x 10     2 x 12     Engineered I-Type     Sagging/Altered Joists

**Condition:**  Satisfactory     Marginal     Poor

### 80. SUB FLOOR

indicates moisture or staining

\*\*Areas around power stalls, etc. are viewed from basement or crawl space.

### 81. INSULATION

None    **Type:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:**  Above floor joists     Between floor joists     \_\_\_\_\_

### 82. VAPOR BARRIER

Yes     No

**Type:**  Raft face     Plastic    \_\_\_\_\_

Not visible

Diagram indicates where walls were not visible and

framing:

- Legend:
- C = Cracks
  - M = Monitor
  - E = Evaluate
  - P = Paneling
  - D = Drywall
  - S = Storage
  - O = Other

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

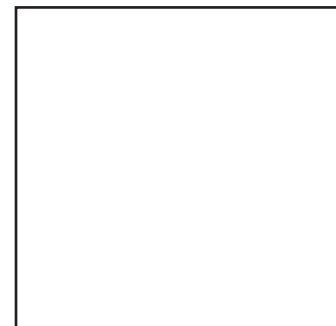
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### Crawlspace walls

North



South

West

East



### WELLS

Examination of wells is not included in this visual inspection. It is recommended that you have wells checked for purity by the local health authorities and, if possible, a check on the flow of the well in periods of drought. A well pit should have a locked cover on it to prevent anyone from falling into the pit.

### SEPTIC

The check of septic systems is not included in our visual inspection. You should have the local health authority or \_\_\_\_\_ qualified experts check the condition of the septic system.

In order for the septic system to be checked, the house must have been occupied within the last 30 days.

### WATER PIPES

Galvanized water pipes rust from the inside out and may have to be replaced within 20 to 30 years. This is usually done in two stages: horizontal piping in the basement first, and vertical piping throughout the house later as needed.

Copper pipes usually have more life expectancy and may last as long as 60 years before needing to be replaced.

### HOSE BIBS

During the winter months it is necessary to make sure that outside faucets are winterized. This can be done by means of a valve located in the basement. Leave the outside faucet open to allow any water standing in the pipes to drain, preventing them from freezing. Hose bibs cannot be tested without being winterized.

### WATER HEATER

The life expectancy of a water heater is 5-10 years. Water heaters generally need not be replaced unless they leak. It is a good maintenance practice to drain 5-10 gallons from the heater several times a year. Missing relief valves or improper extension present a safety hazard.

### WATER SOFTENERS

During a visual inspection it is not possible to determine if water is being properly softened.

### PLUMBING

The temperature/pressure valve should be tested several times a year by lifting the valve's handle. Caution: very hot water will be discharged. If no water comes out, the valve is defective and must be replaced.

### SHUT-OFF VALVES

Most shut-off valves have not been operated for long periods of time. We recommend operating each shut-off valve to: toilet bowl, water heater, under-sink, main shut-off, hose faucets, and all others. We recommend you have a plumber do this as some of the valves may need to be repacked or replaced. Once the valves are in proper operating order, we recommend opening and closing these valves several times a year.

### POLYBUTYLENE PIPING

This type of piping has a history of problems and should be examined by a licensed plumber and repaired or replaced as necessary.

**MECHANICAL DEVICES MAY OPERATE AT ONE MOMENT AND LATER MALFUNCTION; THEREFORE, LIABILITY IS SPECIFICALLY LIMITED TO THOSE SITUATIONS WHERE IT CAN BE CONCLUSIVELY SHOWN THAT THE MECHANICAL DEVICE INSPECTED WAS INOPERABLE OR IN THE IMMEDIATE NEED OF REPAIR OR NOT PERFORMING THE FUNCTION FOR WHICH IS IT WAS INTENDED AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION.**

### CSST

Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing is an alternative to traditional black iron gas piping. It is a continuous, flexible, stainless steel pipe with an exterior PVC covering.



**WATER SERVICE**

Check for corroded water pipes, cracks in vent pipes, proper turnoffs, etc.

Check for cross connections.

**WELL**

Run water and watch pressure gauge. If pump continuously kicks on, there may be water logged.

Report any tank that does not have a pressure gauge.

**Submersible Pump** - Pump is in well casing. Approximate life: 17-25 years.

**Well Pit** - This is usually a pit outside the home that contains the pressure tank and pump casing. In some cases, you will find a jet pump next to the tank. It should have a lock to prevent small children from falling into the pit.

**WATER HEATER**

Turn up and listen for it to fire. Make sure relief valve and extension exist. Remove burner cover and report on any unusual sediment or rust buildup.

Age is usually in the serial number.

Any water heater over five years old should be in the 'deferred item' on the Summary page.

Be certain to turn the thermostat of water heater to original setting if you change it. If the temperature is set above 120°, recommend reducing it to 120°.

**POLYETHYLENE PIPE**

Be sure to note in your report that this has caused problems and should be examined by a licensed plumber. Indicate on the summary page that this is a major concern. Under "Comments" on page 14, write "See comment on page 21."

**GAS PIPING**

Check with the gas company about types of material allowed in your area.

Cast iron - not allowed.

Copper and brass not allowed if it contains 3 grams of hydrogen sulfide per 100 cu. feet.

**WATER PRESSURE**

Refers to the pressure coming from the city or well before restrictions. Pressure over 80 psi can damage fixtures.

**WATER FLOW**

Refers to the flow at the fixtures. Clogged pipes, dirty water conditioning filters, defective faucets, etc., contribute to poor water flow.



83. WATER SERVICE

Main Shut-off Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Water Entry Piping:**  Not visible  Copper/Galv.  Plastic\* (PVC, CPVC, Polybutylene, PEX)  \_\_\_\_\_

**Lead Other Than Solder Joints:**  Yes  No  Unknown  \_\_\_\_\_ Service Entry

**Visible Water Distribution Piping:**  Copper  Galvanized  Plastic\* (PVC, CPVC, Polybutylene, PEX) \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Functional Flow:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Water pressure \_\_\_\_\_ psi

**Pipes, Supply/Drain:**  Corroded  Leaking  Valves broken/missing

Dissimilar Metals **Cross connection:**  Yes  No

**Drain, Waste & Vent pipe:**  Copper  Cast Iron  Galvanized  PVC  ABS

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Support/Insulation:**  N/A Type: \_\_\_\_\_

**Traps Proper P-Type:**  Yes  No  P-Traps recommended

**Functional Drainage:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Interior Fuel Storage System:**  N/A  Yes  No  Leaking:  Yes  No

**Gas Line:**  N/A  Copper  Black Iron  Stainless Steel  Not visible

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Recommend pipe evaluate

84. MAIN FUEL SHUT OFF LOCATION

85. WELL PUMP

N/A  Submersible  In Basement  Well House  Well Pit  Shared Well

**Pressure Gauge Operable:**  Yes  No  Well Pressure \_\_\_\_\_ psi  Not visible

86. SANITARY/GRINDER PUMP

N/A  Siphon  Check Valve:  Yes  No  Vent:  Yes  No  Operable:  Yes  No

87. WATER HEATER #1

N/A

**Brand Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Serial #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type:**  Gas  Electric  Oil \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity \_\_\_\_\_ gals. **Approx. Age** \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. **Combustion air venting present:**  Yes  No  N/A

Seismic restraints needed:  Yes  No  N/A

**Relief Valve:**  Yes  No **Extension Proper:**  Yes  No  Missing  Recommend repair

**Vent Pipe:**  N/A  Satisfactory  Pitch proper  Improper  Rusted  Recommend repair

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

88. WATER HEATER #2

N/A

**Brand Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Serial #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type:**  Gas  Electric  Oil \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity \_\_\_\_\_ gals. **Approx. Age** \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. **Combustion air venting present:**  Yes  No  N/A

Seismic restraints needed:  Yes  No  N/A

**Relief Valve:**  Yes  No **Extension Proper:**  Yes  No  Missing  Recommend repair

**Vent Pipe:**  N/A  Satisfactory  Pitch proper  Improper  Rusted  Recommend repair

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

89. WATER SOFTENER

**(Unit not evaluated)** **Loop Installed:**  Yes  No

**Softener Present:**  Yes  No **Plumbing Hooked Up:**  Yes  No **Plumbing leaking:**  Yes  No

GENERAL COMMENTS

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**HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING** units have limited lives. Normal lives are:

- GAS-FIRED HOT AIR .....15-25 years
- OIL-FIRED HOT AIR .....20-30 years
- CAST IRON BOILER .....30-50 years  
(Hot water or steam) or more
- STEEL BOILER .....30-40 years  
(Hot water or steam) or more
- COPPER BOILER .....10-20 years  
(Hot water or steam)
- CIRCULATING PUMP (Hot water) .....10-15 years
- AIR CONDITIONING COMPRESSOR ...8-12 years
- HEAT PUMP .....8-12 years

Gas-fired hot air units that are close to or beyond their normal lives have the potential of becoming a source of carbon monoxide in the home. You may want to have such a unit checked every year or so to assure yourself that it is still intact. Of course a unit of such an age is a good candidate for replacement with one of the new, high efficiency furnaces. The fuel savings alone can be very attractive.

Boilers and their systems may require annual attention. If you are not familiar with your system, have a heating contractor come out in the fall to show you how to do the necessary things. **Caution: do not add water to a hot boiler!**

Forced air systems should have filters changed every 30 to 60 days of the heating and cooling season. This is especially true if you have central air conditioning. A dirty air system can lead to premature failure of your compressor - a \$1,500 machine.

Oil-fired furnaces and boilers should be serviced by a professional each year. Most experts agree you will pay for the service cost in fuel saved by having a properly tuned burner.

Read the instructions for the humidifier on your furnace. A malfunctioning humidifier can rust out a furnace rather quickly. It is recommended that the humidifier be serviced at the same time as the furnace, and be cleaned regularly. **During a visual inspection, it is not possible to determine if the humidifier is working.**

**Have HVAC technician examine** a condition was noted that suggests a heating contractor should do a further analysis. We suggest doing this before burning.

**Heat exchangers cannot be examined nor a condition determined without being disassembled. Since this is not possible during a non-technically exhaustive inspection, you may want to obtain a service contract on the unit or contact a technician regarding a more thorough examination.**

Testing pilot safety switch requires blowing out the pilot light. Checking safety limit controls requires disconnecting the motor or using \_\_\_\_\_ means beyond the scope of this inspection. If the furnace has not been serviced in last 12 months you may want to have a furnace technician examine.

**CO Test** - This is a part of a non-technical inspection. If a test was performed, the type of tester is indicated on

**Combustible Gas Detector** - If a gas detector was used during the inspection of the furnace and evidence of possible combustible gases was noted, we caution you that our test instrument is sensitive to many gases and not a foolproof one. Nonetheless, this presents the possibility that a hazard exists and could indicate that the heat exchanger, or will soon be, defective.



**Furnace Upgrades**

Brand: Heil/Whirlpool/Tempstar  
Model: NUGK Serial H540 and smaller  
Brand: Armstrong/Magic Chef  
Model: EG6B-EG7B - All

**Problem Furnaces**

Brand: Mueller Climatrol  
Model: Prefix - 140-149; Suffices - 75 or higher

Brand: Lennox-Model numbers beginning with G8, G9, G10, G11, G12

***Heat exchangers cracking at curve***  
**These are older furnaces.**

Brand: Heil, Whirlpool, Tempstar, Dayton, Sears  
Model: NUGK, NULK, NUDK, NDLK, NEM, NRGH, NRGF, NUC, NUDGE, NUCLE

***Burner problems***  
Serial No. L9023 or lower

**FURNACE RECALLS**

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model Numbers</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
Rheem (electric furnaces)	REBA, REEA, WBEA, WBEMA	Between M3592 & M4595
Rheem (electric air handlers)	REBA, REEA, WBHA, WBHMA	Between M3592 & M4595

<u>Trade Name</u>	<u>Brand Name</u>	<u>Model Numbers</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Amana Refrigerator	Energy Command	GHW1000A-3	800-843-0309

**Safety Concern:** Cabinetry insulation deterioration. Contact: Local contractor or 717-771-6418.

Brand: York  
Model: P2DP  
Serial: EECM through EEM

**Lennox Furnace Inspection Program**

Brand: Lennox gas furnace, installed before 1/1/90  
Model: G14 or G15  
Problem: Heat exchanger cracking  
Have a technician contact their local dealer.

**Vent pipes for natural gas or propane furnaces and boilers**

HTVP High Temperature Plastic Vent Pipes recall. Vent pipes are plastic; the vent pipes are colored gray or black; the vent pipes have names ("PLEXVENT", "PLEXVENT II", "ULTRA-VENT") stamped on the vent pipe or printed on stickers placed on pieces used to connect the vent pipes together. Call 800-758-3688.

**Controls Disconnect**

There can be either a switch by the furnace or a fuse/breaker/switch within sight of the furnace.





# HEATING SYSTEM

## 90. HEATING SYSTEM

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (See Remarks Page 28)

#1 - Brand Name \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Age: \_\_\_\_\_ yrs  Unknown  
Model # \_\_\_\_\_ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

#2 - Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brand Name \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Age: \_\_\_\_\_ yrs  Unknown  
Model # \_\_\_\_\_ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

- Energy Source:**  Gas  LP  Oil  Electric  Solid Fuel
- Warm Air Systems:**  Belt drive  Direct drive  Gravity  Central system  Floor/Wall unit
- Heat exchanger:**  N/A (Sealed)  Visual with mirror  Flame discoloration  Rusted  Carbon/Soot Buildup
- Carbon Monoxide:**  N/A  Detected at Plenum/Register  Not Tested
- CO Test:**  Tester: \_\_\_\_\_ **Combustion Air Venting Present:**  N/A  Yes  No
- Controls:** Disconnect:  Yes  No  Operating and safety controls observed
- Distribution:**  Metal duct  Insulated flex duct  Cold air return  Ductwork  Asbestos like wrap
- Flue Piping:**  N/A  Satisfactory  Rusted  Improper slope  Safety Hazard
- Filter:**  Standard  Electrostatic  Satisfactory  Needs Cleaning/Replacement  Missing
- When Turned On By Thermostat:**  Fired  Did not fire **Proper Operation:**  Yes  No  Not tested
- Heat pump:**  N/A  Aux. electric  Aux. gas **Subducts:**  N/A  Water/Sand Observed:  Yes  No
- #1 - System Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Recommend HVAC Technician Examine
- #2 - System Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Recommend HVAC Technician Examine
- System Not Operated Due To:**  Exterior temperature  \_\_\_\_\_

## 91. BOILER SYSTEM

N/A Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Brand Name \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Age: \_\_\_\_\_ yrs  Unknown  
Model # \_\_\_\_\_

- Energy Source:**  Gas  LP  Electric  Solid Fuel
- Distribution:**  Hot water  Baseboard  Steam  Radiator  Radiant Floor
- Circulation:**  Pump  Gravity  Multiple zones
- Controls:** Temp/Pressure  Exist:  Yes  No **Operable:**  Yes  No
- Oil Fired Unit:** Disconnect  Yes  No **Combustion Air Venting Present:**  Yes  No  N/A
- Relief Valve:**  Yes  No  Missing **Extension Proper:**  Yes  No
- Operated:** Turned On By Thermostat:  Fired  Did not fire
- Operation:** Satisfactory:  Yes  No  Marginal  Poor  Recommend HVAC Technician Examine

## 92. SYSTEMS

N/A

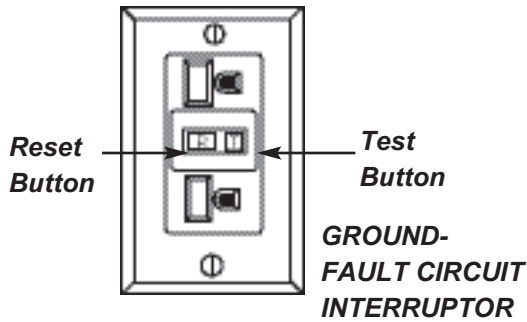
- Electric baseboard  Radiant ceiling cable
- Gas space heater  Woodburning stove **(See Remarks Page 28)**
- Proper Operation:**  Yes  No
- System Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor
- Recommend HVAC Technician Examine

## COMMENTS

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# ELECTRICAL

Every effort has been made to evaluate the size of the service. Three wires going into the home indicate 120 volts. The total amperage can be difficult to determine. We highly recommend that ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) be connected to all receptacles around water. This device automatically shuts the circuit off when it senses a current leak to ground. This device can be purchased in most hardware stores. GFCI's are recommended by all receptacles located near water, outside receptacles, or garage receptacles. Pool receptacles should be protected with a GFCI. See diagram below:



If you do have GFCI's, it is recommended that you test and reset them monthly. When you push the test button, the reset button should pop out, shutting off the circuit. If it doesn't, the breaker is not working properly. If you don't test them once a month, the breakers have a tendency to stick and may not protect you when needed.

Knob and tube wiring found in older homes should be checked by an electrician to insure that the wire connections are in good condition. Under no circumstances should this wire be covered with insulation. Recess light fixtures should be baffled around them so that they are not covered with insulation. However recessed fixtures will shorten if they overheat. (An exception is made as to proper recessed lighting fixtures).

Federal Electric Stab-Lok® Electrical panels may be unsafe. See [www.gov.com](http://www.gov.com) (Federal Panel)

**Aluminum wiring in general lighting circuits has a history of overheating, with the potential of fire. If this type of wiring exists, a licensed electrical contractor should inspect the whole system.**

### ARC FAULTS

In some areas arc faults are required for bedrooms in new homes starting in 2002. In some areas arc faults are required for all 120 Volt circuits that are not Class 1 protected in new homes starting in 2009. Upgrade as desired for enhanced safety.

### REVERSE POLARITY

A common problem that exists in many homes is reverse polarity. This is a potentially hazardous situation in which the hot and neutral wires in a circuit are reversed at the receptacle, thereby allowing the appliance to incorrectly be connected. This can make some items incorrect.

Each receptacle has a brass and silver screw. The black wire should be wired to the brass screw and the white wire should go to the silver screw. When these wires are switched, this is called "reverse polarity." Turning off the power and switching these wires will correct the problem.

Main service wire housing is typically 120 volts. The minimum capacity for newer homes is 100 amps though many older homes still have 60 amp service. Newer homes or all electric homes will likely have a 200 amp service.

Main service wiring may have one or more circuit breakers or fuses. While most areas allow up to six main turnoffs expanding from these points is generally not allowed.

### COOLING

**Testing A/C System and Heat Pump-** The circuit breakers to A/C should be on for a minimum of 24 hours and the outside temperature at least 60 degrees for the past 24 hours or an A/C system cannot be operated without possible damage to the compressor. Check the instructions in your A/C manual or on the outside compressor before starting up in the summer. Heat pump can only be tested in the mode it's running in. Outside temperature should be at least 60 degrees for the past 24 hours to run in cooling mode.

Temperature differential, between 14°-22°, is usually acceptable. If out of this range, have an HVAC contractor examine it. It is not always feasible to do a differential test due to high humidity, low outside temperature, etc.

### A/C CONDENSER COIL

They should not become overgrown with foliage. Clearance requirements vary, but 2' on all sides should be maintained minimal with up to 6' of air discharge desirable. If a clothes dryer vent is within five to ten feet, either clean the vent or do not run when the A/C is running. The lint will quickly reduce the efficiency of the A/C unit.



**PROCEDURE**

Touch panel with *back of hand* to determine if hot. Check for loose wires, proper grounds, proper wire sizes, etc. Each 240 volt appliance must be on its own circuit.

Inspect a representative sampling of switches, receptacles, and receptacle covers. Operate **all** GFCI test devices, and receptacles by water.

List the following in Electrical Section and **Summary under 'Safety Hazards:**

1. Supplemental wires tapped into the main lug running to an \_\_\_\_\_ panel, A/C compressor, etc.
2. Oversize fuses/breaker for wire size.
3. Uncovered boxes; exposed wires.
4. Main panel not grounded.
5. Reverse polarity/open grounds by wiring.
6. Extension cord wiring.

List in Electrical Section only:

1. Rusted panels.
2. Panels under drains.
3. Panels with no main turn offs.
4. Double taps of branch circuit (write "not recommended practice")

Amperage (**Do not list amperage unless you are certain**)

**USA**

**CANADA**

WIRE SIZE COPPER	ALUMINUM & COPPER-CLAD	SERVICE AMPS
4		100
3		125
2	1/0	150
1	2/0	175
	3/0	200
2/0	4/0	250

WIRE SIZE COPPER	ALUMINUM & COPPER-CLAD	SERVICE AMPS
6	6	60
2	2	100
1/0	3/0	150
3/0	MCM 250	200

**HEATING SYSTEM**

**PROCEDURES:**

- Remove burner cover and check for cracks. If possible, view exchanger from burner area, and from register above. Test with a TIF8800, if appropriate.
- Check filter to see if it's dirty.
- Fire furnace and check flame for flickering which may indicate cracked exchanger.
- Check your manual to determine age.
- Test safety shut-off switch.
- Check exhaust pipes for holes and corrosion.
- Check for corroded dehumidifiers.
- Note burners that are dirty or rusting (Heil has had a problem with rusting burners).
- ALWAYS check. **Recommend furnace technician examine** box.

Steam Heat

**BE SURE TO TURN SWITCH BACK ON, RESET THERMOSTAT, AND MAKE SURE BURNER COVER IS BACK ON.**



# ELECTRIC/COOLING SYSTEM

### 93. MAIN PANEL

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Adequate Clearance to Panel:  Yes  No

Amperage \_\_\_\_\_ Volts 120/240

Breakers  Fuses

Appears Grounded:  Yes  No

Not Visible

GFCI Breaker:  Yes  No

Operable:  Yes  No

AFCI Breaker:  Yes  No

Operable:  Yes  No  Not Tested

MAIN WIRE  Copper

Aluminum  Not visible  Double Tapping of the \_\_\_\_\_ Wire

Condition:  Satisfactory

Poor  Federal Pacific Panel Stab Lok® (See remarks page 30)\*

BRANCH WIRE:  Copper

Aluminum\*  Not visible

Condition:  Satisfactory

Poor  Recommend electrician Evaluate/Repair\*

Romex  BX cable  Conduit  Knob & Tube\*\*

Double tapping  Wires Under Sized/Oversized Breaker Fuse

Panel not accessible  Not evaluated Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

### 94. SUB PANEL(S)

None apparent

Location #1: \_\_\_\_\_

#2: \_\_\_\_\_

#3: \_\_\_\_\_

Panel not accessible

Not evaluated Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH WIRE:  Copper

Aluminum

Neutral/Ground separated:  Yes

No

Panel Isolated:  Yes  No

Safety Hazard

Condition:  Satisfactory

Marginal  Poor  Recommend Separating/Isolating Neutrals

### 95. ELECTRICAL FIXTURES

A representative number of installed lighting fixtures, switches and receptacles located inside the house, and exterior fixtures were tested and found to be:

Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Open grounds  Reverse polarity

GFCIs not operating  Standard conductor aluminum branch wiring circuits\*

Ungrounded 3-prong receptacles (See remarks page 30)\*

Recommend electrician Evaluate/Repair electrical system\*

### 96. UNIT

Central system  Wall unit Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ yrs.

Energy Source:  Electric

Gas

Unit Type:  Air cooled

Water cooled

Geothermal

Heat pump

Evaporator Coil:  Satisfactory

Not visible

Needs cleaning

Damaged

Refrigerant Leaks:  Leak

Damage

Insulation missing

Satisfactory

Condensate Drain:  To exterior

To pump

Floor Drain

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Operation:  Differential \_\_\_\_\_ ° F

Difference in temp. (split) should be 14-22° Fahrenheit.

(See remarks page 30)

Condition:  Sat.

Marginal

Poor

Recommend HVAC Technician Examine/Clean/Service

Not operated due to exterior temperature.

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Central system  Wall unit Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ yrs.

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Gas

Unit Type:  Air cooled

Water cooled

Geothermal

Heat pump

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(See remarks page 30)

Condition:  Sat.

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Poor

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Not operated due to exterior temperature.

### GENERAL COMMENTS

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## COSTS OF REMODELING OR REPAIR

The prices quoted below include a range of prices based on a typical metropolitan area. Individual prices from contractors can vary substantially from these ranges. We advise that several bids be obtained on any work exceeding several hundred dollars. DO NOT RELY ON THESE PRICES... GET FURTHER ESTIMATES

ITEM	UNIT	ESTIMATED PRICE
Masonry fireplace	Each	\$3,000 - \$6,000
Install prefab fireplace	Each	2,000 - 4,000
Insulate attic	Square foot	.75 - 1.25
Install attic ventilating fan	Each	200 - 300
Install new drywall over plaster	Square foot	1.75 - 2.75
Install new warm air furnace	Each	2,000 - 3,000
Replace central air conditioning	Each	1,400 - 2,000
Install humidifier	Each	300 - 500
Install electrostatic air cleaner	Each	400 - 1,500
Increase elec. svc. to 60-100 amps	Each	1,000 - 1,200
Run separate elec. line for dryer	Each	125 - 200
Run separate elec. line for A/C	Each	135 - 200
Install hardwired smoke detector	Each	100 - 150
Install new disposal	Each	250 - 400
Install new dishwasher	Each	500 - 750
Install new hot water boiler	Each	2,000 - 4,000
Install new 30-40 gal water heater	Each	350 - 500
Install new 30 gal. water heater	Each	300 - 500
Dig and install new well	Each	get estimate
Install new septic system	Each	get estimate
Regrade around exterior	Each	500 - 900
Install new sump pump	Each	400 - 600
Build new redwood or pressure treated deck	Square foot	20 - 30
Install storm windows	Each	60 - 150
Install wood replacement windows	Each	400 - 800
Install aluminum or vinyl windows	Each	300 - 800
Install new gutters and downspouts	Linear foot	3.50 - 5.00
Install asphalt shingle roof	Square foot	1.20 - 1.70
Tear off existing roof and install new asphalt shingle roof	Square foot	2.50 - 4.00
Instl 1-ply membrane rubberized roof	Square foot	get estimate
Instl new 4-ply built-up tar & gravel	Square foot	get estimate
Remove asbestos from pipes in bsmt	Linear foot	get estimate
Concrete drive or patio	Square foot	3.00 - 4.00
Remove old	Square foot	2.25 - 3.00
Clean chimney flue	Each	100 - 200
Add flue for gas fire	Each	900 - 1,200
Add flue for oil or wood	Each	2,800 - 3,500

Deferred costs - It is impossible to determine how long these items will last before needing replacement. The report assesses most of these items from a "condition" standpoint.



## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TIPS

- I. **FOUNDATION and MASONRY: Basements, Exterior Walls:** To prevent seepage and condensation problems.
  - a. Check basement for dampness and leakage after wet weather.
  - b. Check chimneys, deteriorated chimney caps, loose and missing mortar.
  - c. Maintain grading sloped away from foundation walls.
  
- II. **ROOFS, GUTTERS, and EAVESTROUGH:** To prevent roof leaks, condensation, and decay problems.
  - a. Check for damaged, loose or missing shingles, blisters.
  - b. Clean gutters, leaders, strainers, window wells, drains. Be sure downspouts direct water away from foundation. Cut back tree limbs.
  - c. Check flashings around roof stacks, vents, skylights, chimneys, and sources of leakage. Check vents, louvers and chimneys for birds nests, squirrels, insects.
  - d. Check fascias and soffits for paint flaking, leakage and decay.
  
- III. **EXTERIOR WALLS:** To prevent paint failure, decay, and moisture penetration problems.
  - a. Check painted surface for paint flaking or paint failure. Cut back shingles.
  - b. Check exterior masonry walls for cracks, loose mass, missing or broken mortar.
  
- IV. **DOORS AND WINDOWS:** To prevent air and weather penetration problems.
  - a. Check caulking for decay around doors, windows, corner boards, joints. Recaulk and weatherstrip as needed. Check glazing, putty and windows.
  
- V. **ELECTRICAL:** For safe electrical performance, mark and label each circuit.
  - a. Trip circuit breakers every six months and ground fault circuit interrupters (GFI) monthly.
  - b. Check condition of lamp cords, extension cords and plugs. Replace at first sign of wear and damage.
  - c. Check exposed wiring and cable for wear or damage.
  - d. If you experience slight tingling shock from handling or touching any appliance, disconnect the appliance and have it checked. If lights flicker or dim, if appliances go on and off unnecessarily, call a licensed electrician.
  
- VI. **PLUMBING:** For preventive maintenance.
  - a. Drain exterior water lines, downspouts, bibbs, sprinklers, pool equipment in the fall.
  - b. Drain and flush off sediment in water heaters monthly or per manufacturer's instructions.
  - c. Have hot water tank cleaned every 3 years.
  
- VII. **HEATING and AIR CONDITIONING:** For comfort, efficiency, energy conservation and safety.
  - a. Change or clean furnace air filter condition filters, electronic filters as needed.
  - b. Clean and service humidifier. Check periodically and annually.
  - c. Have air conditioning equipment serviced annually.
  
- VIII. **INTERIOR:** General house maintenance.
  - a. Check bathroom tile joints, tub grouting and caulking. Be sure all tile joints in bathrooms are kept well sealed with tile grout to prevent damage to walls, floors and ceilings below.
  - b. Close crawl vents in winter and open in summer.
  - c. Check underside of roof for water stains, leaks, dampness & condensation, particularly in attics and around chimneys.
  
- IX. **Know the location of:**
  - Main water shutoff valve.
  - Main emergency shutoff switch for the heating system.
  - Main electrical disconnect or breaker.

**Items not operating:**

Include such items as sump pumps, disposals, built-in dishwashers, range fans, bathroom exhaust fans, well pumps, furnaces, boilers, water heaters, GFCIs, and receptacles.

**Significant Issues/Defects**

- Roof coverings that are beyond repair, basement foundation problems, cracked rafters, rotted porches, thermopane glass that leaks.
- Roof covering beyond repair.
- Thermopane glass.
- Potential foundation problem.
- Potential cracked heat exchanger (has been examined)
- Furnace on upgrade list.
- Attic problems - cracked rafters, laminated plywood.

**Potential Safety Hazards**

- Open grounds and reverse polarity by water heater.
- Relief valve and extension missing on water heater.
- Trip hazard, missing or poorly constructed railings.
- Gas leaks.
- Handyman wiring - extension cord wiring.
- Open junction boxes - need cover plates.
- Woodburners vented into same flue with other appliances.
- Double 240 volt breakers or fuses.
- Oversized breakers.
- No overload protection.
- Firewall missing between garage and living area.
- Buried knob and tube wiring.
- Holes in vent pipes or improperly installed vent pipes.
- Sump pump fan wirings.
- Ungrounded 3-prong receptacles.

**Maintenance Item / Deferred Care**

- Roof that is 15+ years.
- Furnace that is 13+ years.
- Water heater that is 7+ years.
- Sump pump (if age is known) that is 13+ years.
- Sump pumps.
- Water heater that is 5+ years.







### PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITE ADDRESSES

The Inspection Agreement (or State/Province regulations) will indicate to what Standards your report address.

Following are website addresses that will retrieve these standards:

- [www.oahi.com](http://www.oahi.com)
- [www.nahi.org](http://www.nahi.org) Click on "Consumer" and then click on "Standards"
- [www.ashi.org](http://www.ashi.org)
- [www.creia.com](http://www.creia.com)
- [www.cahpi.ca](http://www.cahpi.ca)

There are many products on recall and some with class-action lawsuits. Since this is beyond the scope of the inspection, we have included important phone numbers and website addresses.

- [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) - Consumer protection website
- [www.lpsidingclaims.com](http://www.lpsidingclaims.com) - LP siding class-action lawsuits phone: 800-245-2722
- [www.masoniteclaims.com](http://www.masoniteclaims.com) - Masonite siding class-action settlements phone: 800-330-3722
- EIFS**
  - [www.kinsella.com](http://www.kinsella.com) - Discussion on litigation
  - [www.eima.com](http://www.eima.com) - EIFS' industry website
  - [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) - Search engine type in "EIFS" or "siding"
  - [www.siding.com](http://www.siding.com) - Siding website
- Weyerhaeuser Siding**
  - [www.weyerhaeuser.com](http://www.weyerhaeuser.com) phone: 800-365-0697
- Polybutylene Pipe - Consumer Plumbing Center**
  - [www.pbpipe.com](http://www.pbpipe.com) phone: 800-392-7591
  - [www.polybytele.com](http://www.polybytele.com) phone: 800-501-7703
  - [www.pbpipe.com](http://www.pbpipe.com) - Siding Experts phone: 800-501-7703
  - [www.polybutylene.com](http://www.polybutylene.com)
- Federal Pacific Electrical**
  - [www.federal.com](http://www.federal.com) - Search in "Federal Pacific Panel."
  - [www.federal.com](http://www.federal.com)
  - [www.federal.com](http://www.federal.com)

- Siding Class Actions:**
- ABT Canada/Canixel
  - Boise Cascade
  - Georgia-Pacific
  - Jefferson-Smurfit
  - Onywood/Woodrow
  - Macmillan/Bloedel