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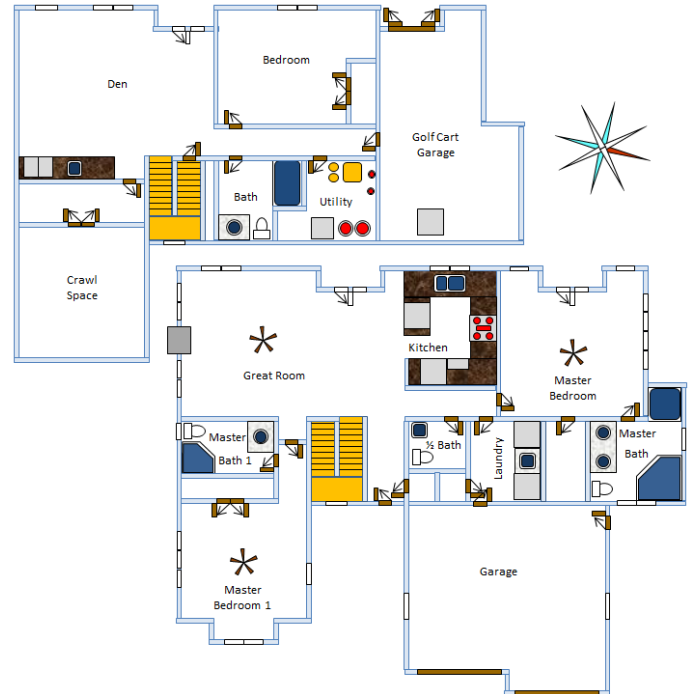
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# REPORT OVERVIEW

## THE HOUSE IN PERSPECTIVE PRIMROSE LANE, SOMEWHERE USA

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Schematic is not to scale. It is intended for reference only.

### CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

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

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

**POOR** - Indicates the component will need repair or replacement immediately.

**MAJOR CONCERNS** - A system or component that is considered significantly deficient or is unsafe.

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

**INSPECTORS NOTE** – Observations and comments from the inspector which clarify or highlight a specific area. Not considered to be a formal part of the report.

## **THE SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION**

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All components designated for inspection in the Inter NACHI® Standards of Practice are inspected, except as may be noted in the “Limitations of Inspection” sections within this report.

It is the goal of the inspection to put a home buyer in a better position to make a buying decision. Not all improvements will be identified during this inspection. Unexpected repairs should still be anticipated. The inspection should not be considered a guarantee or warranty of any kind.

Please refer to the pre-inspection contract for a full explanation of the scope of the inspection.

Throughout this report the Inspector will “Recommend Repair/Replacement” to correct an observed problem.

All repairs should be made by professionals licensed in the area being referenced.

Receipt of this report and/or reliance of the information within constitutes acceptance of the contract associated with this report, even if the contract is not signed by the parties making use of the report.

## **BUILDING DATA**

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Approximate Age:	Built This Century
Style:	Multi Floor
State of Occupancy:	Occupied
Weather Conditions:	Overcast, Cold
Recent Precipitation:	None
Ground cover:	Scattered Snow

# RECEIPT / INVOICE

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Name: Jane and John Doe

Inspection:	\$000.00
Other**	\$000.00
Total:	\$000.00

- Check #: **Paid In Full**
- Cash

\*\*  Radon     Water – Bacteria     Water – Heavy Metals     Mold     10% Discount

Inspected By: **Michael Parker**



**SERVICE WALKS**

None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Material:**  Concrete  Flagstone  Gravel  Brick  Other

Trip Hazard  Pitched towards home  Settling cracks  Public sidewalk needs repair

Typical cracks



The service walks are properly pitched away from the home.

The service walks are partially snow covered and could not be completely visually inspected.



**STEPS**

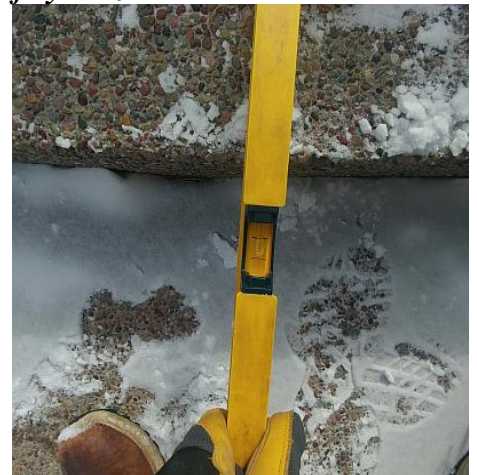
None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Material:**  Concrete  Wood  Other  Railing/Balusters recommended

Cracked  Settled  Rotted/Damaged  Uneven risers  Safety Hazard



The steps are not properly pitched. Repair would likely not be



**Railing:**

**Required**  Yes  No Stairs over 30 inches in height must have a guardrail

Missing **Safety Hazard**

**DRIVEWAY/PARKING**

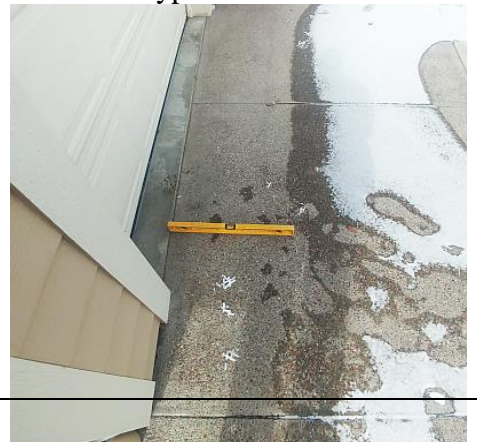
None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Material:**  Concrete  Asphalt  Gravel/Dirt  Brick  Other

Pitched towards home  Trip hazard  Settling Cracks  Typical crack



The driveway is pitched toward the garage. The driveway should be pitched so that runoff flows away from the garage. Repair would likely not be practical.





Settling at the driveway/public service walk junction has created a potential Trip Hazard. Recommend Repair.

The driveway is partially snow covered and could not be completely visually inspected.

**PATIO**

None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Material:**  Concrete  Flagstone  Brick  Other

*Settling Cracks*  *Trip hazard*  *Pitched towards home*  Drainage provided



The patio is properly pitched away from the home.

Large settling cracks observed. Recommend sealing to help prevent moisture intrusion.



**COVERED ENTRANCE**

None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Material:**  Concrete  Flagstone  Brick  Other

*Settling Cracks*  *Trip hazard*  *Pitched towards home*  Drainage provided



The floor is in Satisfactory Condition. Properly pitched away from the home.



**DECK**

None

- Footings:**  Concrete  Wood  Not visible  Other  
**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Support Pier:**  Concrete  Wood  Not visible  Other  
**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 *Earth to wood contact*  *Concrete to wood contact*  *Moisture/Insect damage*



Wood to concrete contact. Untreated wood should never be allowed to be in contact with concrete (can cause deterioration). Deterioration detected at the time of the inspection. Recommend Repair.



- Floor:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Material:**  Wood  Metal  Composite  Concrete  
**Finish:**  Treated  Painted/Stained  Other



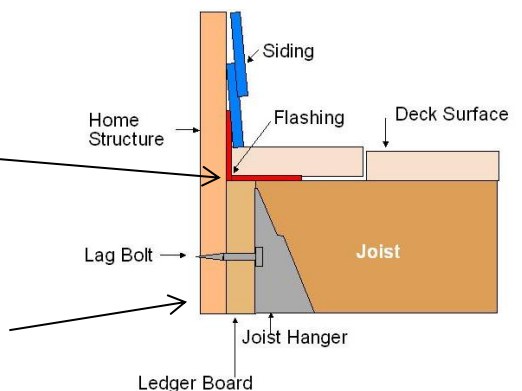
The floor is properly pitched away from the home. The floor is weathering. Recommend prepping and sealing (painting/staining). Recommend Repair.



- Improper attachment to house*  *Railing loose*  *Railing/Balusters recommended*  
**Flashing:**  Metal  Plastic  Other  Not visible  None  
**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The floor is properly flashed. Flashing helps prevent moisture intrusion at the deck/home junction. Proper attachment between the ledger board and home structure observed.





**Railing:**

**Required**  Yes  No Decks over 30 inches in height must have a guardrail  
 Missing *Safety Hazard*

**Proper Height:**  Yes  No Guardrail must be a minimum of 36 inches in height. Balusters spacing should be no greater than 4 inches.

Too Low *Safety Hazard*

**Material:**  Wood  Metal  Composite  Concrete

**Finish:**  Treated  Painted/Stained  Other

Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

*Improper attachment*  *Railing loose*  *Railing/Balusters recommended*



The railing is the proper height. Balusters are properly spaced.

The railings are weathering. Recommend prepping and sealing (painting/staining). Recommend Repair.

Decks/balconies are by nature vulnerable to moisture intrusion due to the fact that they are continuously exposed to the elements and there are multiple seams and joints where moisture can penetrate. Decks/balconies always require monitoring and maintenance. Moisture intrusion is often unseen and unpredictable and in most cases cannot be verified visually.

**STEPS**  None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Material:**  Concrete  Wood  Other  *Railing/Balusters recommended*

*Cracked*  *Settled*  *Rotted/Damaged*  *Uneven risers*  *Safety Hazard*



The center riser is cracked/broken. The bricks installed to support the steps are not permanently installed. Recommend Repair.

Wood to concrete contact. Untreated wood should never be allowed to be in contact with concrete (can cause deterioration).

Early indications of deterioration detected at the time of the inspection. Recommend Repair.





The steps are properly pitched.

Protruding screws observed. Recommend Repair.

**Railing:**

**Required**  Yes  No Stairs over 30 inches in height must have a guardrail  
 Missing *Safety Hazard*

**Proper Height:**  Yes  No Guardrail must be a minimum of 34 inches in height. Balusters spacing should be no greater than 4 inches.  
 Too Low *Safety Hazard*

**Material:**  Wood  Metal  Composite  Concrete

**Finish:**  Treated  Painted/Stained  Other

Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

*Improper attachment*  *Railing loose*  *Railing/Balusters recommended*



The railing is the proper height. Balusters are properly spaced.

The railings are weathering, obvious repairs observed. Recommend prepping and sealing (painting/staining). Recommend Repair.

**FENCE/WALL**  None

**LANDSCAPING AFFECTING FOUNDATION**  None

**Negative Grade:**  No  Yes  Where:

*Recommend additional backfill*  *Recommend window wells/covers*

*Trim back trees/shrubberies*  Yard drains



Vegetation in several areas is in direct contact with/overgrowing the home. Recommend Trimming.



**RETAINING WALL**

None Material: Stone

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

*Drainage holes recommended*  *Leaning/cracked/bowed*

(Relates to the visual condition of the wall)

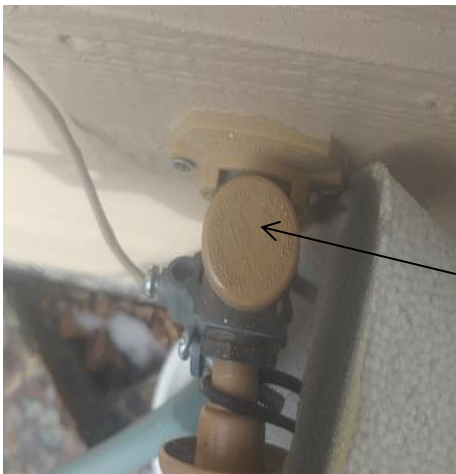


The stone retaining walls are in Satisfactory Condition.

**EXTERNAL FAUCETS**

None **Operate:**  Yes  No **Leak:**  Yes  No

**Loose:**  Yes  No **Frost – Free valve:**  Yes  No **Isolation valve:**  Yes  No



External faucets (bibs) should have either a frost free valve or a means of internally turning the water off (isolation valve) to keep them from freezing in temperatures below 32°F.

← Proper anti-siphon valve installed on all external faucets (bibs).

*Conditions reported above reflect visible portion only*

**GENERAL COMMENTS**



ROOF VISIBILITY

All  Partial  None  Limited by: Snow Cover

INSPECTED FROM

Roof  Ladder at eaves  Ground  With Binoculars

STYLE OF ROOF

**Type:**  Gable  Hip  Mansard  Shed  Flat  Other

**Pitch:**  Low  Medium  Steep  Flat

ROOF COVERING

**Type:** Asphalt Shingles Estimated Layers: 1

Approximate age of cover: 15 years

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Not visible **Problems Observed:**

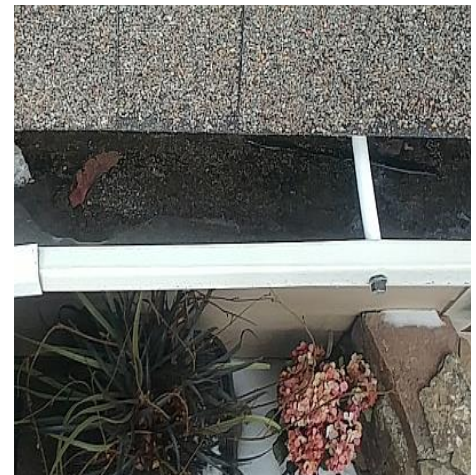
Curling  Cracking  Ponding  Burn Spots  Broken/Loose Tiles/Shingles

Granules missing  Alligating  Blistering  Missing Tabs/Shingles/Tiles  Moss buildup

Exposed felt  Cupping  Incomplete/Improper Nailing  Nail popping  Exposed Nail

Heads  Shingles not properly overlapped (racking)

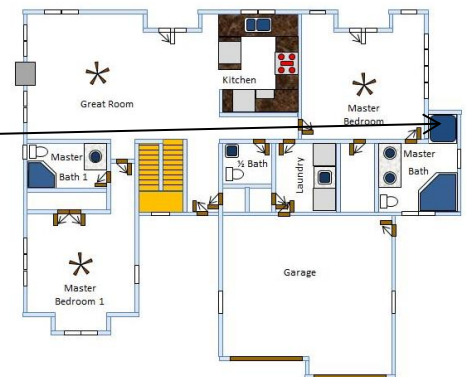
**Recommend roofer evaluate**



Missing granules observed. Minor damage observed (likely occurred during installation). The gutters are full of granules. This can be an indication that the roof cover is nearing the end of its operational life expectancy. Recommend evaluation by a licensed roofer. Recommend Repair.



There is a scaffolding bracket installed where indicated. These are used during installation of the roof cover and then removed. There is no obvious reason why this bracket is still in place. Recommend Removal.



CHIMNEY

None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Viewed From:**  Roof  Ladder at eaves  Ground with binoculars

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

- Chase:**  Brick  Stone  Metal  Blocks  Framed  
**Evidence of:**  Holes in metal  Cracked chimney cap  Loose mortar joints  Flaking  
 Loose Brick  Rust  
**Flue:**  Tile  Metal  *Unlined*  Not visible  
**Evidence of:**  Scaling  Cracks  Creosote  *Not evaluated*  *Have flue cleaned- reevaluate*  
 *Recommend Cricket/Saddle/Flashing*



The Chimney is in Satisfactory Condition.

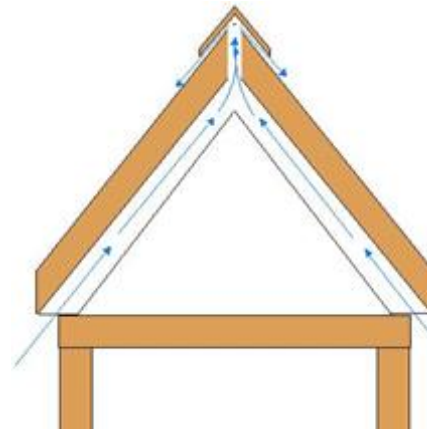
**VENTILATION SYSTEM**

- Type:**  Soffit  Ridge  Gable  Roof Vent  Turbine  
 Powered  Other **Appears Adequate:**  Yes  No

The ventilation system is in Satisfactory Condition.

A well balanced ventilation system helps keep ice dams from forming on the roof in the winter and helps keep the home cool in the summer.

The generally accepted formula for calculating attic ventilation is one square foot of ventilation for every 150 square feet of attic space.

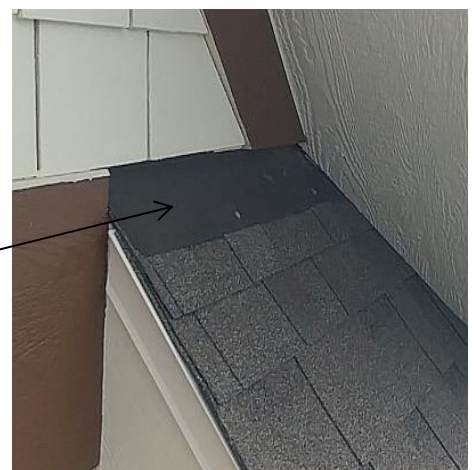


- FLASHING**  None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Not visible  
**Material:**  Galvanized/Alum  Asphalt  Rubber  Copper  Other  Not Visible  
 *Rusted*  *Separated from chimney/roof*  *Recommend Sealing*  Other



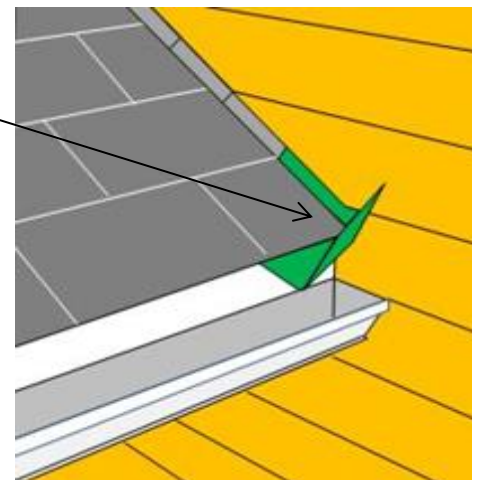
Proper step flashing used on all sidewalls.

The headwall flashing properly overlaps the highest course of shingles.





There is no kick out flashing installed. Kick out flashing is used where a lower roofline terminates against a vertical wall. The kick out is installed above the rain gutter or drip edge where the roof meets a vertical wall. It keeps rainwater out and diverts it away from the lower wall. This is an incorrect install. Recommend Repair.



**VALLEYS**

None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Not visible

**Material:**  Galvanized/Alum  Asphalt  Rubber  Copper  Other  Not Visible  
 Rusted  Holes  Recommend Sealing



The shingle edges are properly offset from the valleys.

**SKYLIGHTS**

None

**PLUMBING VENTS**

Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Not Visible



The plumbing vents are in Satisfactory Condition.



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**GENERAL COMMENTS**

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**GUTTERS**

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  None  **Recommended**

**Need cleaning**  **Downspouts needed**  **Rusting**

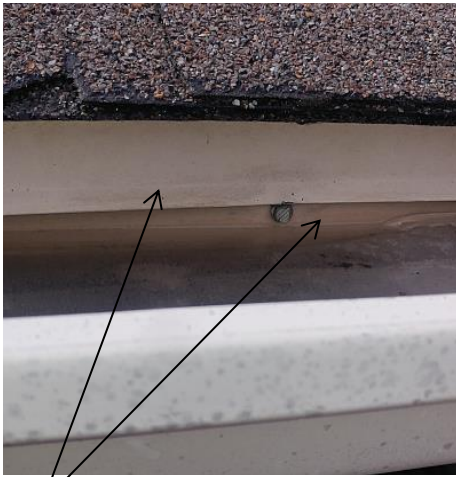
**Material:**  Copper  Vinyl/Plastic  Galvanized/Aluminum  Other

**Leaking:**  Corners  Joints  **Hole in main run**

**Attachment:**  Loose  **Missing spikes**  **Improperly sloped**

**Drip Edge Overlaps Gutters:**  Yes  No

**Extension needed:**  Yes  No  Where:



The homes drip edge properly overlaps the gutters. This helps keep runoff from getting between the gutters and fascia.



The gutters are dirty. Recommend Cleaning and seasonal cleaning thereafter.



The gutters are not completely installed. Gutters help divert runoff away from the foundation and help keep backsplash away from the homes siding. Recommend Replacement.

**BUILDING(S) EXTERIOR WALL CONSTRUCTION**

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Not visible

**Type:**  Not visible  Framed  Masonry  Other

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

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

EIFS ('Synthetic Stucco')  Asphalt  Wood  Metal/Vinyl  Other

Louisiana Pacific Inner-Seal siding (Recalled, Manufactured 1990 – 1996)

Typical cracks  Wood Rot  Peeling paint  Missing Siding  Holes  Other

**Siding in contact with/improper clearance to soil**



Calking needed on numerous siding joints. Recommend Repair.

Inspector's Note: Siding joint covers are an alternative to calking.



**SOFFIT** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Material:**  Wood  Fiberboard  Metal/Vinyl  Fiber Cement  Stucco  
 *Recommend repair/painting*  *Damaged wood*  Other

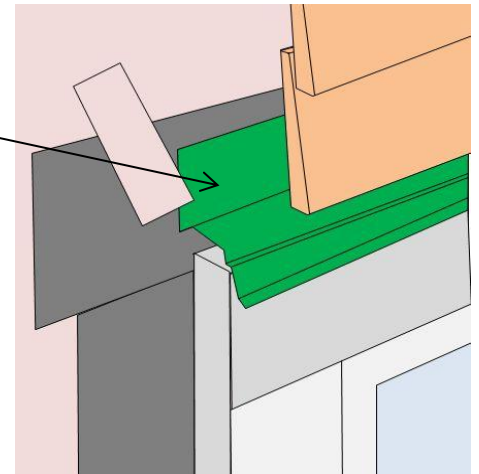
**FASCIA** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Material:**  Wood  Fiberboard  Metal/Vinyl  Fiber Cement  Stucco  
 *Recommend repair/painting*  *Damaged wood*  Other

**TRIM** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Material:**  Wood  Fiberboard  Metal/Vinyl  Fiber Cement  Stucco  
 *Recommend repair/painting*  *Damaged wood*  Other

**FLASHING** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Not Installed  
**Material:**  Plastic  Metal  Other  
 *Recommend repair*  *Damaged material*  Other



Flashing installed where needed. Flashing is a thin continuous piece of material that is installed to prevent moisture intrusion. Flashing is installed in a manner that directs water down and away from the structure.



**CAULKING** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 *Recommend around windows/doors/masonry ledges/corners/utility penetrations*  
 *Recommend repair/painting*

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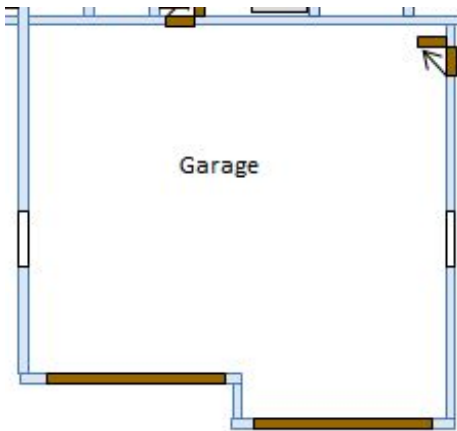
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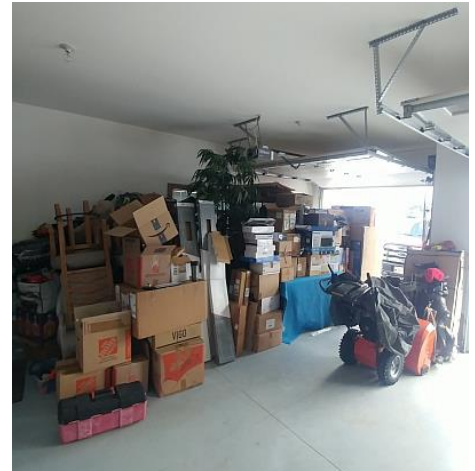


# GARAGE

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



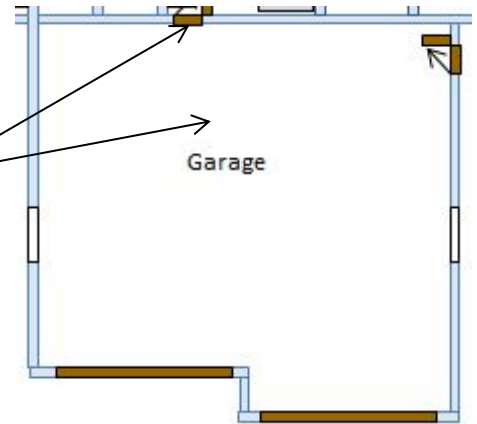
This is the vehicle garage. The garage is full of personal items and could not be completely visually inspected.



**WALLS AND CEILING:** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Moisture stains:**  Yes  No Where: **Holes:**  Yes  No Where:



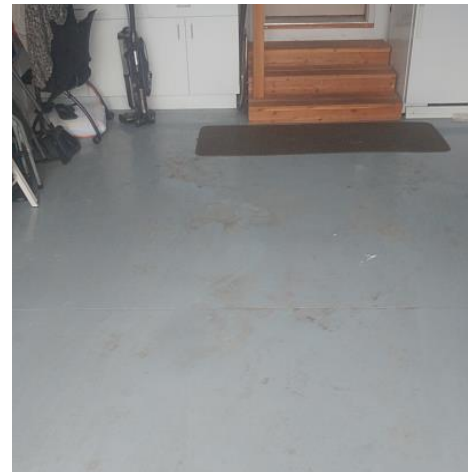
Cracked dry wall seams where indicated. These do not appear structural. Recommend Repair.



**FLOOR** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Material:**  Concrete  Gravel  Asphalt  Dirt  Other  
 Large settling cracks  Recommend evaluation/repair  
**Burners less than 18" above garage floor:**  N/A  Yes  No  Safety hazard



The floor is in Satisfactory Condition. Properly pitched.

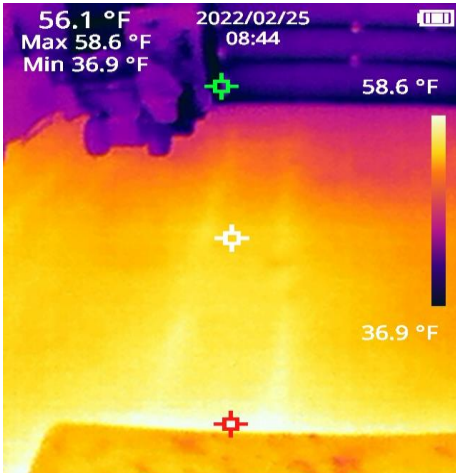


**HEATING SOURCE**

Yes  No

**In Floor Hydronic Heat – Operates :**  Yes  No

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.

**SILL PLATES**

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Not visible  Floor level  Elevated  Rotted/Damaged  Recommend repair

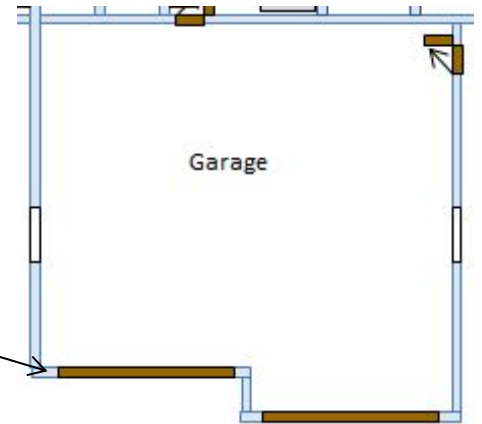
**OVERHEAD DOOR(S)**

N/A **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Material:**  Wood  Fiberglass  Metal

Overhead door hardware loose  Recommend Priming/Painting Inside & Edges:

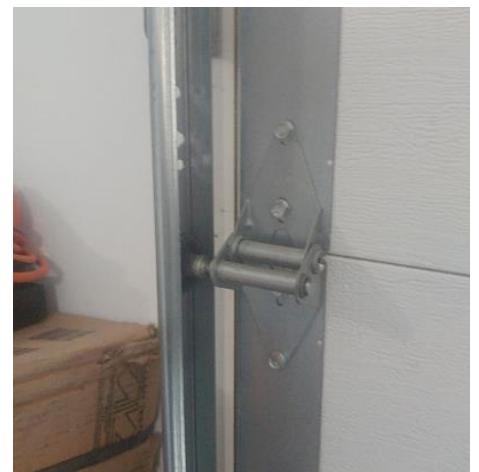
Recommend lubrication  Recommend repair



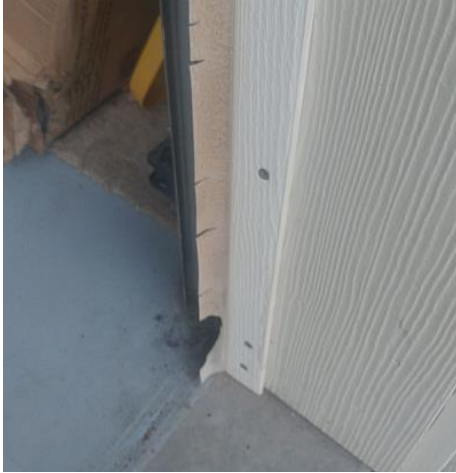
The exterior door trim is weathering. Damaged trim where indicated. Recommend Repair/Replacement.



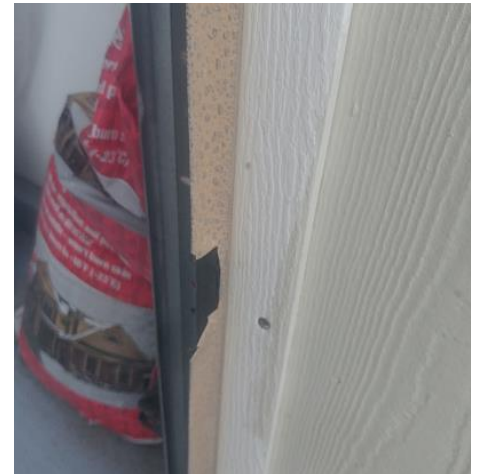
Recommend lubricating all rollers and hinges and annually thereafter.



**Weather stripping:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Missing  Replace



All of the side weather stripping is torn. Recommend Replacement.



**Emergency release handle:**  Yes  No **Required** Operable  Yes  No  
 Less than six feet above the standing surface:  Yes  No **Required**



The emergency release handles are too high. Recommend Repair/Adjustment.

**AUTOMATIC OPENER**  Yes  No  Operable  Inoperable  **Remote not available**

**SAFETY REVERSE**

**Operable:**  Pressure reverse  Electric eye  **Needs adjusting**  **Safety hazard**

Both pressure reverse and electronic eye are required in homes built after 1992.

**Warning Labels:** The following four warning labels should be present on or around garage door assemblies:

1. A spring warning label, attached to the spring assembly
2. A general warning label, attached to the back of the door panel
3. A warning label attached to the wall in the vicinity of the wall control button
4. A tension warning label, attached to garage door's bottom bracket

Warning label #3 was not found at the time of the inspection. Recommend Replacement.

**WINDOWS & SCREENS** **Windows:**  None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

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

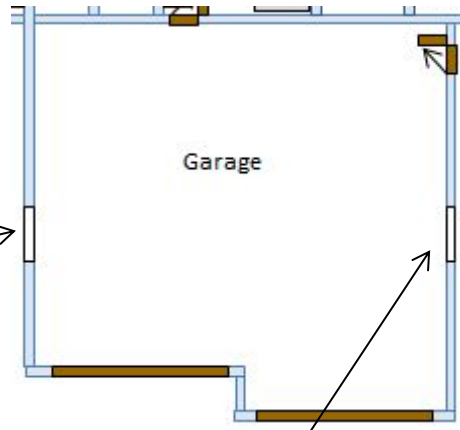
Operate:  Yes  No Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing

**Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass:**  Yes  No  N/A

Cracked glass  Hardware missing  **Broken counter-balance mechanism**

**Security Bars Present:**  Yes  No  Release Mechanism  Yes  No  **Safety hazard**

**Screens: Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Torn  Bent  Holed  Not installed



Mud dauber wasps are nesting in the inner portion of the window indicated. This could be an indication that the window is not properly sealed. The screen is not installed in this window. Recommend Repair/ Replacement.

Access to the window indicated is blocked by personal items. This window could not be completely inspected or operated.

**EXTERIOR DOOR**

None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Weather stripping:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Missing  Replace

**Locks/Latches Operable:**  Yes  No  Missing **Door Sill Plumb:**  Yes  No



The exterior door frame is weathered. Recommend prepping and sealing (painting/staining). Recommend Repair

Door scrapes on the frame when opened/closed. Recommend Repair/Adjustment.



**ELECTRICITY PRESENT**

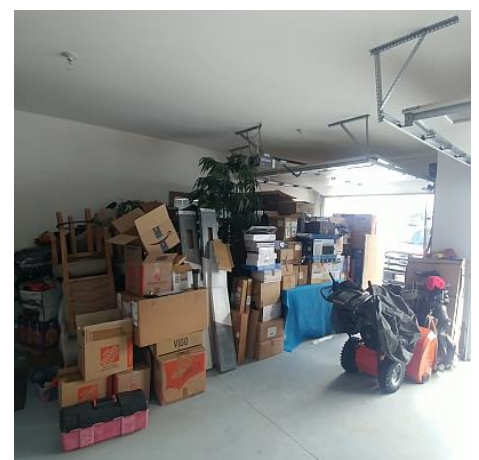
Yes  No  Not visible

**Reverse polarity:**  Yes  No **Open ground:**  Yes  No  Safety hazard

**GFCI Present:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  Handyman/extension cord wiring



There is no visible GFCI in the garage. The inspector will not test a circuit for a GFCI unless the GFCI is visible. The reason being is that if access to the GFCI is say, obstructed by personal items, then the inspector will not be able to get to the GFCI to reset it. Based on the wiring in the home there is very likely a GFCI in the garage, but the inspector could not verify that.



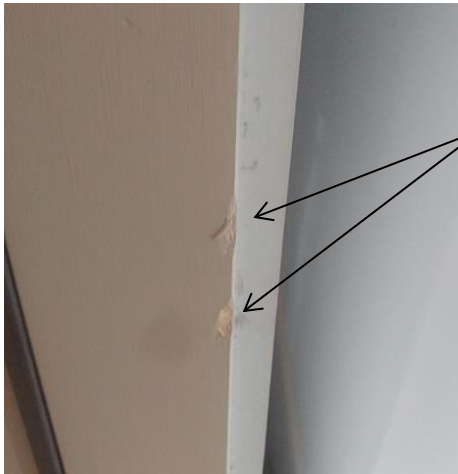
**FIRE SEPARATION DOOR**  N/A  Yes  No  (Between garage & living area)

Door **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Self-Closing  Yes  No  Inoperative Needs Repair Yes  No

Weather-stripping:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Missing  Replace

Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing Door Sill Plumb  Yes  No



The door frame is slightly dinged. Recommend Repair.

The fire separation door should be self-closing. The self-closing hinges have been disabled. Recommend Repair.



**FIRE SEPARATION WALLS & CEILING**  N/A (Between garage & living area)

Present  Missing **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Safety hazard  Recommend repair  Holes walls/ceiling

Moisture Stains Present:  Yes  No Typical Drywall Cracks:  Yes  No

Inspectors Note: A "fire separation wall" in residential construction is a wall and ceiling that is covered (on the garage side) with sheetrock that is 1/2" of an inch thick, or 5/8" thick on ceilings under a habitable room such as a bedroom. There will be no direct openings between the garage and sleeping rooms. Ducts in the garage and penetrating common walls shall be minimum 26-gauge steel. There will be no duct openings in the garage. Openings in this fire suppression wall are usually limited to a door, or installation of an electrical sub panel. Any door located in a fire wall must be solid core, at least one and three-eighths of an inch thick. It is required that the door be self-closing. Basically, no other openings in the wall are allowed. This construction will allow a fire to burn in a garage for approximately 20 minutes before it can burn through the wall and into the house.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**



The steps are properly pitched. The hand rail (not required) is too high (38 inches maximum) and loose.



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



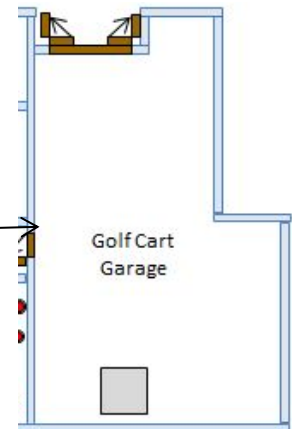
This is for the golf cart garage. This garage is held to the same standard for fire separation as a conventional garage. Current standards state that a private garage (as opposed to public one) is defined as: A building or portion of a building in which motor vehicles used by the owner or tenant of the building or buildings on the premises are stored or kept, without provisions for repairing or servicing such vehicles for profit.

Inspector's Note: Most golf cart manufacturers do not recommend charging a golf cart inside a garage unless the garage door is open. This is because golf cart batteries, especially older ones, emit hydrogen, an odorless, colorless gas that is highly flammable.

**WALLS AND CEILING:** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Moisture stains:**  Yes  No Where: **Holes:**  Yes  No Where:



Cracked dry wall seam where indicated. This does not appear structural. Recommend Repair.



**FLOOR** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Material:**  Concrete  Gravel  Asphalt  Dirt  Other  
 Large settling cracks  Recommend evaluation/repair  
**Burners less than 18" above garage floor:**  N/A  Yes  No  Safety hazard



The floor is in Satisfactory Condition. Properly pitched.

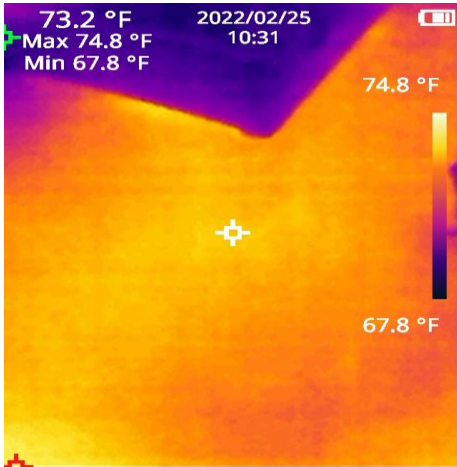
Typical cracks on the garage floor. No indication of recent movement, no trip hazard.



**HEATING SOURCE**

**In Floor Hydronic Heat – Operates :**  Yes  No

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.

**SILL PLATES**

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Not visible  Floor level  Elevated  Rotted/Damaged  Recommend repair

**OVERHEAD DOOR(S)**

N/A **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Material:**  Wood  Fiberglass  Metal

Overhead door hardware loose  Recommend Priming/Painting Inside & Edges:

Recommend lubrication  Recommend repair



Recommend lubricating all rollers and hinges and annually thereafter.



**Weather stripping:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Missing  Replace

**Emergency release handle:**  Yes  No **Required** Operable  Yes  No

Less than six feet above the standing surface:  Yes  No **Required**



The emergency release handle is too high. Recommend Repair/Adjustment.

**AUTOMATIC OPENER**  Yes  No  Operable  Inoperable  *Remote not available*

**SAFETY REVERSE**

**Operable:**  Pressure reverse  Electric eye  *Needs adjusting*  *Safety hazard*

Both pressure reverse and electronic eye are required in homes built after 1992.

**Warning Labels:** The following four warning labels should be present on or around garage door assemblies:

1. A spring warning label, attached to the spring assembly
2. A general warning label, attached to the back of the door panel
3. A warning label attached to the wall in the vicinity of the wall control button
4. A tension warning label, attached to garage door's bottom bracket

Warning label #3 was not found at the time of the inspection. Recommend Replacement.

**WINDOWS & SCREENS** **Windows:**  None

**EXTERIOR DOOR**  None

**ELECTRICITY PRESENT**  Yes  No  Not visible

**Reverse polarity:**  Yes  No **Open ground:**  Yes  No  *Safety hazard*

**GFCI Present:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  *Handyman/extension cord wiring*

**FIRE SEPARATION DOOR**  N/A  Yes  No  *(Between garage & living area)*

Door **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Self-Closing  Yes  No  Inoperative  Needs Repair  Yes  No

Weather-stripping:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Missing  Replace

Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing  Door Sill Plumb  Yes  No



This is not a fire separation door. This is a potential Safety Hazard. Recommend Repair.

The fire separation door should be self-closing. Recommend Repair.

**FIRE SEPARATION WALLS & CEILING**  N/A *(Between garage & living area)*

Present  Missing **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

*Safety hazard*  *Recommend repair*  *Holes walls/ceiling*

**Moisture Stains Present:**  Yes  No **Typical Drywall Cracks:**  Yes  No





Flexible ducting penetrating the fire separation wall, the PVC ducting for the central vacuum penetrating the fire separation wall, and large gaps around the metal ductwork penetrating the fire separation wall are breaks in the fire separation wall and are potential Safety Hazards. Recommend Repair.



Inspectors Note: A "fire separation wall" in residential construction is a wall and ceiling that is covered (on the garage side) with sheetrock that is 1/2" of an inch thick, or 5/8" thick on ceilings under a habitable room such as a bedroom. There will be no direct openings between the garage and sleeping rooms. Ducts in the garage and penetrating common walls shall be minimum 26-gauge steel. There will be no duct openings in the garage. Openings in this fire suppression wall are usually limited to a door, or installation of an electrical sub panel. Any door located in a fire wall must be solid core, at least one and three-eighths of an inch thick. It is required that the door be self-closing. Basically, no other openings in the wall are allowed. This construction will allow a fire to burn in a garage for approximately 20 minutes before it can burn through the wall and into the house.

#### GENERAL COMMENTS



**COUNTERTOPS**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/caulking*  
**Material:**  Granite  Formica  Tile  Silstone  Other

**CABINETS**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/adjustment*

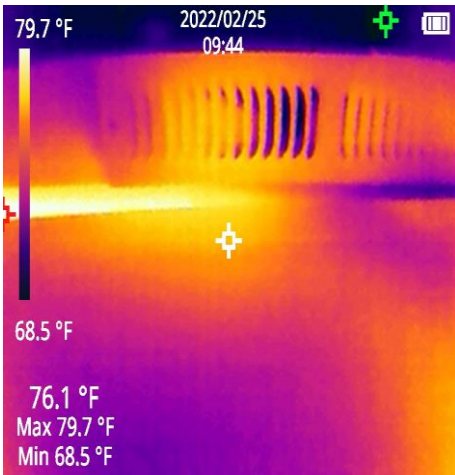
**WALLS AND CEILING:** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Moisture stains:**  Yes  No **Where:** **Holes:**  Yes  No **Where:**

**FLOOR** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks  
**Material:**  Tile  Linoleum  Carpet  Wood  Composite  Other

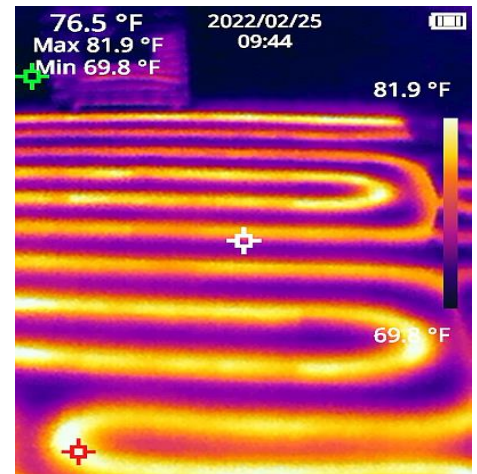
**INTERIOR DOOR**  Yes  No

**WINDOWS & SCREENS** **Windows:**  None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Material:**  Wood  Metal  Vinyl  Aluminum/Vinyl Clad  
**Operate:**  Yes  No **Locks/Latches Operable:**  Yes  No  Missing  
**Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass:**  Yes  No  N/A  
 Cracked glass  Hardware missing  *Broken counter-balance mechanism*  
**Security Bars Present:**  Yes  No  Release Mechanism  Yes  No  *Safety hazard*  
**Screens: Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Torn  Bent  Holed  Not installed

**HEATING / COOLING SOURCE**  Yes  No  
**Kick plate Register Checked For Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition.  
The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.



**PLUMBING COMMENTS**

**Faucet leaks:**  Yes  No **Loose:**  Yes  No **Pipes/Valves Leak:**  Yes  No  
**Fixtures Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Functional Flow:**  Adequate  Poor  
**Sink Material:**  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Glass  Other  
**Sink Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Functional Drainage:**  Adequate  Poor **Drain Line P Trap:**  Yes  No  
**Drain Line S Trap:**  Yes  No

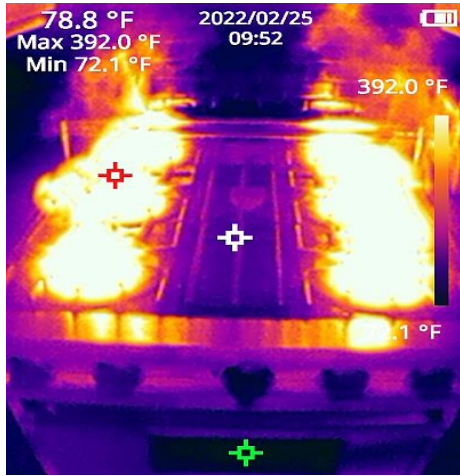
**EVIDENCE OF MOLD/MICROBIAL GROWTH**  Yes  No

**APPLIANCES**

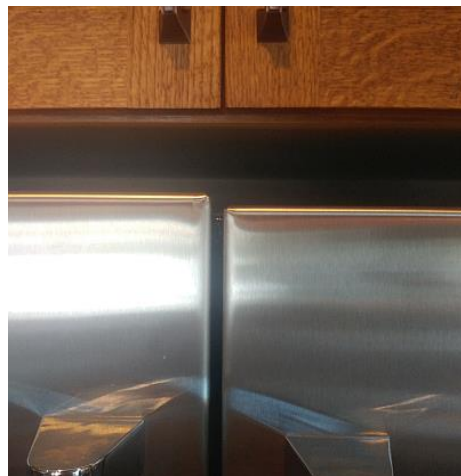
- Disposal Operates:  Yes  No
- Oven Operates:  Yes  No
- Range Operates:  Yes  No
- Microwave Operates:  Yes  No
- Other Operates:  Yes  No

- Trash Compactor
- Exhaust Fan
- Refrigerator
- Dishwasher
- Air Gap
- Drain Line High Loop
- Drain Line "P" Trap

- Operates:  Yes  No
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- Yes  No
- Yes  No
- Yes  No



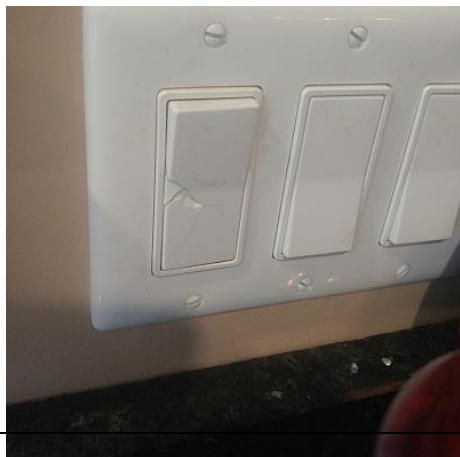
All of the appliances operate.



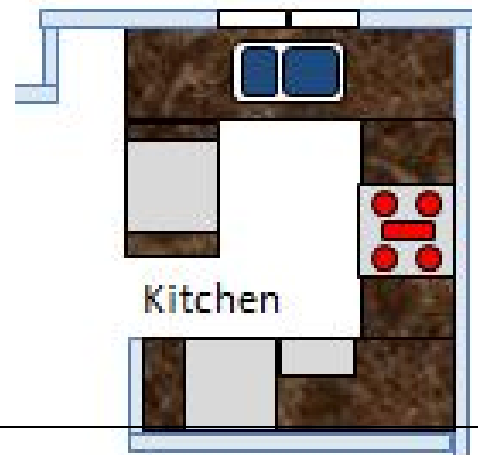
The refrigerator doors do not line up. The doors operate and appear to seal properly. Recommend Repair/Adjustment.

**ELECTRICAL**

- Outlets present:  Yes  No
- G.F.C.I. Present:  Yes  No
- Operates:  Yes  No
- Open ground/Reverse polarity within 6' of water:  Yes  No
- Potential safety hazards present:  Yes  No



The switch indicated is cracked (the switch operates). Recommend Replacement.



**GENERAL COMMENTS**



ROOM COMPONENTS

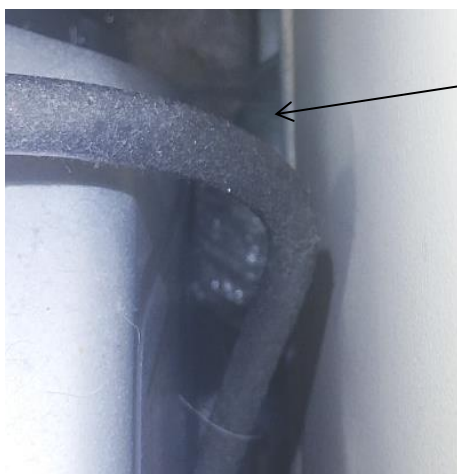
- Laundry sink:  None **Faucet leaks:**  Yes  No **Loose:**  Yes  No
- Pipes/Valves Leak:  Yes  No
- Fixtures Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor **Functional Flow:**  Adequate  Poor
- Sink Material:  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Glass  Other
- Sink Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor
- Functional Drainage:  Adequate  Poor Drain Line P Trap:  Yes  No
- Drain Line S Trap:  Yes  No
- Cross connections:  Yes  No
- Room vented:  Yes  No
- Dryer vented:  N/A  Wall  Ceiling  Floor
- Not vented to Exterior*  *Recommend repair*  *Safety hazard*



The dryer duct termination does not have a backdraft damper (automatically closing door). Recommend Replacement.

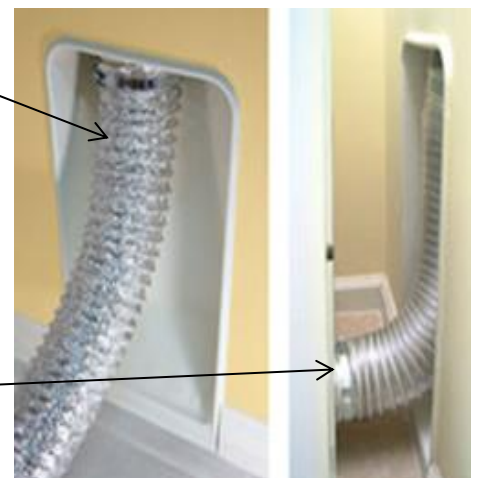
There is a screen installed on the dryer duct. Screens can collect dryer lint (as this one has). Recommend Removal.

- Appliances:  Washer  Dryer  Water heater  Furnace
- Washer hook-up lines/valves:  Leaking  Corroded  Not visible
- Gas Shut-off Valve:  N/A  Yes  No  Cap Needed  *Safety hazard*  Not visible



Wire bound vinyl or plastic ducting is being used to connect the dryer to the dryer duct. This ducting can melt and will not contain a fire within the dryer.

The most preferred material for connecting the dryer to dryer duct is aluminum flexible duct.



EVIDENCE OF MOLD/MICROBIAL GROWTH  Yes  No

- COUNTERTOPS  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/caulking*
- Material:  Granite  Formica  Tile  Silstone  Other

**CABINETS**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/adjustment*

**WALLS AND CEILING:** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Moisture stains:**  Yes  No **Where:** **Holes:**  Yes  No **Where:**

**FLOOR** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks

**Material:**  Tile  Linoleum  Carpet  Wood  Composite  Other

**INTERIOR DOOR**  Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

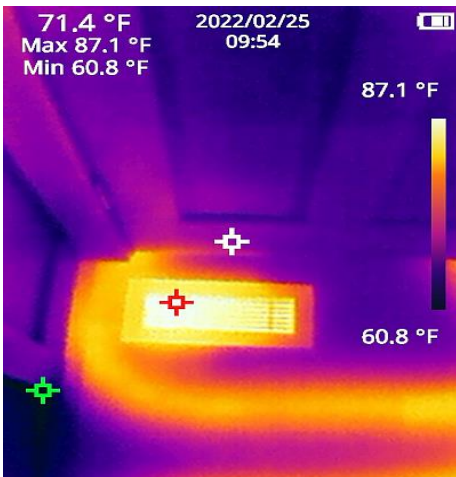
**Locks/Latches Operable:**  Yes  No  Missing



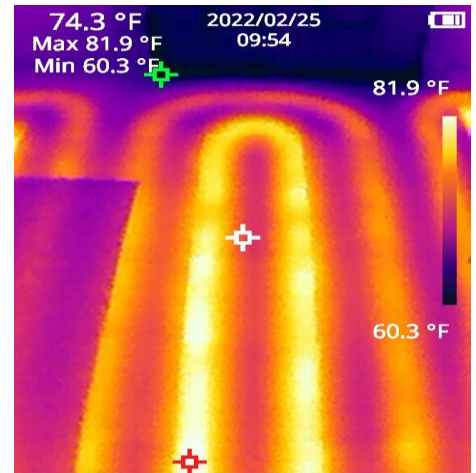
Latch bolt does not engage the strike plate. Recommend Repair/Adjustment.

**HEATING / COOLING SOURCE**  Yes  No

**Floor Register Checked For Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition.  
The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.



**WINDOWS & SCREENS** **Windows:**  None

**ELECTRICAL**

**Outlets present:**  Yes  No **G.F.C.I. Present:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No

**Open ground/Reverse polarity within 6' of water:**  Yes  No

**Potential safety hazards present:**  Yes  No

**EXHAUST FAN**

**Exhaust Fan:**  Yes  No

**GENERAL COMMENTS**



BATHROOM: MASTER

SINKS

Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Loose:  Yes  No Pipes/Valves Leak:  Yes  No  
 Fixtures Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Functional Flow:  Adequate  Poor  
 Sink Material:  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Glass  Other  
 Sink Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Functional Drainage:  Adequate  Poor Drain Line P Trap:  Yes  No  
 Drain Line S Trap:  Yes  No

TOILET

Bowl Loose:  Yes  No Tank Loose:  Yes  No Operates:  Yes  No  
 Toilet leaks  Cracked bowl/tank  Cross connection

SHOWER

Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Loose:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No  
 Showerhead leaks:  Yes  No Loose:  Yes  No  
 Caulking Needed Behind Showerhead:  Yes  No



Recommend caulking where indicated to help prevent moisture penetration into the walls.

Fixture Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Shower Material:  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Tile  Other  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Surround Material:  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Tile  Other  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Caulk/Grouting Needed:  Yes  No Where:  
 Functional Drainage:  Adequate  Poor Functional Flow:  Adequate  Poor

TUB

Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Loose:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No  
 Fixture Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Tub Material:  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Tile  Other  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Surround Material:**  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Tile  Other  
**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Caulk/Grouting Needed:**  Yes  No Where:  
**Functional Drainage:**  Adequate  Poor **Functional Flow:**  Adequate  Poor  
**Built In Drain Stopper:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  
**Whirlpool Operable:**  N/A



The built in stopper is not installed.

**EVIDENCE OF MOLD/MICROBIAL GROWTH**  Yes  No

**COUNTERTOPS**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/caulking*  
**Material:**  Granite  Formica  Tile  Silstone  Other

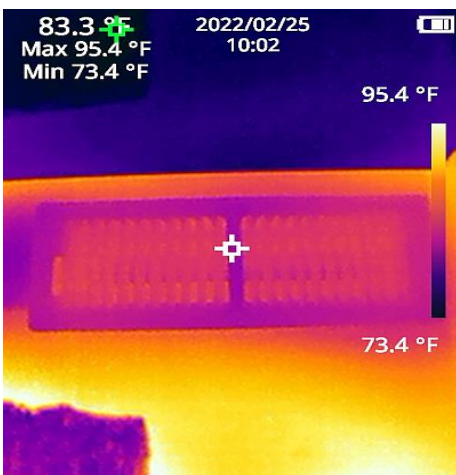
**CABINETS**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/adjustment*

**WALLS AND CEILING:** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Moisture stains:**  Yes  No Where: **Holes:**  Yes  No Where:

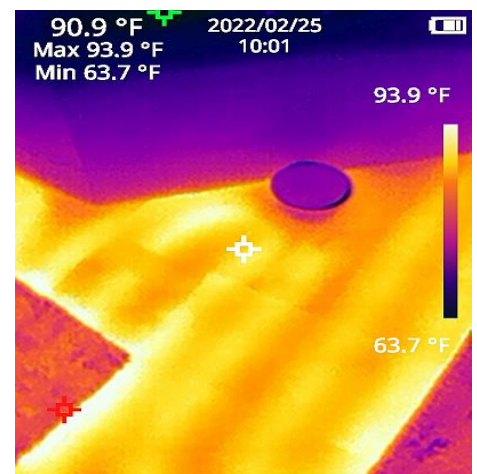
**FLOOR** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks  
**Material:**  Tile  Linoleum  Carpet  Wood  Composite  Other

**INTERIOR DOOR**  Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing

**HEATING / COOLING SOURCE**  Yes  No  
**Floor Register Checked For Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition. The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.



**ELECTRICAL**

**Outlets present:**  Yes  No **G.F.C.I. Present:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  
**Open ground/Reverse polarity within 6' of water:**  Yes  No  
**Potential safety hazards present:**  Yes  No

**EXHAUST FAN**

**Exhaust Fan:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No **Noisy:**  Yes  No  
**Exhausted To:** Attic:  Yes  No Outside:  Yes  No  Not visible

**WINDOWS & SCREENS**

**Windows:**  None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Material:**  Wood  Metal  Vinyl  Aluminum/Vinyl Clad  
**Operate:**  Yes  No **Locks/Latches Operable:**  Yes  No  Missing  
**Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass:**  Yes  No  N/A  
 Cracked glass  Hardware missing  *Broken counter-balance mechanism*  
**Security Bars Present:**  Yes  No  Release Mechanism  Yes  No  *Safety hazard*  
**Screens: Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Torn  Bent  Holed  Not installed

**GENERAL COMMENTS**





BATHROOM: MASTER 1

SINKS

Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Loose:  Yes  No Pipes/Valves Leak:  Yes  No  
 Fixtures Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Functional Flow:  Adequate  Poor  
 Sink Material:  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Glass  Other  
 Sink Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Functional Drainage:  Adequate  Poor Drain Line P Trap:  Yes  No  
 Drain Line S Trap:  Yes  No

TOILET

Bowl Loose:  Yes  No Tank Loose:  Yes  No Operates:  Yes  No  
 Toilet leaks  Cracked bowl/tank  Cross connection

SHOWER

Faucet leaks:  Yes  No Loose:  Yes  No Pipes leak:  Yes  No  
 Showerhead leaks:  Yes  No Loose:  Yes  No  
 Caulking Needed Behind Showerhead:  Yes  No



Recommend caulking where indicated to help prevent moisture penetration into the walls.

Fixture Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Shower Material:  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Tile  Other  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Surround Material:  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Tile  Other  
 Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Caulk/Grouting Needed:  Yes  No Where:  
 Functional Drainage:  Adequate  Poor Functional Flow:  Adequate  Poor

EVIDENCE OF MOLD/MICROBIAL GROWTH  Yes  No

COUNTERTOPS  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Recommend repair/caulking  
 Material:  Granite  Formica  Tile  Silstone  Other

**CABINETS**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/adjustment*

**WALLS AND CEILING:** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Moisture stains:**  Yes  No **Where:** **Holes:**  Yes  No **Where:**

**FLOOR** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks

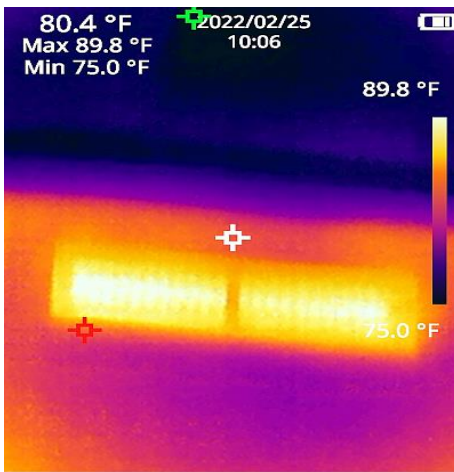
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**INTERIOR DOOR**  Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

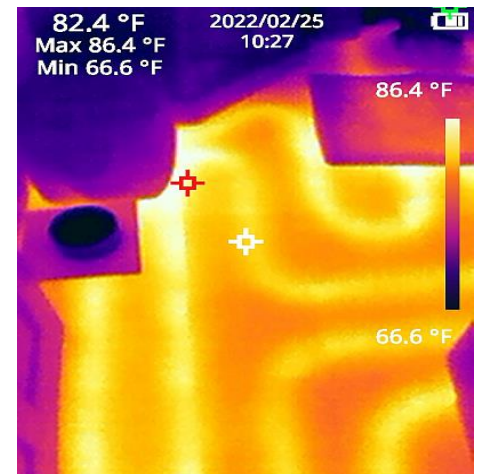
**Locks/Latches Operable:**  Yes  No  Missing

**HEATING / COOLING SOURCE**  Yes  No

**Floor Register Checked For Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition.  
The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.



### ELECTRICAL

**Outlets present:**  Yes  No **G.F.C.I. Present:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No

**Open ground/Reverse polarity within 6' of water:**  Yes  No

**Potential safety hazards present:**  Yes  No

### EXHAUST FAN

**Exhaust Fan:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No **Noisy:**  Yes  No

**Exhausted To:** Attic:  Yes  No Outside:  Yes  No  Not visible

### WINDOWS & SCREENS

**Windows:**  None **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

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

**Operate:**  Yes  No **Locks/Latches Operable:**  Yes  No  Missing

**Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass:**  Yes  No  N/A

Cracked glass  Hardware missing  *Broken counter-balance mechanism*

**Security Bars Present:**  Yes  No  Release Mechanism  Yes  No  *Safety hazard*

**Screens: Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Torn  Bent  Holed  Not installed

### GENERAL COMMENTS



BATHROOM: BATH

SINKS

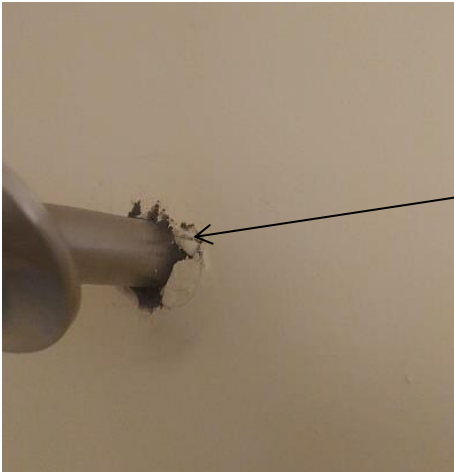
**Faucet leaks:**  Yes  No **Loose:**  Yes  No **Pipes/Valves Leak:**  Yes  No  
**Fixtures Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Functional Flow:**  Adequate  Poor  
**Sink Material:**  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Glass  Other  
**Sink Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Functional Drainage:**  Adequate  Poor **Drain Line P Trap:**  Yes  No  
**Drain Line S Trap:**  Yes  No

TOILET

**Bowl Loose:**  Yes  No **Tank Loose:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  
 Toilet leaks  *Cracked bowl/tank*  *Cross connection*

SHOWER

**Faucet leaks:**  Yes  No **Loose:**  Yes  No **Pipes leak:**  Yes  No  
**Showerhead leaks:**  Yes  No **Loose:**  Yes  No  
**Calking Needed Behind Showerhead:**  Yes  No



Recommend calking where indicated to help prevent moisture penetration into the walls.

**Fixture Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Shower Material:**  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Tile  Other  
**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Surround Material:**  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Tile  Other  
**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Caulk/Grouting Needed:**  Yes  No **Where:**  
**Functional Drainage:**  Adequate  Poor **Functional Flow:**  Adequate  Poor

**EVIDENCE OF MOLD/MICROBIAL GROWTH**  Yes  No

**COUNTERTOPS**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/caulking*  
**Material:**  Granite  Formica  Tile  Silstone  Other

**CABINETS**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/adjustment*

**WALLS AND CEILING:** Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Moisture stains:  Yes  No Where: Holes:  Yes  No Where:

**FLOOR** Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks

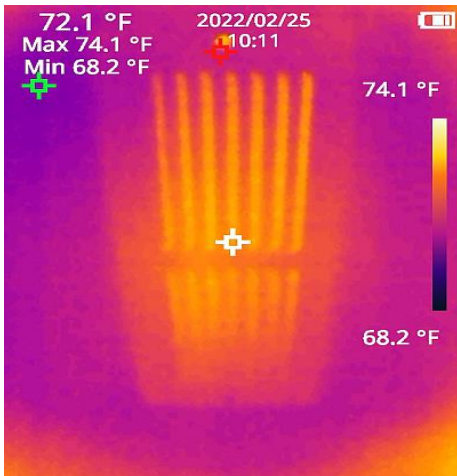
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**INTERIOR DOOR**  Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

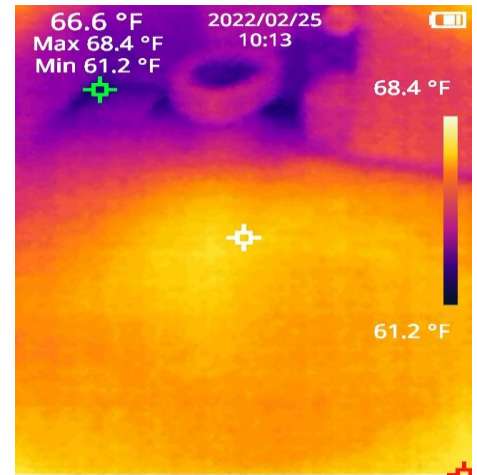
Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing

**HEATING / COOLING SOURCE**  Yes  No

Ceiling Register Checked For Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition. There does not appear to be in floor hydronic heating in this bathroom.



**ELECTRICAL**

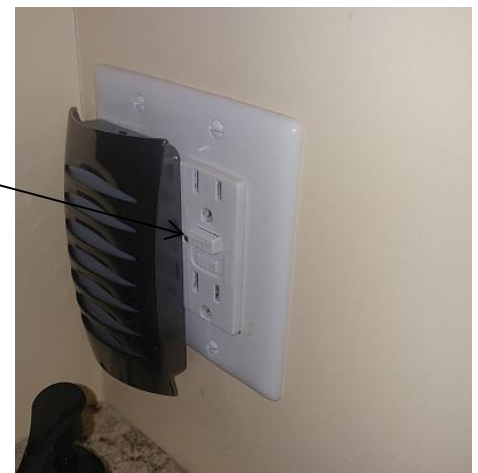
Outlets present:  Yes  No G.F.C.I. Present:  Yes  No Operates:  Yes  No

Open ground/Reverse polarity within 6' of water:  Yes  No

Potential safety hazards present:  Yes  No



When the exhaust fan was turned on the GFCI would trip. This could be an indication of a problem with the bathroom electric system. This is a Major Concern. Recommend Repair.



**EXHAUST FAN**

Exhaust Fan:  Yes  No Operates:  Yes  No Noisy:  Yes  No

Exhausted To: Attic:  Yes  No Outside:  Yes  No  Not visible

**WINDOWS & SCREENS** Windows:  None

**GENERAL COMMENTS**



## BATHROOM: 1/2 BATH

### SINKS

**Faucet leaks:**  Yes  No **Loose:**  Yes  No **Pipes/Valves Leak:**  Yes  No  
**Fixtures Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Functional Flow:**  Adequate  Poor  
**Sink Material:**  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Glass  Other  
**Sink Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Functional Drainage:**  Adequate  Poor **Drain Line P Trap:**  Yes  No  
**Drain Line S Trap:**  Yes  No

### TOILET

**Bowl Loose:**  Yes  No **Tank Loose:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  
 Toilet leaks  *Cracked bowl/tank*  *Cross connection*

**EVIDENCE OF MOLD/MICROBIAL GROWTH**  Yes  No

**COUNTERTOPS**  None

**CABINETS**  None

**WALLS AND CEILING:** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Moisture stains:**  Yes  No **Where:** **Holes:**  Yes  No **Where:**

**FLOOR** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks

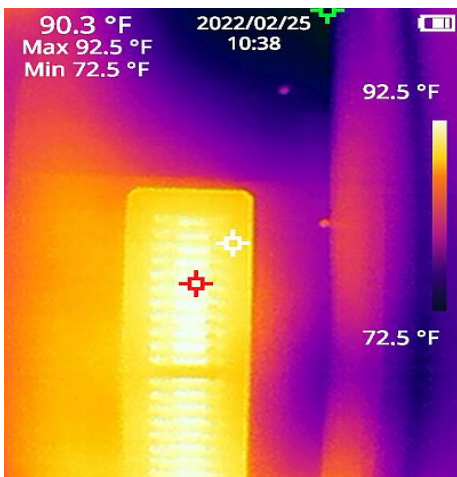
**Material:**  Tile  Linoleum  Carpet  Wood  Composite  Other

**INTERIOR DOOR**  Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

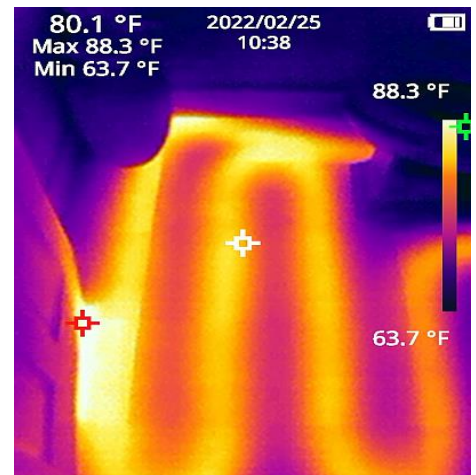
**Locks/Latches Operable:**  Yes  No  Missing

**HEATING / COOLING SOURCE**  Yes  No

**Floor Register Checked For Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition.  
The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.



### ELECTRICAL

**Outlets present:**  Yes  No **G.F.C.I. Present:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  
**Open ground/Reverse polarity within 6' of water:**  Yes  No  
**Potential safety hazards present:**  Yes  No



Numerous screws are missing from the cover plates. Recommend Replacement.

**EXHAUST FAN**

**Exhaust Fan:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No **Noisy:**  Yes  No  
**Exhausted To:** Attic:  Yes  No Outside:  Yes  No  Not visible

**WINDOWS & SCREENS**

**Windows:**  None

**GENERAL COMMENTS**



LOCATION: GREAT ROOM

WALLS AND CEILING: Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Moisture stains:  Yes  No Where: Holes:  Yes  No Where:

Ceiling Fan:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

FLOOR Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks

Material:  Tile  Linoleum  Carpet  Wood  Composite  Other

EXTERIOR DOOR - FRONT  None Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

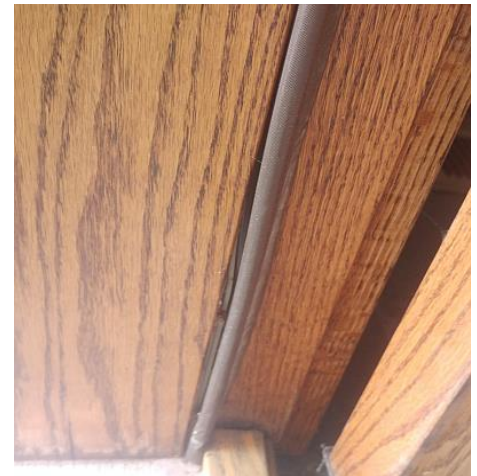
Weather stripping:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Missing  Replace

Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing Door Sill Plumb  Yes  No



The exterior door frame is weathered. Recommend prepping and sealing (painting/staining). Recommend Repair

The weather stripping is loose. Recommend Repair.



EXTERIOR DOOR - DECK  None Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Weather stripping:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Missing  Replace

Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing Door Sill Plumb  Yes  No



The screen door is out of track and bent. Recommend Repair/Replacement.

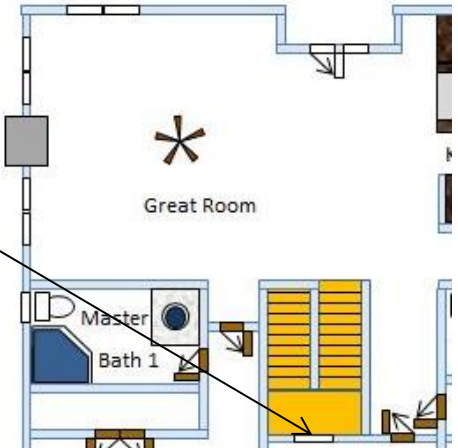
INTERIOR DOOR  Yes  No

WINDOWS & SCREENS Windows:  None Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Material:**  Wood  Metal  Vinyl  Aluminum/Vinyl Clad  
**Operate:**  Yes  No **Locks/Latches Operable:**  Yes  No  Missing  
**Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass:**  Yes  No  N/A  
 Cracked glass  Hardware missing  *Broken counter-balance mechanism*  
**Security Bars Present:**  Yes  No  Release Mechanism  Yes  No  *Safety hazard*  
**Screens: Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Torn  Bent  Holed  Not installed

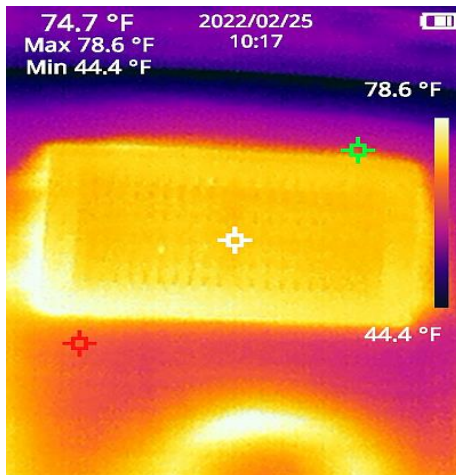


The screen is not installed in the window indicated. Recommend Replacement.

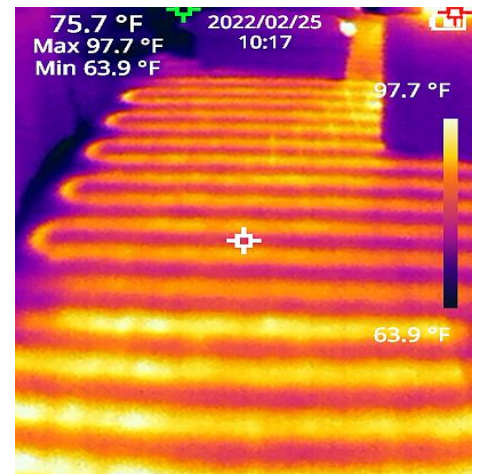


**HEATING / COOLING SOURCE**  Yes  No

**Floor Register Checked For Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition.  
 The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.



**ELECTRICAL:**

**Switches:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  
**Outlets:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  
**Open ground/Reverse polarity:**  Yes  No  Cover plates missing  **Safety Hazard**

**GENERAL COMMENTS**





LOCATION: DEN

WALLS AND CEILING: Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Moisture stains:  Yes  No Where: Holes:  Yes  No Where:

FLOOR Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks

Material:  Tile  Linoleum  Carpet  Wood  Composite  Other

EXTERIOR DOOR  None Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Weather stripping:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Missing  Replace

Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing Door Sill Plumb  Yes  No



The screen door is difficult to operate. Recommend Repair/Adjustment.

INTERIOR DOOR  Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

WINDOWS & SCREENS Windows:  None Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Material:  Wood  Metal  Vinyl  Aluminum/Vinyl Clad

Operate:  Yes  No Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing

Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass:  Yes  No  N/A

Cracked glass  Hardware missing  Broken counter-balance mechanism

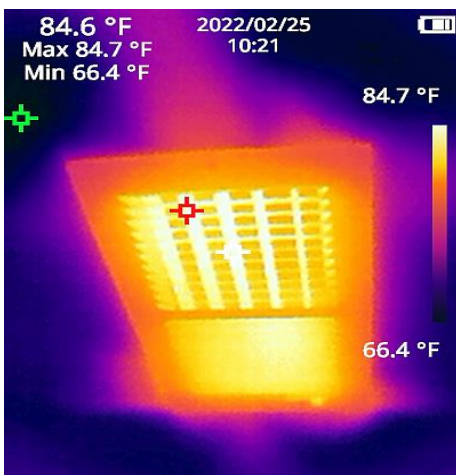
Security Bars Present:  Yes  No  Release Mechanism  Yes  No  Safety hazard

Screens: Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

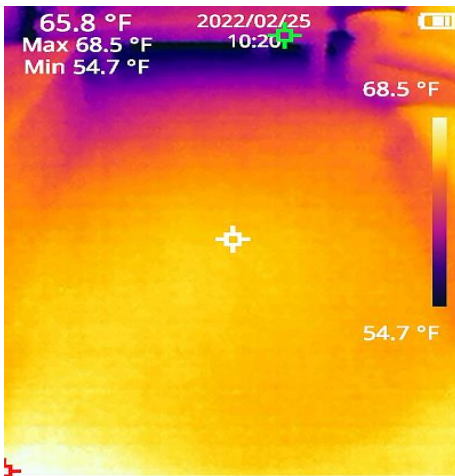
Torn  Bent  Holed  Not installed

HEATING / COOLING SOURCE  Yes  No

Ceiling Register Checked For Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition.



The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.  
The hydronic heat for this room was off when the inspector arrived. Hydronic heating systems, while efficient, are slow to heat up. While a heat rise was not detected with an infra-red camera, a heat rise using a contact thermometer was detected.



### SINK

**Faucet leaks:**  Yes  No **Loose:**  Yes  No **Pipes/Valves Leak:**  Yes  No  
**Fixtures Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Functional Flow:**  Adequate  Poor  
**Sink Material:**  Ceramic/Plastic  Fiberglass  Metal  Glass  Other  
**Sink Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Functional Drainage:**  Adequate  Poor **Drain Line P Trap:**  Yes  No  
**Drain Line S Trap:**  Yes  No

**COUNTERTOPS**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/caulking*  
**Material:**  Granite  Formica  Tile  Silstone  Other

**CABINETS**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend repair/adjustment*

### ELECTRICAL

**Outlets present:**  Yes  No **G.F.C.I. Present:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  
**Open ground/Reverse polarity within 6' of water:**  Yes  No  
**Potential safety hazards present:**  Yes  No

### GENERAL COMMENTS



LOCATION: MASTER BED

WALLS AND CEILING: Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Moisture stains:  Yes  No Where: Holes:  Yes  No Where:

Ceiling Fan:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

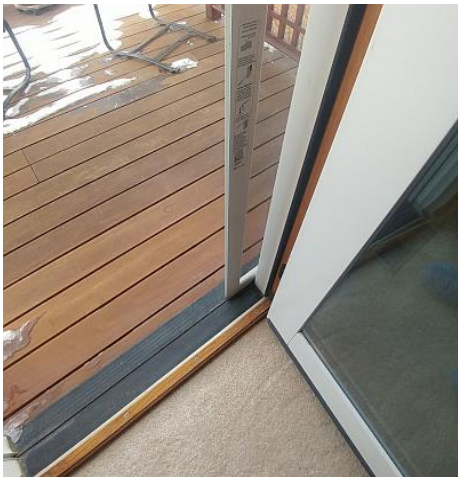
FLOOR Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks

Material:  Tile  Linoleum  Carpet  Wood  Composite  Other

EXTERIOR DOOR  None Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Weather stripping:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Missing  Replace

Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing Door Sill Plumb  Yes  No



The screen door is difficult to operate. Recommend Repair/Adjustment.

INTERIOR DOOR  Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing

WINDOWS & SCREENS Windows:  None Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Material:  Wood  Metal  Vinyl  Aluminum/Vinyl Clad

Operate:  Yes  No Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing

Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass:  Yes  No  N/A

Cracked glass  Hardware missing  Broken counter-balance mechanism

Security Bars Present:  Yes  No  Release Mechanism  Yes  No  Safety hazard

Screens: Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

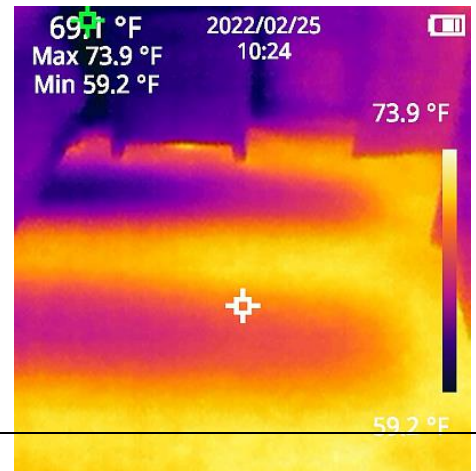
Torn  Bent  Holed  Not installed

HEATING / COOLING SOURCE  Yes  No

Floor Register Checked For Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition. The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.

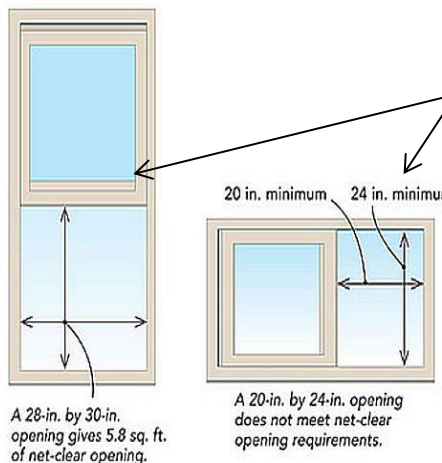


**ELECTRICAL:****Switches:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No**Outlets:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No**Open ground/Reverse polarity:**  Yes  No  Cover plates missing  **Safety Hazard****SMOKE DETECTORS (BEDROOMS)****Present:** Smoke Detector:  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  Not tested The home has a monitored alarm system. The Smoke Detectors were not tested.

The generally accepted 'life expectancy' for Smoke Detectors is 8 to 10 years. This home was built in 2007.

**BEDROOM EGRESS Restricted:**  Yes  No **Egress Windows:**  N/A  Yes  No**Room Can be Used as A Bedroom:**  N/A  Yes  No The room has an exterior door.

An egress window is not required.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Inspector's Note: A word about Egress Windows. Emergency escape and rescue openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet (5.0 square feet for ground floors). The net clear opening is the normal operation of the window. This area is required to provide egress for firefighters and rescue personnel while wearing equipment. The minimum net clear opening height shall be 24". The net clear opening width shall be 20". The window shall also be no more than 44" from the floor.



LOCATION: MASTER BED 1

WALLS AND CEILING: Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Moisture stains:  Yes  No Where: Holes:  Yes  No Where:

Ceiling Fan:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

FLOOR Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks

Material:  Tile  Linoleum  Carpet  Wood  Composite  Other

INTERIOR DOOR  Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing



The closet doors scrape on the floor cover when operated. Recommend Repair/Adjustment.

WINDOWS & SCREENS Windows:  None Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Material:  Wood  Metal  Vinyl  Aluminum/Vinyl Clad

Operate:  Yes  No Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing

Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass:  Yes  No  N/A

Cracked glass  Hardware missing  Broken counter-balance mechanism

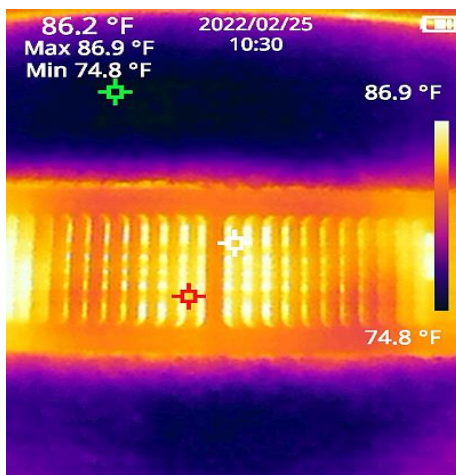
Security Bars Present:  Yes  No  Release Mechanism  Yes  No  Safety hazard

Screens: Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

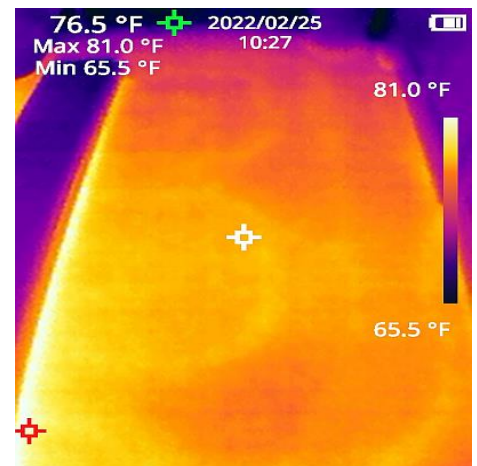
Torn  Bent  Holed  Not installed

HEATING / COOLING SOURCE  Yes  No

Floor Register Checked For Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition. The in floor hydronic heating system is operating.



**ELECTRICAL:**

**Switches:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No

**Outlets:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No

**Open ground/Reverse polarity:**  Yes  No  Cover plates missing  **Safety Hazard**

**SMOKE DETECTORS (BEDROOMS)**

**Present:** Smoke Detector:  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  Not tested The home has a monitored alarm system. The Smoke Detectors were not tested.

The generally accepted 'life expectancy' for Smoke Detectors is 8 to 10 years. This home was built in 2007.

**BEDROOM EGRESS Restricted:**  Yes  No **Egress Windows:**  N/A  Yes  No

**Room Can be Used as A Bedroom:**  N/A  Yes  No 24 x 36 6 Sq. Ft.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

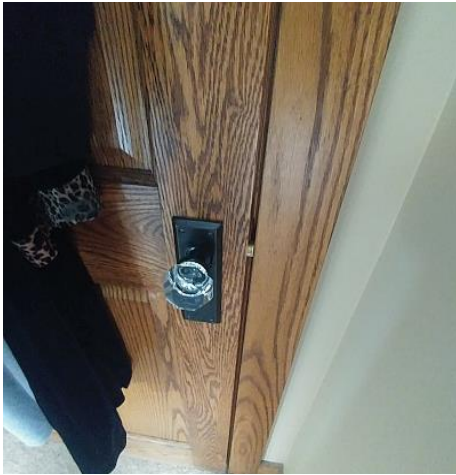


LOCATION: BEDROOM

WALLS AND CEILING: Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
Moisture stains:  Yes  No Where: Holes:  Yes  No Where:

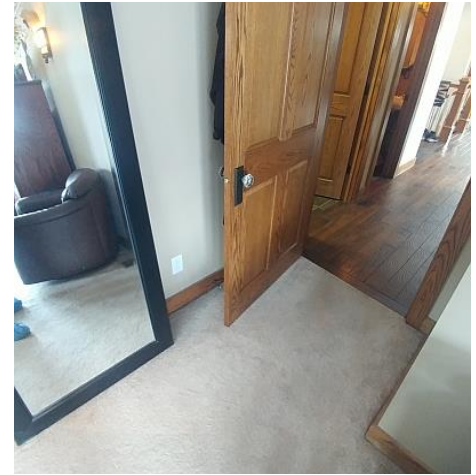
FLOOR Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Sloping  Squeaks  
Material:  Tile  Linoleum  Carpet  Wood  Composite  Other

INTERIOR DOOR  Yes  No  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing



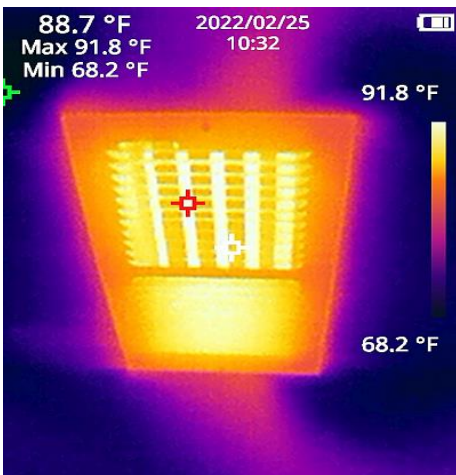
Latch bolt does not engage the strike plate. Recommend Repair/Adjustment.

Door scrapes on the floor cover when opened/closed. Recommend Repair/Adjustment.

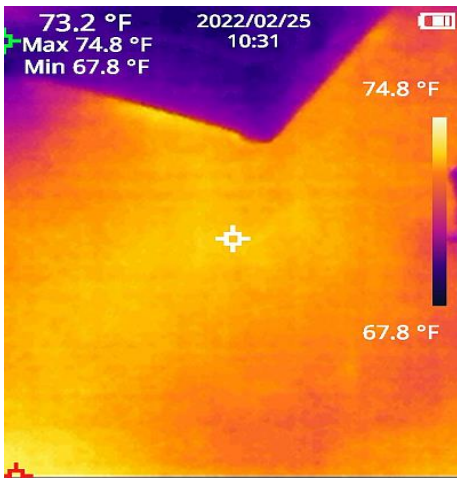


WINDOWS & SCREENS Windows:  None Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
Material:  Wood  Metal  Vinyl  Aluminum/Vinyl Clad  
Operate:  Yes  No Locks/Latches Operable:  Yes  No  Missing  
Evidence of Leaking Insulated Glass:  Yes  No  N/A  
 Cracked glass  Hardware missing  Broken counter-balance mechanism  
Security Bars Present:  Yes  No  Release Mechanism  Yes  No  Safety hazard  
Screens: Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Torn  Bent  Holed  Not installed

HEATING / COOLING SOURCE  Yes  No  
Ceiling Register Checked For Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The register is in Satisfactory Condition.



The in floor hydronic heating system is operating. The hydronic heat for this room was off when the inspector arrived. Hydronic heating systems, while efficient, are slow to heat up. While a heat rise was not detected with an infra-red camera, a heat rise using a contact thermometer was detected.



**ELECTRICAL:**

**Switches:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  
**Outlets:**  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  
**Open ground/Reverse polarity:**  Yes  No  Cover plates missing  Safety Hazard

**SMOKE DETECTORS (BEDROOMS)**

**Present:** Smoke Detector:  Yes  No **Operates:**  Yes  No  Not tested The home has a monitored alarm system. The Smoke Detectors were not tested. The generally accepted 'life expectancy' for Smoke Detectors is 8 to 10 years. This home was built in 2007.

**BEDROOM EGRESS** **Restricted:**  Yes  No **Egress Windows:**  N/A  Yes  No  
**Room Can be Used as A Bedroom:**  N/A  Yes  No 24 x 48 8 Sq. Ft.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**





**FIREPLACE, GAS**

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Type:**  Gas  Vent less  Electric

**Material:**  Masonry  Metal (pre-fabricated)  Metal insert

**Flue:**  Metal (pre-fabricated)  Cracks  Rust  Pitting

**Carbon Monoxide:**  Not Detected  Detected  Not Tested, No Fire in the Fireplace

**Where:** *Safety Hazard* Testers: TIF 8800/DCO 1001

**Combustion Air Venting Present:**  Yes  No *Required*  N/A

**Miscellaneous:**  Blower built-in Operates:  Yes  No **Hearth Adequate:**  Yes  No

**Mantle:**  N/A  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Physical Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Recommend having flue cleaned*

**Smoke Detector in the same room as the Fireplace:**  Yes  No  Recommended

**CO Detector in the same room as the Fireplace:**  Yes  No  Recommended

There are no Smoke or carbon monoxide detectors in the room with the fireplace. Recommend Replacement.  
Inspector's Note: Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors should always be installed in accordance with the manufacture's recommendations. As heated air rises, smoke detectors are typically placed high on the wall or ceiling. Carbon monoxide, however, mixes with air and diffuses evenly throughout a room. For this reason, CO detectors are typically installed at knee level – the approximate height of a sleeping person's nose and mouth.



No gas or CO leaks detected.  
Testers TIF 8800/DCO 1001.



**STAIRS**

Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  None

**Risers/Treads:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Risers/Treads uneven*

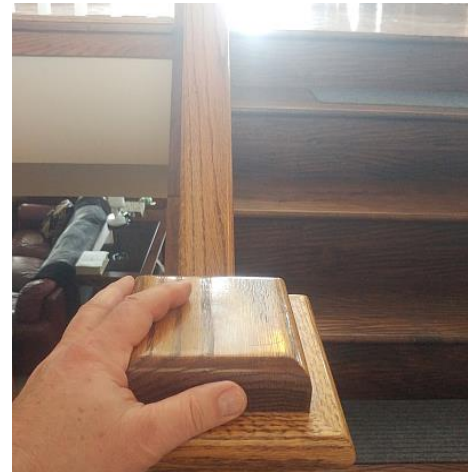
**Stair Guard:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  *Missing, Safety hazard*



The stair guard is the proper height (36 inches minimum). Balusters are properly spaced (4 inches maximum).

Loose stair guards observed.  
Recommend Repair.

**Handrail:**       Satisfactory    Marginal    Poor       *Missing, Safety hazard*



The handrail is the proper height (34 – 38 inches). Balusters are properly spaced (4 inches maximum).

Loose hand rail observed. Recommend Repair.

**Lighting:**    Yes    No   **Operational:**    Yes    No    *Missing, Safety hazard*  
**Light Switches at the Top and Bottom of the Stairs:**    Yes    No   **Required**

**DETECTORS**

**Present:** Smoke Detector:    Yes    No   **Operates:**       Yes       No    Not tested  
 CO Detector:                       Yes    No   **Operates:**       Yes       No    Not tested

Beginning in 2016, The State of Montana requires at least one Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector in all residences with attached garages and/or gas appliances. Montana state law requires that all residential rental properties have at least one carbon monoxide detector regardless of when the structure was built. There is no visible CO detector in this home. Recommend Replacement.

At a minimum, industry experts recommend a CO Detector be installed on each level of the home - ideally on any level with fuel burning appliances and outside of sleeping areas. Additional CO Detectors are recommended 5-20 feet from any fuel burning appliance (furnace, water heater or fireplace).

**ATTIC/STRUCTURE/FRAMING/INSULATION**       N/A

Attics and all related components are inspected visually from an area that does not put either the inspector or the home at risk. The method of inspection is at the sole discretion of the inspector and depends on a number of factors including, but not limited to, accessibility, clearances, insulation levels, stored items, temperature, etc. Inspectors will access the attic if possible, but most attics are unfinished and outside the living space of the home. Many attics are too dangerous to fully enter or are not accessible due to house structure. Hidden attic damage is always possible, and no attic can be fully evaluated during a visual home inspection.

**Access:**       Stairs       Pull-down       Scuttle hole/Hatch       *No access*       Other

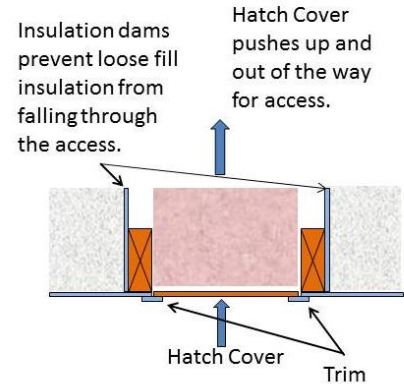


The attic access is where indicated.

**Inspected From:**  Access panel  In the attic  Other  
**Location:**  Hallway  Bedroom closet  Garage  Other  
**Access Limited By:** No Flooring  
**Access Insulated:**  Yes  No  N/A



The hatch cover is properly insulated.  
 Insulation dams are installed around the access.  
 The attic access should be as well insulated as the attic.  
 Insulation dams help hold insulation away from the access.



**Flooring:**  Complete  Partial  None  
**Insulation:** Type:  Batts  Loose Average inches: 14 Approx. R-rating: 35  
 *Damaged*  *Displaced*  *Missing*  *Compressed*  
**Installed In:**  Rafters  Walls  Between ceiling joists  Not visible  
 *Recommend additional insulation*

Inspector's Note: The following are generally accepted R (Resistance) values that apply to different types of insulation used in a home. Insulation values can vary depending on the manufacturer.

Fiberglass Batts	R-3.35	per inch
Fiberglass, blown in	R-2.5	per inch
Cellulose, blown in	R-3.5	per inch
Rock Wool	R-3.0	per inch



Fourteen inches of blown in insulation equates to an R (Resistance) value of 35. R 39 is recommended for attics in this region.

The insulation is displaced/compressed in areas. Recommend Repair.



**Ventilation:**  Ventilation appears adequate  Recommend additional ventilation  
 *Recommend Baffles @ Eaves*  
**Fans Exhausted To:**  N/A Attic:  Yes  No Outside:  Yes  No  Not visible  
**Chimney Chase:**  N/A  Satisfactory  *Needs repair*  Not visible  
**Structural Problems Observed:**  Yes  No  *Recommend repair*  
 *Recommend Structural Engineer Evaluate*

**ROOF STRUCTURE**

Rafters  Trusses  Other

**Material:**  Wood  Metal  Other  Not visible

**Collar Ties Present:**  Yes  No  N/A

**Roof Sheathing:**  Plywood  OSB  1x Wood  Rotted  Stained  Delaminated

**Evidence of Condensation/Moisture Leaking:**  Yes  No



The attic structure is in Satisfactory Condition.



**Indications of Mold / Microbial Growth:**  Yes  No



Black staining observed on the insulation dams. While this does not appear to be mold, the actual presence or absence of mold can only be verified by testing.

**VAPOR RETARDER**

Yes  No  Improperly installed  Recommended

Kraft/foil face  Plastic  Latex Paint  Not visible According to the 2012 version of the Montana Energy Code, the latex paint applied to the ceiling is an approved vapor retarder.

**ELECTRICAL**

**Potential safety hazards present:**  Yes  No  Open junction boxes

Improperly secured electric wires (every 4 1/2 feet, 1 foot from a service box)

Handyman wiring  Visible knob-and-tube, Safety Hazard

**FIREWALL BETWEEN UNITS**

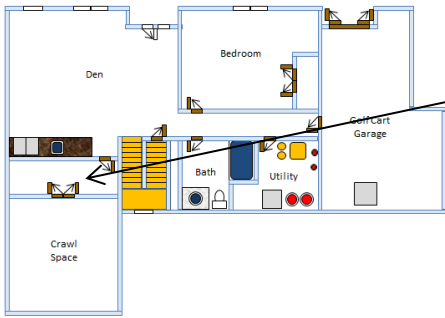
N/A  Yes  No  Needs repair/sealing

Conditions reported above reflect visible portion only

**GENERAL COMMENTS**



The indicator light for the GFCI in the utility room is flashing. This indicates that the GFCI needs to be replaced. Recommend Replacement.



The crawl space access is where indicated. The crawl space is completely filled with personal items. The inspector could not enter the crawl space.



**FOUNDATION WALLS**

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  *Have evaluated*  *Monitor*

**Material:**  Poured  Concrete block  ICF (Insulated Concrete Forms)  Brick  
 Fieldstone  Wood  Piers & columns

**Horizontal Cracks:**  Yes  No  Where

**Step Cracks:**  Yes  No  Where

**Vertical Cracks:**  Yes  No  Where

**Covered Walls:**  Yes  No  Where

**Movement Apparent:**  Yes  No  Where

**Indication Of Moisture:**  Yes  No  Fresh  Old stains

*Condition reported above reflects visible portion only*



The foundation walls are covered by insulation and could not be visually inspected. There are no obvious indications of problems with the foundation walls.

**FLOOR Material:**  Concrete  Dirt/Gravel  Not visible  Other

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  Typical cracks

**FOUNDATION BOLTS**  N/A  None visible  Appear satisfactory  Recommend evaluation

**DRAINAGE**

**Sump Pump:**  Yes  No  Working  Not working  Needs cleaning  *Not tested*

**Floor Drains:**  Yes  No **Tested:**  Yes  No  Efflorescence present



The inspector always recommends drainage of some type. If a sump pump is to be installed a sealed crock unit (illustrated) is recommended.

**JOISTS**    **Material:**  Wood    Steel    Truss    Not visible  
 2x8    2x10    2x12    Engineered I-Type    *Sagging/altered joists*  
**Condition:**  Satisfactory    Marginal    Poor

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

**EVIDENCE OF MOLD/MICROBIAL GROWTH**     Yes    No

**INSULATION**     Yes    No   *Recommended*  
**Type:**  Fiberglass    Foam    Other   **Installed Where:**  On walls    Between floor joists  
**Problems Observed:**  None    Displaced    Sagging    Damaged

**ELECTRICAL**  
**Outlets present:**  Yes    No   **G.F.C.I. Present:**  Yes    No   **Operates:**  Yes    No  
**Potential safety hazards present:**  Yes    No    Open junction boxes    Handyman wiring  
 Improperly secured electric wires (every 4 ½ feet, 1 foot from a service box)  
 *Visible knob-and-tube, Safety Hazard*  
*Conditions reported above reflect visible portion only*

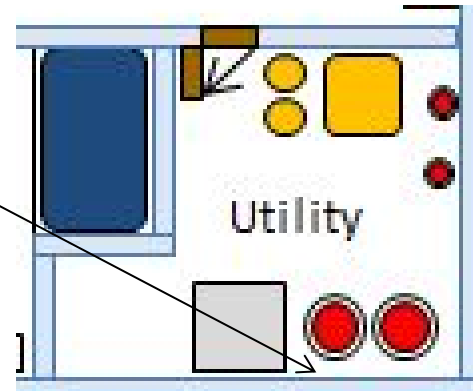
**GENERAL COMMENTS**



WATER SERVICE



Main water shutoff is where indicated.



Water Entry Piping:  Not visible  Copper/Galvanized  Plastic (PVC, CPVC, Polybutylene, PEX)

Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Visible Water Distribution Piping:  Not visible  Copper  Galvanized  Plastic (PVC, CPVC, Polybutylene, PEX)

Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

Lead Other Than Solder Joints:  Yes  No  Unknown

Inspector's Note: The Safe Water Drinking act of 1988 prohibited the use of lead pipes, solder and flux in all drinking water systems.

Functional Flow:  Poor  Satisfactory - between 35 and 60 psi  Over 80 psi

Water Temperature:  120°F  Other



Water pressure is 48psi, which is within acceptable limits.



Water pressure is 9psi, which is within acceptable limits.



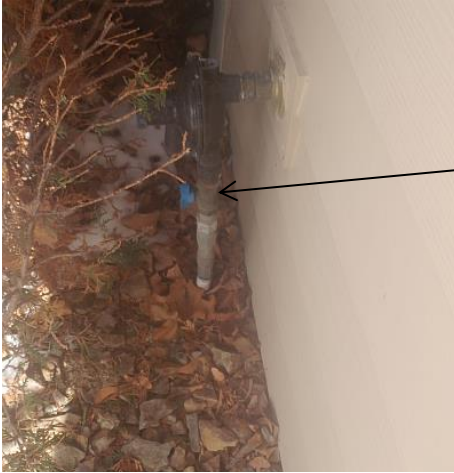
Water temperature is 118.4°F. A water temperature of 120°F is considered optimal for domestic use.

Pipes, Supply/Drain:  Corroded  Leaking  Valves broken/missing  Dissimilar metal  
Drain/Waste/Vent Pipe:  Copper  Cast iron  Galvanized  PVC  ABS

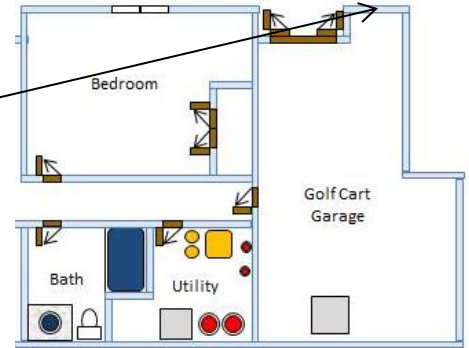


**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor **Cross connection:**  Yes  No  
**Supports:** Type: Adequate  Yes  No  Not Visible  
**Insulation:**  Yes  No  Not Visible  
**Traps Proper P-Type:**  N/A  Yes  No  *P-traps recommended*  
**Functional Drainage:**  Adequate  Poor  *Recommend plumber evaluate*

**FUEL SYSTEM (LP, NATURAL GAS, OIL)**  N/A



Main fuel shutoff is where indicated.



**Interior Fuel Storage System:**  Yes  No **Leaking:**  Yes  No  
**Fuel Line:**  Copper  Brass  Black iron  Stainless steel  Not visible  
 CSST (Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing) Electrically Bonded  Yes  No **Safety Hazard**  
**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**SANITARY GRINDER/PUMP**  N/A

**WATER HEATER 1** **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Brand name:** Bradford White **Model #:** M250S6DS-1NCWW **Serial #:** DC8970137  
**Unit Elevated/Drain Pan:**  Yes  No  N/A



The unit is not elevated. Contact with concrete can cause the housing to rust. Recommend Repair.

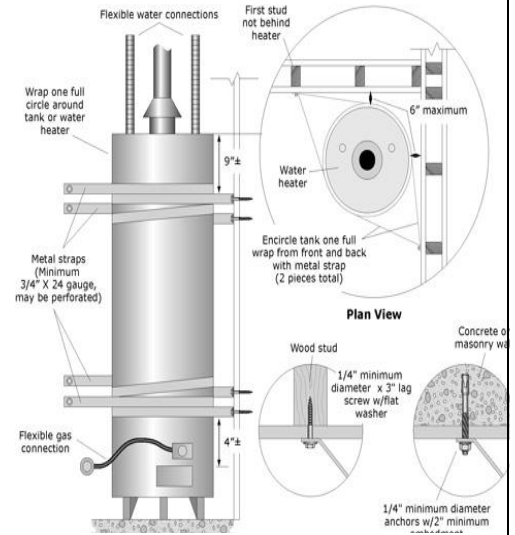
Inspector's Note: There are products specifically designed for this.



**Capacity:** 50 gallons **Approximate age:** Manufactured March 2007  
**Seismic restraints:**  Yes  No  Required



Seismic restraints are installed but they are not proper. Current standards require seismic restraints in this region of Montana. Water heaters shall be anchored or strapped to resist horizontal displacement due to earthquake motion. Strapping shall be at points within the upper one-third (1/3) and lower one third (1/3) of its vertical dimensions. At the lower point, the strapping will be a minimum distance of four (4) inches above the controls.



Relief Valve:  Yes  No Extension proper:  Yes  No  Missing, Safety Hazard  
 Plumbing Hookups: Leaking:  Yes  No Corroded:  Yes  No  Recommend Repair  
 Water Isolation Valve:  Yes  No  Recommend Adding  
 Electrical Connections: Wiring/Amperage Proper:  Yes  No



This water heater was off at the time of the inspection.

**WATER HEATER 2** Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Brand name: Bradford White Model #: M250S6DS-1NCWW Serial #: DC8970135  
 Unit Elevated/Drain Pan:  Yes  No  N/A



The unit is not elevated. Contact with concrete can cause the housing to rust. Recommend Repair.

Inspector's Note: There are products specifically designed for this.

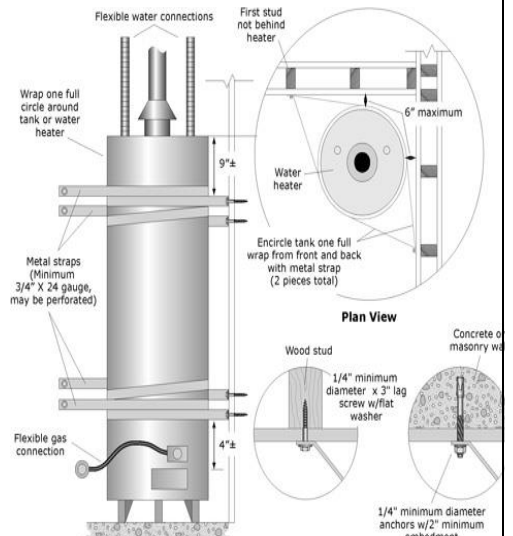


Capacity: 50 gallons Approximate age: Manufactured March 2007

Seismic restraints:  Yes  No  Required



Seismic restraints are installed but they are not proper. Current standards require seismic restraints in this region of Montana. Water heaters shall be anchored or strapped to resist horizontal displacement due to earthquake motion. Strapping shall be at points within the upper one-third (1/3) and lower one third (1/3) of its vertical dimensions. At the lower point, the strapping will be a minimum distance of four (4) inches above the controls.



Relief Valve:  Yes  No Extension proper:  Yes  No  Missing, Safety Hazard  
 Plumbing Hookups: Leaking:  Yes  No Corroded:  Yes  No  Recommend Repair  
 Water Isolation Valve:  Yes  No  Recommend Adding  
 Electrical Connections: Wiring/Amperage Proper:  Yes  No

**WATER SOFTENER** Softener Present:  Yes  No  
 Plumbing Hooked Up:  Yes  No Bypass Loop Installed:  Yes  No  
 Plumbing Leaking:  Yes  No

**GENERAL COMMENTS**



**BOILER SYSTEM**

Location: Utility  Central system  Floor/Wall unit

**Brand Name:** Laing **Model #:** EPR-15 **Serial #:** 4205346

Approximate age: Manufactured January 2007

**Energy Source:**  Gas  LP  Oil  Electric  Solid Fuel

**Relief Valve:**  Yes  No **Extension proper:**  Yes  No  *Missing, Safety Hazard*



There are indications that the TPR valve on this unit may be leaking. Recommend Repair/Replacement.

**Heat Exchanger:**  N/A (sealed)  Visual  Visual with mirror  *Flame distortion*  *Rusted*

**Brand Name:** Laing **Model #:** EPR-15 **Serial #:** 5563732

Approximate age: Manufactured October 2006

**Energy Source:**  Gas  LP  Oil  Electric  Solid Fuel

**Relief Valve:**  Yes  No **Extension proper:**  Yes  No  *Missing, Safety Hazard*

**Heat Exchanger:** "N/A (sealed)" "Visual" "Visual with mirror" "Flame distortion" "Rusted"

**Distribution:**  Hot water  Baseboard  Steam  Radiator

**Circulator:**  Pump  Gravity  Multiple zones

**Controls:**

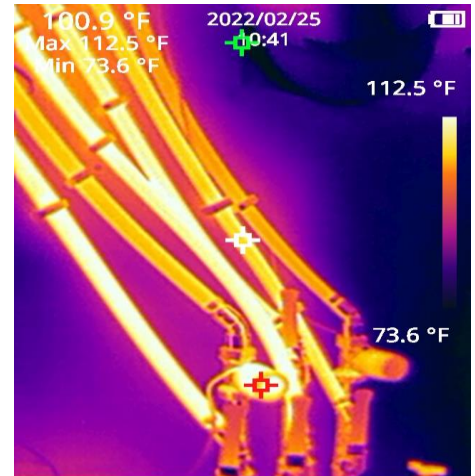
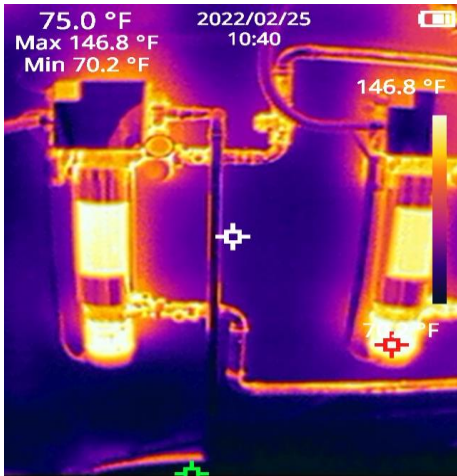
**Disconnect:**  Yes  No  Temperature/pressure gauge:  Yes  No **Operating:**  Yes  No

Normal operating and safety controls observed



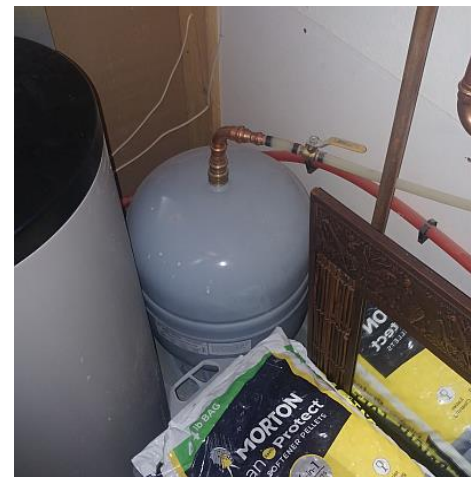
The temperature/pressure gauges are operating.

When Turned On By Thermostat:  Fired  Did not fire  
Proper Operation:  Yes  No  Not tested  
System Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
 Recommend technician examine  Before closing



The system is operating.

This system has everything needed (pumps, zone controller, expansion tank, pressure regulator, air eliminator) for a well-balanced hydronic heating system.



GENERAL COMMENTS



HEAT PUMP

**Blower - Location:** Utility

Brand: Lennox Model #: CBX32MV-048-230-6-03 Serial #: 5807B7678

Approximate age: Manufactured February 2007

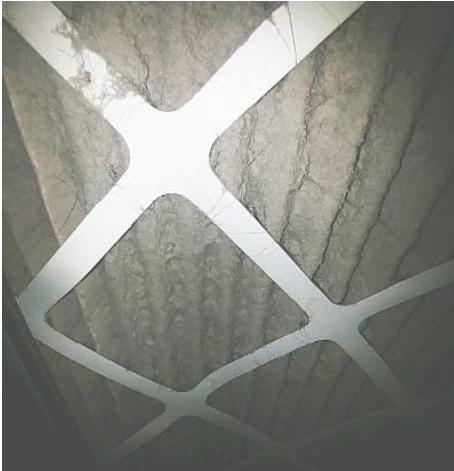
**Energy Source:**  Electric  Gas  Water  Other

**Controls:** Disconnect:  Yes  No  Normal operating and safety controls observed

**Distribution:**  Metal duct  Insulated flexible duct  Duct board

Cold air returns  Yes  No  Asbestos-like wrap  Sub-Slab ducts

**Filter:**  Standard  Electrostatic  Satisfactory  Needs cleaning/replacement  Missing



The filter is very dirty. A clogged filter can cause the unit to operate less efficiently and possibly shorten the life expectancy of the unit. Recommend Replacement.

**Condensing Unit:**

Brand: Lennox Model #: XP15-042-230-02 Serial #: 5807F45128

Approximate age: Manufactured June 2007



This system used R410 refrigerant. This refrigerant is scheduled for elimination from all new systems in January 2023 and is being replaced with R-32. R410A systems are not designed to operate using this refrigerant and would require extensive modification and laboratory validation to confirm that the safety level has been increased to a level that satisfies the requirements of international standards set for systems that use R32. It is not known at this time how long R410 refrigerant will be available. Budgeting for a new system is recommended.

**Energy Source:**  Electric  Gas  Water  Other

**Unit Type:**  Air cooled  Water cooled  Gas chiller  Geothermal  Heat pump

**Outside Disconnect:**  Yes  No

Maximum fuse/breaker rating: 40 Amps  Improperly sized fuses/breakers  Safety Hazard

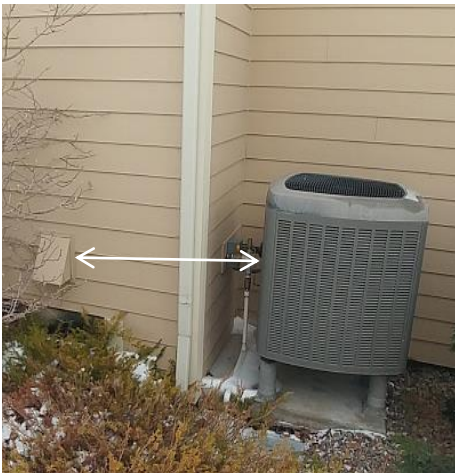
**Level:**  Yes  No  Cabinet/housing rusted  Damaged base/pad



The condensing unit is relatively level on both axis. Keeping the condensing unit level can help extend its service life.



Compressor properly spaced from Home/Obstructions:  N/A  Yes  No **Recommended**  
 Proper spacing between multiple units:  N/A  Yes  No **Recommended**  
**Dryer Vent** – 10 feet from compressor housing:  N/A  Yes  No **Recommended**



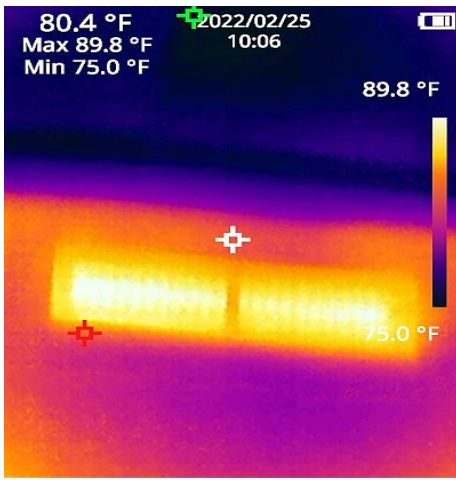
The condensing unit is within 10 feet of the dryer vent. While not a code requirement, this is considered a ‘best practice’ as lint from the dryer can clog the compressor evaporator coils, making the unit less efficient and possibly shortening the life expectancy of the unit. The unit is properly mounted on a slab. Material is eroded from under the slab. Recommend Repair (backfill).



The condensing unit is within 24 inches of vegetation. Debris from vegetation can clog the condensing unit evaporator coils, making the unit less efficient and possibly shortening the life expectancy of the compressor. Recommend Repair.



**Evaporator Coil:**  Needs cleaning  Damaged  
**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor  
**Refrigerant lines:**  Leak  Damage  Insulation missing  Satisfactory  
**Condensate Line/Drain:**  To exterior  To pump  Floor drain  Other  
**Operation:** Heating Mode Emergency Heat Operating:  Yes  No



The Emergency Heat is operating. Emergency Heat, also known as “auxiliary heat”, is the second stage of heat that your heat pump runs on when the outside air temperature is too cold for the heat pump to extract heat from the outside air. Emergency Heat is typically triggered at 35°F. Since this second stage heat source is designed to be just that, secondary, running your heat pump on emergency heat increases your HVAC system’s energy usage and results in increased energy bills.

Emergency heat can also be used if the compressor stops operating. The emergency heat system should keep the home warm until your heat pump can be repaired. The emergency heat setting is meant to temporarily. It’s not meant to run indefinitely.

**Operation: Refrigerant Lines Temperature**

**Suction Line:** Temperature should be close to 40°F

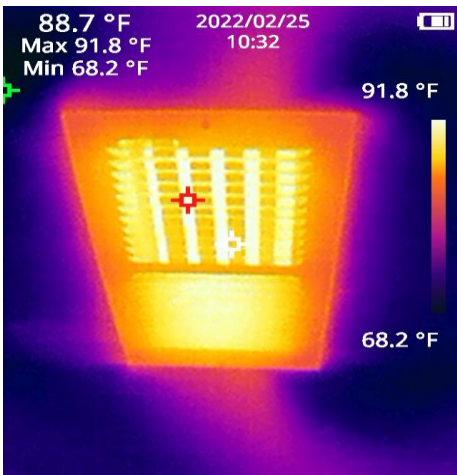
**Liquid Line:** Temperature should be close to 90°F



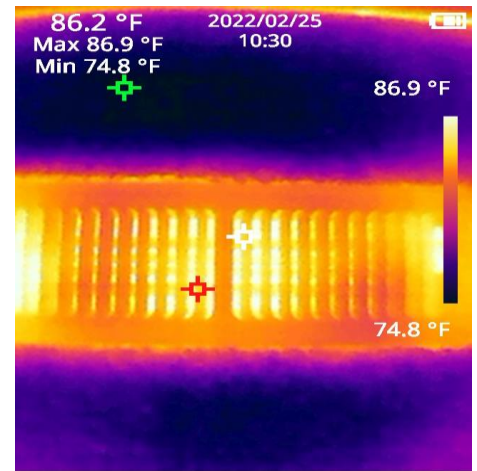
Temperatures are within limits.



**Heating Inside Air Temperature Differential:** Within 10°F  Yes  No  Not tested



Temperature readings taken at opposite ends of the home/on different floors. A temperature differential of 4.9°F was measured. A temperature differential of less than 10°F is indicative of a well-balanced cooling system.

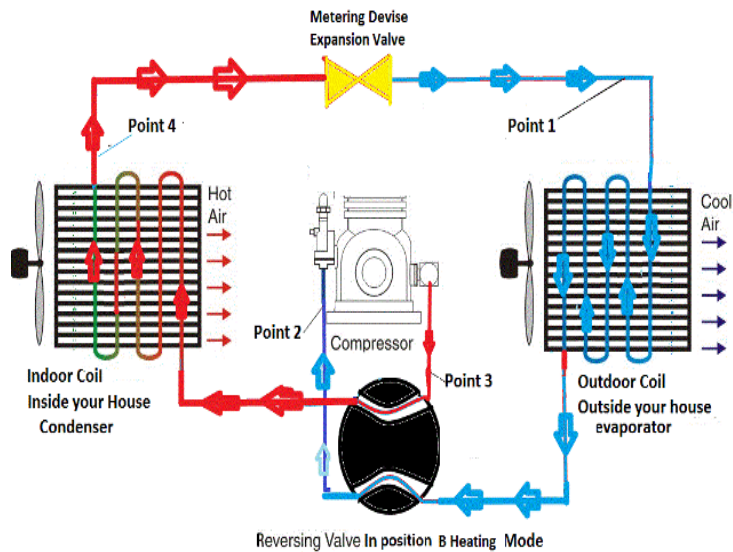
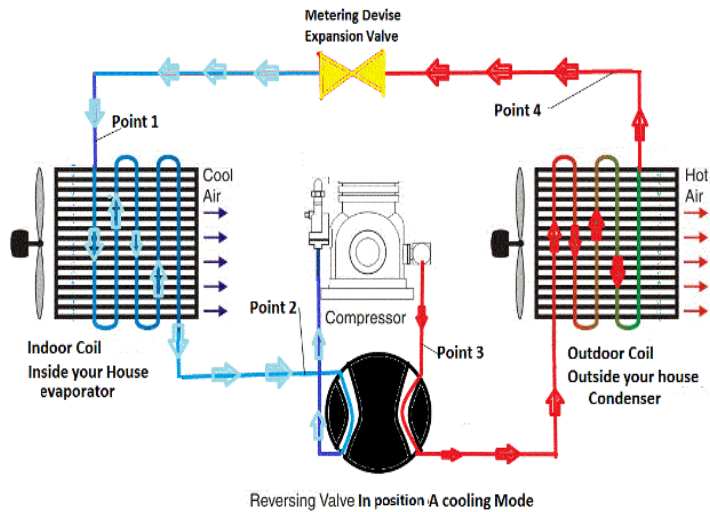


- Condition:**
- Satisfactory
  - Marginal
  - Poor
  - Not operated due to exterior temperature
  - Recommend HVAC technician examine/clean/service

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

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Inspector’s Note – A word about Heat Pumps. Heat pumps are a very effective means of heating and cooling a home. Heat pumps work like a typical air conditioning unit except that they can both heat and cool. In the heating mode, heat pumps have auxiliary heating elements (heating strips) that supplement the heating cycle. The following is a basic explanation of how heat pumps work.

**Point 1** - In Cooling Mode - At the beginning of the cycle the refrigerant (Freon is typical) is in a liquid form (gas contained under pressure becomes liquid). This liquid refrigerant is very cold. It enters the evaporator coil located inside your house. The hot air in your house moves over the coil and the air starts to lose its heat and cool down.

**Point 2** - After the refrigerant leaves the indoor evaporator coil it has absorbed heat and become gas. Just like when you heat water on the stove and it becomes steam the refrigerant gas evaporated when it absorbed all that heat in the house (that’s why we call this coil the evaporator).

The refrigerant enters the compressor which mechanically pressurizes the gas. That process will increase its temperature so the refrigerant will leave the compressor as hot gas.

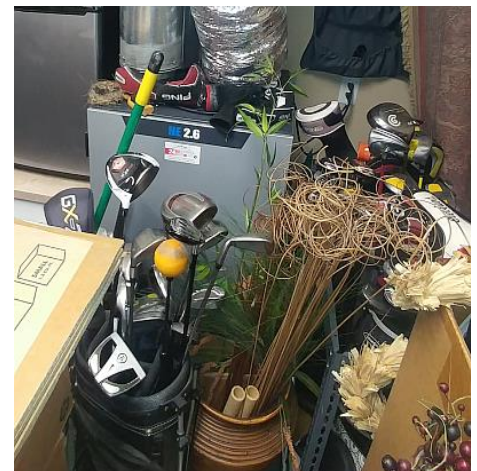
**Point 3** - The refrigerant next moves to the condenser coil located outside the house. Because the temperature outside is lower than the temperature of the hot gas the heat is transferred or “rejected” from the refrigerant in the coil to the outside air. As the temperature of the refrigerant gas cools it will form liquid condensate- just like the water droplets that form on a cold glass of water (that’s why we call this coil the condenser).

**Point 4** - The refrigerant leaves the outdoor condenser coil as warm liquid. Now we need to make the warm liquid refrigerant cold so that it can absorb more heat. So it goes to the metering device which drops the pressure on the warm liquid and thus drops its temperature. The refrigerant leaves the metering device as a cold liquid, ready to repeat the cycle again

In the Heating Mode, the cycle is reversed to produce Heat



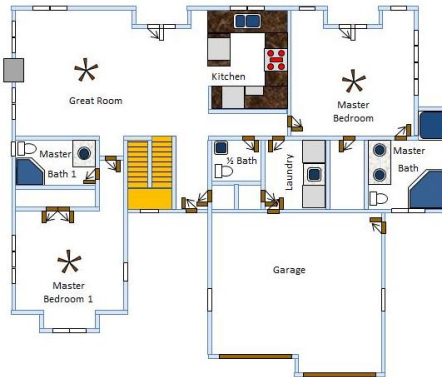
The home is equipped with an air exchange/humidification system. The controls are in the laundry room and the air handler is in the golf cart garage. The system appears to be operating correctly.





**SERVICE DROP**

- Underground
- Overhead Drip loop installed :  Yes  No **Recommend Repair**
- Weather head/mast needs repair**  **Overhead wires too low**
- Less than 3' from balcony/deck/windows**
- Condition:  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor



The underground service entry is in Satisfactory Condition. This is also the location of the main electrical disconnect.

There should be clear access to the service entry. Recommend removing vegetation.

- Exterior outlets:  Yes  No **Operative:**  Yes  No
- GFCI present:  Yes  No **Operative:**  Yes  No
- Reverse polarity  Open ground  Safety Hazard



None of the exterior outlets have a visible GFCI. As the GFCI is likely in the garage, the inspector did not test the outlets (see Garage, page 20).

- MAIN PANEL** Location: Garage **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor
- Adequate Clearance To Panel:**  Yes  No
- Amperage: 200 Volts 120/240  Breakers  Fuses
- Appears Grounded:**  Yes  No  Not visible
- G.F.C.I. present:**  Yes  No **Operative:**  Yes  No
- A.F.C.I. present:**  Yes  No **Operative:**  Yes  No

An Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter (AFCI) is a circuit breaker designed to prevent fires by detecting an unintended electrical arc and disconnecting the power before the arc starts a fire. An AFCI must distinguish between a harmless arc that occurs incidental to normal operation of switches, plugs and brushed motors and an undesirable arc that can occur, for example, in a lamp cord that has a broken conductor in the cord.

When this home was built AFCIs were not required by standards in Montana (required by the National Electric Code since 2002 - this code was not totally adopted by the state of Montana until 2014). It is Highly Recommended that AFCIs be installed where required.

**Pushmatic® Panel** *Recommend Replacement*

**Zinsco® Panel** *Recommend Replacement*

**Federal Pacific / Stab Lok® Panel** *Safety Hazard*

**MAIN WIRE:**  Copper  Aluminum  Copper clad aluminum  Not visible

*Tapping before the main breaker*  *Double tapping of the main wire*

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Poor

**BRANCH WIRE:**  Copper  Aluminum  Copper clad aluminum  Not visible

**Condition:**  Satisfactory  Poor  *Recommend electrician evaluate/repair\**

**Type:**  Romex  BX cable  Conduit  Knob & tube *Safety Hazard*

**Problems:**  *Double tapping*  *Wires undersized/oversized breaker/fuse*

Panel not accessible  Not evaluated **Reason:**

**Breakers the same brand as the panel:**  Yes  No *Safety Hazard*

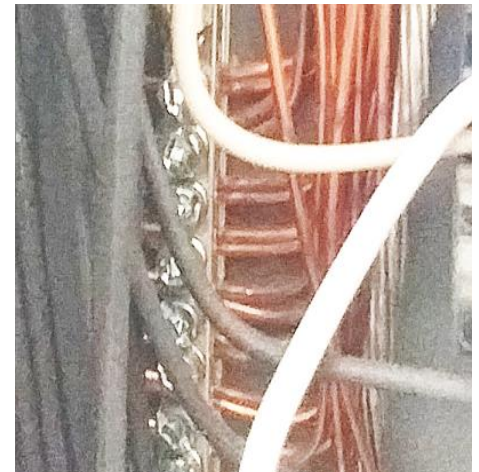
**Brand Name of Panel and Breakers:** Square D

**Breakers Labeled:**  Yes  No Recommended



The main panel is in Satisfactory Condition.

There are numerous double tapped ground wires. Unless otherwise marked these terminals are designed for one wire per lug. Recommend Repair.



**MAIN PANEL** Location: Golf Cart Garage **Condition:**  Satisfactory  Marginal  Poor

**Adequate Clearance To Panel:**  Yes  No

Amperage: 200 Volts 120/240  Breakers  Fuses

**Appears Grounded:**  Yes  No  Not visible

**G.F.C.I. present:**  Yes  No **Operative:**  Yes  No

**A.F.C.I. present:**  Yes  No **Operative:**  Yes  No

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**Condition:**    Satisfactory    Poor    *Recommend electrician evaluate/repair\**

**Type:**    Romex    BX cable    Conduit    Knob & tube *Safety Hazard*

**Problems:**    *Double tapping*    *Wires undersized/oversized breaker/fuse*

Panel not accessible    Not evaluated   **Reason:**

**Breakers the same brand as the panel:**    Yes    No *Safety Hazard*

**Brand Name of Panel and Breakers:** Square D

**Breakers Labeled:**    Yes    No Recommended

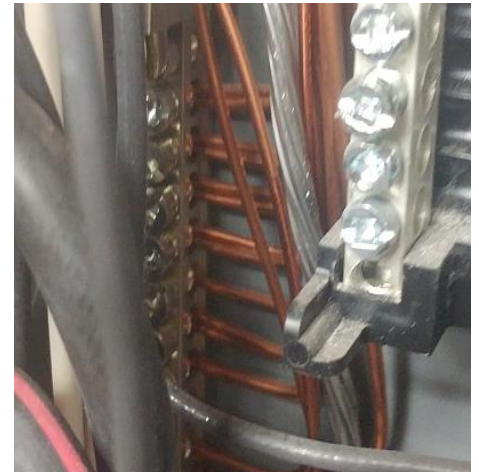


Improper handle tie observed. Handle ties are designed so that both breakers will move as one. Using the proper handle tie is the only way to ensure this. The improper handle tie is a potential Safety Hazard. Recommend Repair. There are products specifically designed for this.



White (neutral) wires used as black (live or line) wires should be color coded black or red with electricians tape.

There are numerous double tapped ground wires. Unless otherwise marked these terminals are designed for one wire per lug. Recommend Repair.



**SUB PANEL**

None apparent

**ELECTRICAL FIXTURES**

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

- Condition:**    Satisfactory    Marginal    Poor
- Open grounds    Reverse polarity    GFCIs not operating
  - Solid conductor aluminum branch wiring circuits*
  - Ungrounded 3-prong outlets

*Recommend electrician evaluate/repair*

**GENERAL COMMENTS**



**ITEMS NOT OPERATING OR NOT INSTALLED**

Interior Page 50 CO detector not installed

**MAJOR CONCERNS**

*Item(s) that have failed or have potential of failing soon*

Baths Bath Page 36 Tripping GFCI

**POTENTIAL SAFETY HAZARDS**

Grounds Page 7 Trip hazard  
Garage Page 23 Fire separation door  
Garage Page 23 Fire separation wall  
Electric Page 68 Handle tie

**DEFERRED COST ITEMS**

*Items that have reached or are reaching their normal life expectancy or show indications that they may require repair or replacement anytime during the next five (5) years.*

Roof Page 12 Roof cover  
Heat Pump Page 62 Refrigerant

**'TO DO' LIST (ITEMS NEEDING MINOR REPAIR)**

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Grounds Page 8 Deck floor  
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Items listed in this report may inadvertently have been left off the Summary Sheet. The customer should read the entire report, including the Remarks.



**The remarks section is provided as a service to the client listing general information about home systems and the life expectancy of some of these systems.**



## GROUND

### 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 mud jacked or replaced to assure proper pitch. Improperly pitched patios are one source of wet basements.

### 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 dry. Where negative grade exists 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 such landscaping items close to the foundation trap moisture and contribute to wet basements. To establish a positive grade, a proper slope away from the house is 1" per foot for approximately 5-6 feet. Recommend ground cover planting or grass up to foundation.

### ROOF AND SURFACE WATER CONTROL

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

### 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 sometime 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.



**VALLEYS AND FLASHING** that is covered with shingles and/or tar or any other material is considered not visible and is not part of the inspection.

**TAR AND GRAVEL ROOFS** are a type of covering on a pitched roof requires ongoing annual maintenance. The Inspector recommends that a roofing contractor evaluate this type of roof. Infra-red photography is best used to determine areas of potential leaks.

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

<b>ROOF TYPE</b>	<b>LIFE EXPECTANCY</b>	<b>SPECIAL REMARKS</b>
<i>Asphalt Shingles</i>	15-20 years	Used on nearly 80% 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 costly as asphalt shingles
<i>Wood Shingles*</i>	10-40 years <sup>1</sup>	Treat 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>	30-75 years	Durable, but brittle and difficult to repair
<i>Metal Roofing</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>	15-25 years (Manufacturers 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.

\* Not 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 coverings should be visually checked in the spring and fall for any visible missing shingles, damaged coverings or other 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 shakes 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.

### **CHIMNEYS**

Chimneys built of masonry will eventually need sealing. 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, cap, cleanout not accessible, etc.

### **CRICKET FLASHING**

Small, sloped structure designed to drain moisture away from a chimney. Usually placed at the back of a chimney.



## GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

This is an extremely important element in basement dampness control. Keep gutters clean and downspout extensions in place (4' or more). Paint the inside of galvanized gutters, which will extend the life. Shortly after a rain or thaw in winter, look for leaks at 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. The moisture will cause rotting to take place and can attract carpenter ants. See page 34 for siding that have known problems, but are not always recognizable. EIFS: This type of siding is synthetic stucco and has experienced serious problems. It requires a certified EIFS inspector to determine condition.

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 the moisture. This holds 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 it is recommended that they be used occasionally. Metal siding can be painted.

## DOORS AND WINDOWS

These can waste an enormous 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 sweating. 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, but after you have lived in the home for a year or two, look for localized paint blistering (peeling). It may be a clue.

New 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.



## OVERHEAD DOOR OPENERS

The Inspector recommends that a separate electrical outlet be provided for garage door openers. Extension cords should not be used.. Openers that do not have a **safety reverse** are considered a safety hazard. Small children and pets are especially vulnerable. The Inspector recommends the operating switches be set high enough so children cannot reach them. If an 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. The appliance should also be protected from vehicle damage.



## PLASTER ON WOOD LATH

Plaster on wood lath is an old technique and is no longer in general use. Wood lath shrinks with time 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 it 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 the decision to refinish the floor. Wax removers and other 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 wood 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 installed, the materials and condition of the floor underneath cannot be determined.

## APPLIANCES

(If report indicated appliances were operated, the following applies) Dishwashers are tested to see if the motor operates 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.

No representation is made to continued life expectancy of any appliance.

## 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

The inspector will make every effort to operate and inspect all windows. Sometimes this is not possible, particularly in homes that are occupied (bookcases, furniture etc. Can block access to windows).

### **EXTERIOR DOORS**

The exposed side of exterior doors needs to be painted or properly stained and varnished to prevent discoloring and delamination. Weather stripping is a must to prevent drafts.

### STALL SHOWER

The metal shower pan in a stall shower has a potential or probable life of 10-20 years depending on 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 water will seep behind the tile and cause deterioration in the wallboard. Special attention should be paid to the area around faucets and other tile penetrations.

### EXHAUST FANS

Bathrooms with a shower should have exhaust fans. 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 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 due to buildup of hair and soap scum. Most sink popups can be easily removed for cleaning. 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 a caustic cleaner.*** 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 HAZARDS

Typical safety hazards found in bathrooms are open grounds or reverse polarity by water. Replacing all outlets with G.F.C.I.'s are recommended.

### WHIRLPOOL TUBS

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



## 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.

## 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 flue liner or 8 inches of masonry surrounding each flue in order to be considered safe and to conform to most building codes.

During visual inspections, it is not uncommon to be unable to detect the absence of a flue 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 clearances for wood burning stoves. Manufacturer specifications, which are not usually available to the inspector, determine the proper installation. We recommend you ask the owner for paperwork, verifying that it was installed by a professional contractor.

## VENTILATION

Ventilation is recommended at the rate of one square foot of vent area to 300 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, frost on 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, approximately 12". If insulation is added, it is important that the ventilation is proper.

## ATTIC 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.

## INSULATED GLASS

Broken seal in thermopane/insulated windows are not always visible or 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 affect the view of the windows at the time of the inspection.

## SMOKE DETECTORS

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





## BASEMENT

Any basement that has cracks or leaks is technically considered to have failed. Most block basements 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, improperly 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 that have been freshly painted or sealed should be monitored for movement. This will be indicated by cracks reopening. If cracks reappear, reinforcement may be necessary. Reinforcing a basement 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 storage makes areas inaccessible. **No representation is made as to the condition of these walls.**

**MONITOR** indicates that 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.

**HAVE EVALUATED** The Inspector recommends that the walls be re-evaluated by a structural engineer or basement repair company and estimates be obtained if work is required.

## VAPOR BARRIER

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

## MOISTURE PRESENT

Basement 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 extensions or leaking gutters and/or low or improper grade (including concrete surfaces) at the perimeter of the house. A proper slope away from the house is one inch per foot for four to six feet.

Expensive solutions to basement 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.**

## PALMER VALVE

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

## DRAIN TILE

The Inspector offers no opinion about the existence or condition of the drain tile, as it cannot be visibly inspected.

### **BASEMENT ELECTRICAL OUTLETS**

The Inspector recommends that you have an outlet 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 outlet in the unfinished part of the basement and crawl spaces.



## CRAWL SPACES

Crawl spaces are shallow spaces between the first level floor joist and the ground. Access to this area 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. The vapor barrier will deter the moisture from the earth from escaping into the crawl space and causing a musty smell. 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 not part 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

The Inspector recommends 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 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.



## WELLS

The well casing, pressure tank, and all visible portions of the well are included in the inspection. While the well pump operation is verified, inspection of the well pump and the below grade well casing is not possible. It is recommended that you have well water checked for purity annually by a certified tester. It is recommended the flow of the well be checked during a period of drought. A well pit should have a locked cover on it to prevent anyone from falling into the pit.

## SEPTIC SYSTEMS

The check of septic systems is not included in our visual inspection. You should have the local health authorities or other 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 pipes 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.

## EXTERNAL FAUCETS

During the winter months it is necessary to make sure the outside faucets are winterized. This can be done by means of a valve located in the basement. Leave the outside faucets open to allow any water standing in the pipes to drain, preventing them from freezing. Hose bibs cannot be tested when winterized.

## WATER HEATER

The life expectancy of a water heater is 8-12 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

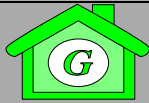
Most shut-off valves have not been operated for long periods of time. We recommend operating each shut-off valve to: toilet bowl, water heater, under sinks, main shut-off, hose faucets, and all others. We recommend you have a plumber do this, as some of the valves may need to be repacked or replaced. 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.

## 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.



**REMARKS**

**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 significant.

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 thing

**Caution: do not add water to a hot boiler!**

Forced air systems should have filters changed every six months (or on a shorter period if recommended by the manufacturer). 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 maintaining 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 found that suggests a heating contractor should do a further analysis. The Inspector suggests doing this before closing.

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

Testing pilot safety switch requires blowing out the pilot light. Checking safety limit controls requires disconnecting blower motor or using other 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.

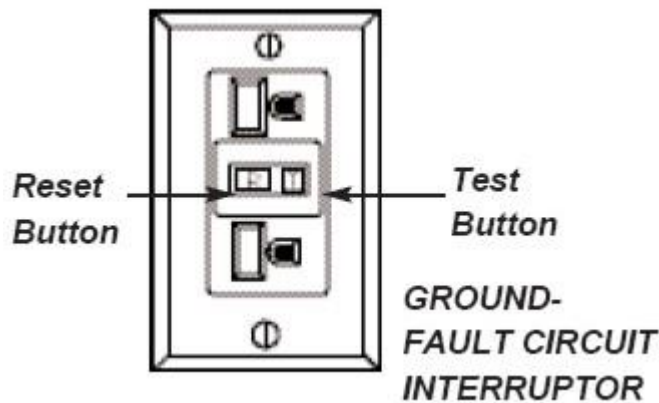
**CO Test** This is not part of a non-technical inspection. If a test was performed, the type of tester is indicated on the Heating System page.

**Combustible Gas Detector** If a gas detector was used during the inspection of the furnace and evidence of possible combustible gases was noted, the Inspector cautions you that our test instrument is sensitive to many gases and not a foolproof test. None-the-less, this presents the possibility that a hazard exists and could indicate that the heat exchanger is, or will soon be, defective.



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 (G.F.C.I.) be connected to all outlets 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. G.F.C.I.'s are recommended by all outlets located near water, outside outlets, or garage outlets. Pool outlets should also be protected with a G.F.C.I.

See diagram below:



If you do have G.F.C.I.'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 cover is in good

condition. Under no circumstances should this wire be recovered with insulation. The Inspector considers knob and tube wiring a safety hazard because of its age and the fact that it is not grounded.

Recess light fixtures should have a baffle around them so that they are not covered with insulation. The newer recessed fixtures will shut off if they overheat. (no representation is made as to proper recess lighting fixtures).

**Federal Pacific Stab-Lok® Electrical panels are unsafe. See [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) (Federal Pacific)**

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

## ARC FAULTS

Arc Faults are required in new homes, starting in 2002 and these control outlets in the bedrooms. While GFCIs prevent shocks, Arc Faults detect arcing that could start a fire.

## REVERSE POLARITY

A common problem that surfaces in many homes is reverse polarity. This is a potentially hazardous situation in which the hot and neutral wires of a circuit are reversed at the outlet, thereby allowing the appliance to incorrectly be connected. This is an inexpensive item to correct.

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 wiring for housing is typically 240 volts. The minimum capacity for newer homes is 100 amps though many older homes still have 60 amp services. Larger homes or all electric homes will likely have a 200 amp service.

Main service wiring may be protected by one or more circuit breakers or fuses. While most areas allow up to six main turnoffs, expanding from these panels is generally not allowed.





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 for any period of time 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 65° 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 COMPRESSORS

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

### **AN INSPECTION VERSUS A WARRANTY**

A home inspection is just what the name indicates, 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, no 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 it 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 still only an opinion.

A warranty is a policy sold to the buyer 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 items 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.

## 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 \$500 dollars. **DO NOT RELY ON THESE PRICES... GET FURTHER ESTIMATES.**

ITEM	UNIT	ESTIMATED PRICE
Masonry fireplace	Each	4,000 - 8,000
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	1,800 - 3,500
Replace central A/C /heat pump	Per ton	1,000 - 1,500
Install humidifier	Each	300 - 500
Install electrostatic air cleaner	Each	800 - 1,500
Increase electrical service to 200 amps	Each	1,000 - 1,500
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 - 180
Install new disposal	Each	150 - 250
Install new dishwasher	Each	500 - 1,000
Install new hot water boiler	Each	2,000 - 4,000
Install new 30-50 gallon water heater	Each	350 - 650
Install new 75 gallon water heater	Each	750 - 1,000
Dig and install new well	Each	get estimate
Install new septic system	Each	get estimate
Re-grade around exterior	Each	get estimate
Install new sump pump	Each	150 - 300
Build new redwood or pressure-treated deck	Square foot	15 - 30
Install storm windows	Each	60 - 150
Install wood replacement windows	Each	400 - 800
Install aluminum or vinyl replacement window	Each	150 - 400
Install new gutters and downspouts	Lineal foot	4.00 - 8.00
Install asphalt shingle o/existing	Square foot	1.20 - 1.70
Tear off existing roof and install new asphalt shingle roof	Square foot	2.50 - 4.00
Install 1-ply membrane rubberized roof	Square foot	get estimate
Install new 4-ply built-up tar & gravel	Square foot	get estimate
Remove asbestos from pipes in basement	Lineal foot	get estimate
Concrete drive or patio	Square foot	4.50 - 9.00
Plus removal of old	Square foot	1.50 - 3.00
Clean chimney flue	Each	100 - 200
Add flue liner for gas fuel	Each	900 - 1,200
Add flue liner 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 addresses most of these items from a “condition” standpoint.

***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.***

## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TIPS

- I. **FOUNDATION & MASONRY:** *Basements, Exterior Walls:* To prevent seepage and condensation problems.
  - a. Check basement for dampness & 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:** To prevent roof leaks, condensation, seepage 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, as sources of leakage. Check vents, louvers and chimneys for birds' nests, squirrels, insects.
  - d. Check fascias and soffits for paint flaking, leakage & 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 shrubs.
  - b. Check exterior masonry walls for cracks, looseness, 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. Re-caulk and weather strip as needed. Check glazing, putty around windows.
  
- V. **ELECTRICAL:** For safe electrical performance, mark & label each circuit.
  - a. Trip circuit breakers every six months and ground fault circuit interrupters (G.F.C.I.) monthly.
  - b. Check condition of lamp cords, extension cords & plugs. Replace at first sign of wear & damage.
  - c. Check exposed wiring & cable for wear or damage.
  - d. If you experience slight tingling shock from handling or touching any appliance, disconnect the appliance & have it repaired. If lights flicker or dim, or if appliances go on and off unnecessarily, call a licensed electrician.
  
- VI. **PLUMBING:** For preventive maintenance.
  - a. Drain exterior water lines, hose bibs, sprinklers, pool equipment in the fall.
  - b. Draw off sediment in water heaters monthly or per manufacturer's instructions.
  - c. Have septic tank cleaned every 2 years.
  
- VII. **HEATING & COOLING:** For comfort, efficiency, energy conservation and safety.
  - a. Change or clean furnace filters, air condition filters, electronic filters as needed.
  - b. Clean and service humidifier. Check periodically and annually.
  - c. Have oil burning equipment serviced annually.
  
- VIII. **INTERIOR:** General house maintenance.

- a. Check bathroom tile joints, tub grouting & caulking. Be sure all tile joints in bathrooms are kept well sealed with tile grout to prevent damage to walls, floors & 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 electrical disconnect or breaker.
- Main emergency shutoff switch for the heating system.