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1: INSPECTION DETAIL

Information

General Inspection Info: Occupancy
Occupied

General Inspection Info: Weather Conditions
Sunny

General Inspection Info: Type of Building
Single Family

General Inspection Info: In Attendance
Client

I prefer to have my client with me during my inspection so that we can discuss concerns, and I can answer all questions.

2: ROOF

Information

Roof Covering: Homeowner's Responsibility

Your job as the homeowner is to monitor the roof covering because any roof can leak. To monitor a roof that is inaccessible or that cannot be walked on safely, use binoculars. Look for deteriorating or loosening of flashing, signs of damage to the roof covering and debris that can clog valleys and gutters.

Roofs are designed to be water-resistant. Roofs are not designed to be waterproof. Eventually, the roof system will leak. No one can predict when, where or how a roof will leak.

Every roof should be inspected every year as part of a homeowner's routine home maintenance plan. Catch problems before they become major defects.

Roof Covering: Type of Roof-Covering Described

Asphalt

I observed the roof-covering material and attempted to identify its type.

This inspection is not a guarantee that a roof leak in the future will not happen. Roofs leak. Even a roof that appears to be in good, functional condition will leak under certain circumstances. We will not take responsibility for a roof leak that happens in the future. This is not a warranty or guarantee of the roof system.

Roof Covering: Roof Was Inspected

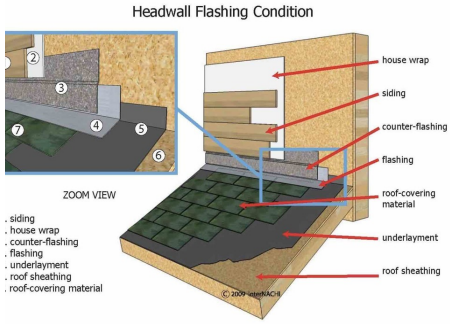
Roof

We attempted to inspect the roof from various locations and methods, including from the ground and a ladder.

The inspection was not an exhaustive inspection of every installation detail of the roof system according to the manufacturer's specifications or construction codes. It is virtually impossible to detect a leak except as it is occurring or by specific water tests, which are beyond the scope of our inspection. We recommend that you ask the sellers to disclose information about the roof, and that you include comprehensive roof coverage in your home insurance policy.

Flashing: Wall Intersections

I looked for flashing where the roof covering meets a wall or siding material. There should be step and counter flashing installed in these locations. This is not an exhaustive inspection of all flashing areas.



Flashing Details

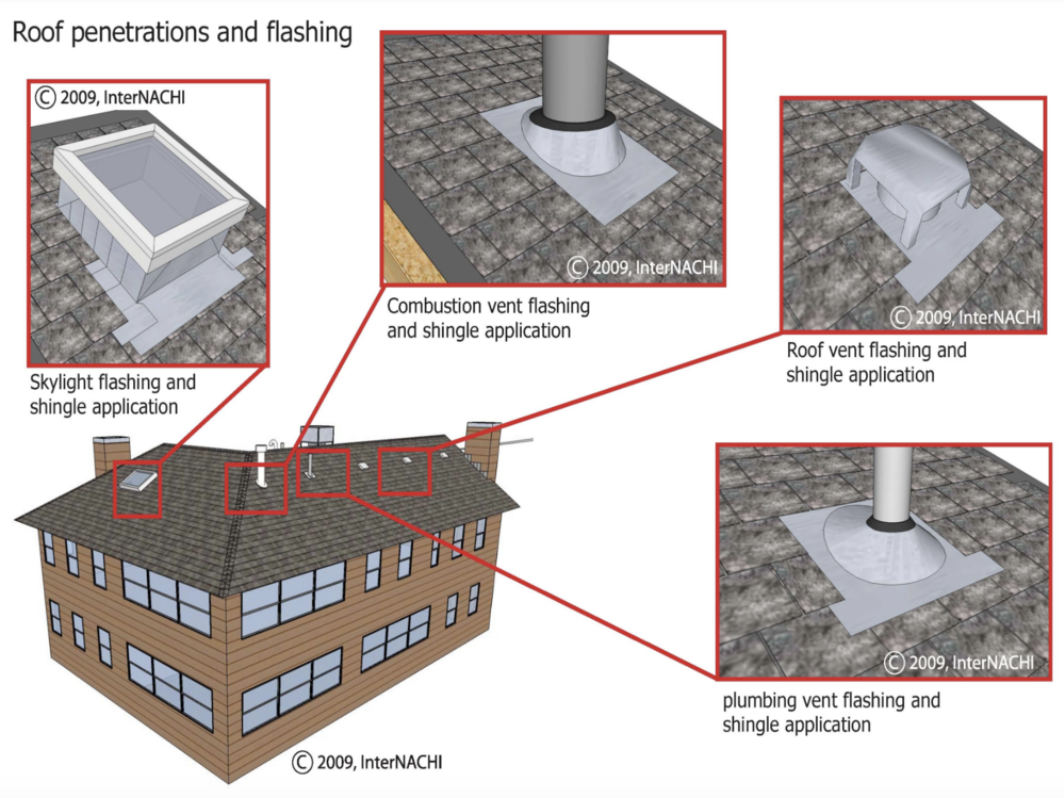
Flashing: Eaves and Gables

I looked for flashing installed at the eaves (near the gutter edge) and at the gables (the diagonal edge of the roof). There should be metal drip flashing material installed in these locations. The flashing helps the surface water on the roof to discharge into the gutter. Flashing also helps to prevent water intrusion under the roof-covering.

Plumbing Vent Pipes: Homeowner's Responsibility

Your job is to monitor the flashing around the plumbing vent pipes that pass through the roof surface. Sometimes they deteriorate and cause a roof leak.

Be sure that the plumbing vent pipes do not get covered, either by debris, a toy, or snow.



Plumbing Vent Pipes: Plumbing Vent Pipes Inspected

I looked at DWV (drain, waste and vent) pipes that pass through the roof covering. There should be watertight flashing (often black rubber material) installed around the vent pipes. These plumbing vent pipes should extend far enough above the roof surface.

Gutters & Downspouts: Homeowner's Responsibility

Your job is to monitor the gutters and be sure that they function during and after a rainstorm. Look for loose parts, sagging gutter ends, and water leaks. The rain water should be diverted far away from the house foundation.

Recommendations

2.1.1 Roof Covering

Minor Defect

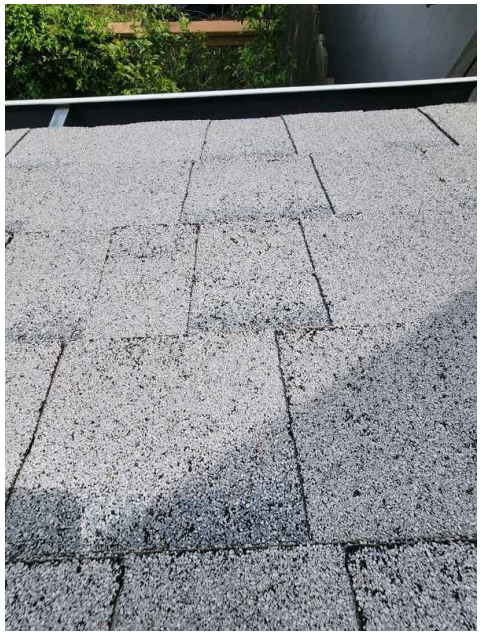
GRANULAR LOSE

Roof shows signs of granular lose, this is a indicator of an older roof and maybe time to replace. Have evaluated and or replaced.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified roofing professional.





2.1.2 Roof Covering

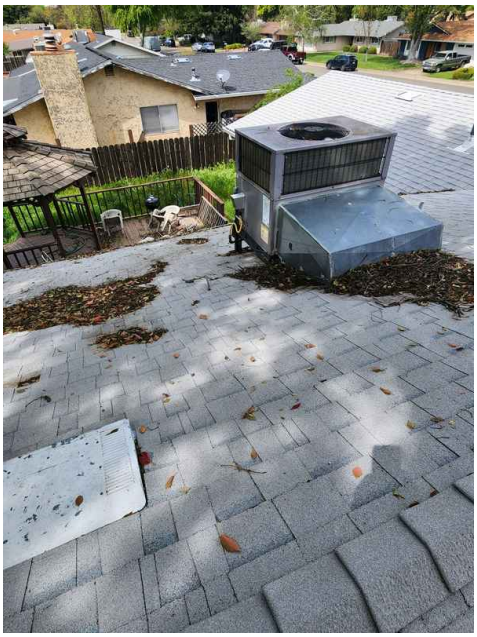
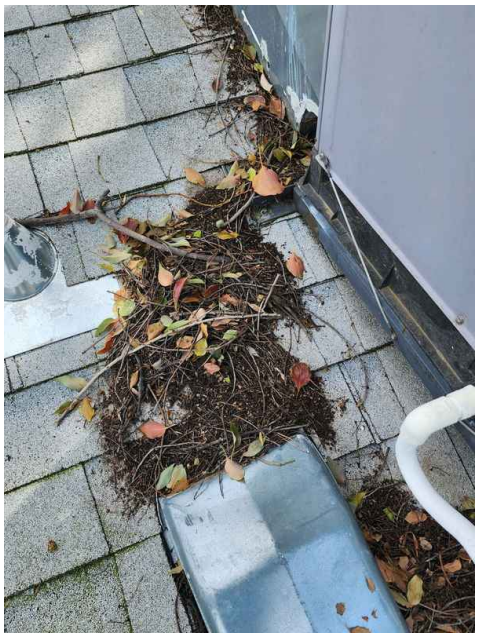
Minor Defect

DEBRIS

Debris on roof top covering recommended cleaning.

Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project

2.2.1 Flashing

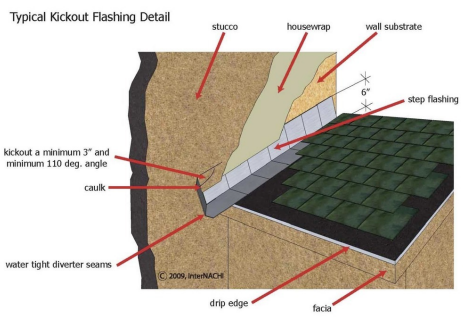
Minor Defect

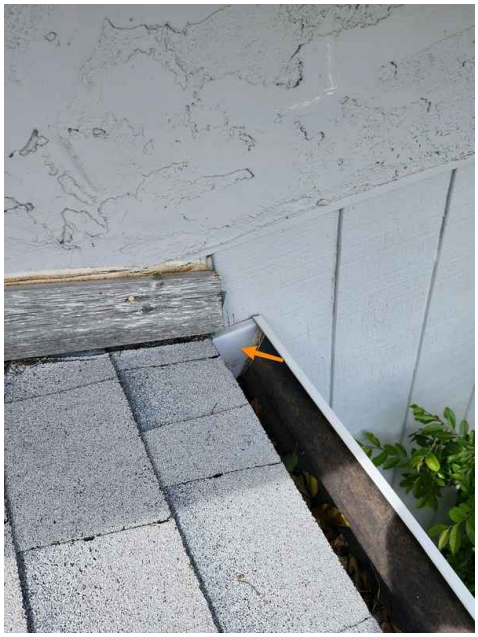
MISSING KICKOUT FLASHING

I observed a defect at the flashing area called a "kickout." It's missing. Not installed. A kickout flashing "kicks" the roof water away from the house structure and diverts it into a gutter. This missing flashing could lead to hidden moisture intrusion and water damage issues that I would not be able to observe during a visual-only home inspection. A roofing professional is needed to further evaluate and make necessary corrections.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified roofing professional.





2.4.1 Gutters & Downspouts

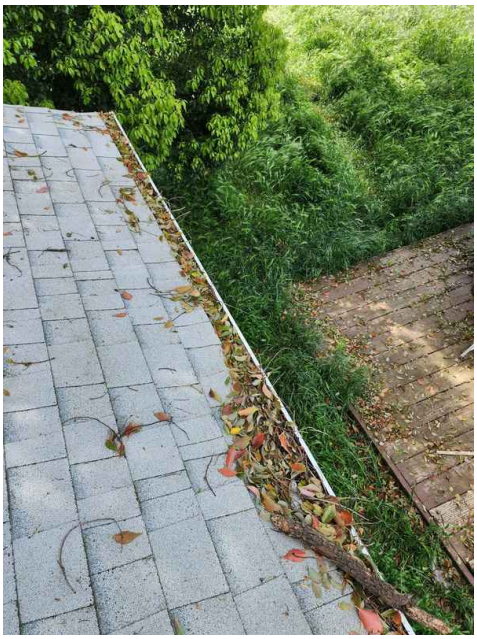
Minor Defect

DEBRIS IN GUTTERS

I observed debris in the gutter. Cleaning and maintenance is recommended.

Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project



2.4.2 Gutters & Downspouts

Minor Defect

DOWNSPOUTS DRAIN NEAR HOUSE

One or more downspouts drain too close to the home's foundation. This can result in excessive moisture in the soil at the foundation, which can lead to foundation/structural movement. Recommend a qualified contractor adjust downspout extensions to drain at least 6 feet from the foundation. A handy homeowner should be able to do this project.

Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project

3: EXTERIOR

Information

General: Exterior Was Inspected

I inspected the exterior of the house.

Exterior Doors: Exterior Doors Inspected

I inspected the exterior doors.

General: Homeowner's Responsibility

The exterior of your home is slowly deteriorating and aging. The sun, wind, rain and temperatures are constantly affecting it. Your job is to monitor the buildings exterior for its condition and weathertightness.

Check the condition of all exterior materials and look for developing patterns of damage or deterioration.

During a heavy rainstorm (without lightning), grab an umbrella and go outside. Walk around your house and look around at the roof and property. A rainstorm is the perfect time to see how the roof, downspouts and grading are performing. Observe the drainage patterns of your entire property, as well as the property of your neighbor. The ground around your house should slope away from all sides. Downspouts, surface gutters and drains should be directing water away from the foundation.

Eaves, Soffits & Fascia: Eaves, Soffits and Fascia Were Inspected

I inspected the eaves, soffits and fascia. I was not able to inspect every detail, since a home inspection is limited in its scope.

Wall-Covering, Flashing & Trim: Type of Wall-Covering Material Described

Stucco, Engineered Wood

The exterior of your home is slowly deteriorating and aging. The sun, wind, rain and temperatures are constantly affecting it. Your job is to monitor the house's exterior for its condition and weathertightness.

Check the condition of all exterior wall-covering materials and look for developing patterns of damage or deterioration.

Vegetation, Surface Drainage, Retaining Walls & Grading: Vegetation, Drainage, Walls & Grading Were Inspected

I inspected the vegetation, surface drainage, retaining walls and grading of the property, where they may adversely affect the structure due to moisture intrusion.

GFCIs & Electrical: Inspected GFCIs

I inspected ground-fault circuit interrupter receptacles and circuit breakers observed and deemed to be GFCIs using a GFCI tester, where possible.

Walkways & Driveways: Walkways & Driveways Were Inspected

I inspected the walkways and driveways that were adjacent to the house. The walkways, driveways, and parking areas that were far away from the house foundation were not inspected.

Porches, Patios, Decks, Balconies & Carports: Porches, Patios, Decks, Balconies & Carports Were Inspected

I inspected the porches, patios, decks, balconies and carports at the house that were within the scope of the home inspection.

Windows: Windows Inspected

A representative number of windows from the ground surface was inspected.

Recommendations

3.2.1 Eaves, Soffits & Fascia

Major Defect

DAMAGE OBSERVED AT SOFFIT

I observed indications that one or more areas of the soffit were damaged.

Correction and further evaluation is recommended.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified roofing professional.

3.2.2 Eaves, Soffits & Fascia

Major Defect

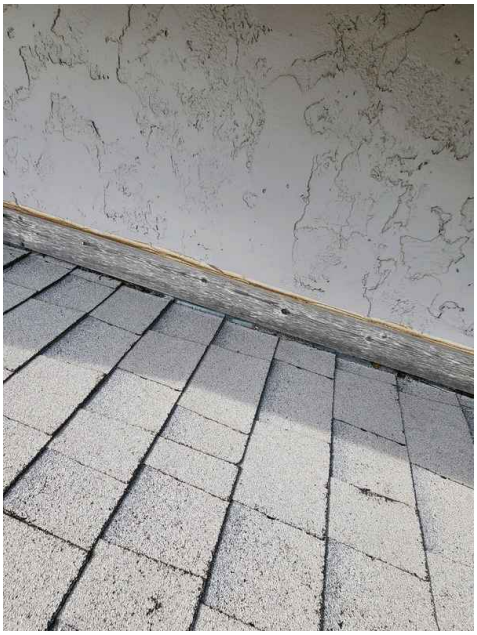
PAINT SURFACE IN POOR CONDITION

I observed indications of paint or staining in poor condition. Flaking, cracking, and worn areas.

Correction and further evaluation is recommended.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified painting contractor.




3.3.1 Wall-Covering, Flashing & Trim

Major Defect

TRIM WOOD ROT

I observed areas of the window trim that had wood rot, have evaluated and corrected.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified siding specialist.

3.3.2 Wall-Covering, Flashing & Trim

Major Defect

WOOD ROT

Couple areas on the siding had what appeared to be wood rot. Have evaluated and corrected.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified siding specialist.


3.4.1 Vegetation, Surface Drainage, Retaining Walls & Grading

Major Defect

DENSE VEGETATION

I observed dense vegetation around the house in areas. This condition limited and restricted my visual inspection. Dense vegetation and landscaping up against or near the house foundation and exterior walls may be prone to water penetration and insect infestation.

Trimming, pruning and some landscaping is recommended.

Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project


3.8.1 Porches, Patios, Decks, Balconies & Carports

Major Defect

DECK - INADEQUATE STRUCTURAL COMPONENT

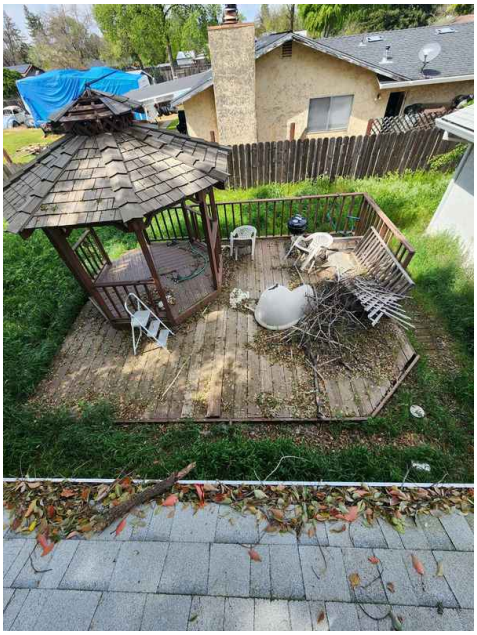
I observed a structural defect at the deck. The deck's structural condition is inadequate. This is a major defect.

Correction and further evaluation of the deck is recommended.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified deck contractor.



3.13.1 Gate

Minor Defect

GATE IS NOT OPERABLE

Gate and access to backyard did not operate recommend replacing.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified fencing contractor

4: HEATING

Information

Heating System Information: Brand
Bryant

Heating System Information: Energy Source
Gas

Heating System Information: Heating Method
Roof Top Unit

Thermostat and Normal Operating Controls: Thermostat Location
Hallway

Heating System Information: Homeowner's Responsibility

Most HVAC (heating, ventilating and air-conditioning) systems in houses are relatively simple in design and operation. They consist of four components: controls, fuel supply, heating or cooling unit, and distribution system. The adequacy of heating and cooling is often quite subjective and depends upon occupant perceptions that are affected by the distribution of air, the location of return-air vents, air velocity, the sound of the system in operation, and similar characteristics.

It's your job to get the HVAC system inspected and serviced every year. And if you're system as an air filter, be sure to keep that filter cleaned.

Heating System Information: Year Manufactured

2007

Depending on the type of heating system present, each system types have an average expected life expectancy. However, many factors can have an impact upon the actual life of each individual heating system. This reference is only an estimate for the purpose of a general home inspection.

Gas furnace heating systems have an average estimated expected life expectancy of 18 to 20 years.

Electric heat pump heating/cooling systems have an average estimated expected life expectancy of 10 to 15 years.

Additional information about your system can be found at: https://www.building-center.org/

5: COOLING

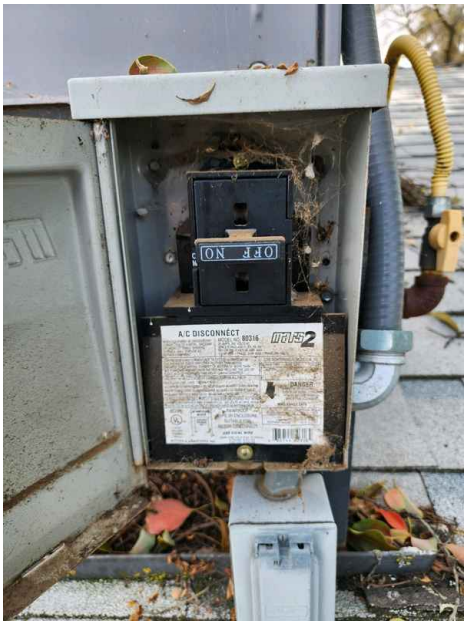
Information

Cooling System Information: Brand

Bryant

Cooling System Information: Service Disconnect Inspected

I observed a service disconnect within sight of the cooling system.



Thermostat and Normal Operating Controls: Thermostat Location

Hallway

Cooling System Information: Homeowner's Responsibility

Most air-conditioning systems in houses are relatively simple in design and operation. The adequacy of the cooling is often quite subjective and depends upon occupant perceptions that are affected by the distribution of air, the location of return-air vents, air velocity, the sound of the system in operation, and similar characteristics.

It's your job to get the air conditioning system inspected and serviced every year. And if you're system as an air filter, be sure to keep that filter cleaned.

Cooling System Information: Year Manufactured

2007 Refer to Heating Reference to Age

HVAC systems are designed to control the environment in how it works. It achieves this by controlling the temperature of a room through heating and cooling. It also controls the humidity level in that environment by controlling the movement and distribution of air inside the room.

Depending on the type of cooling system present, each system types have an average life expectancy. However, many factors can have an impact upon the actual life obtained from individual cooling systems. This reference is only an approximate estimate, for the purpose of a general home inspection.

All electric cooling/heat pump systems have an average estimated life expectancy of 10 to 15 years.

Additional information about this system can be found at: https://www.building-center.org

Condensate: Condensate Discharge Confirmed

I observed a discharge pipe apparently connected to the condensate pump installed at the cooling system.

Condensate: **Condensate Pump**

I observed a condensate pump installed at the cooling system. This component collects condensate water that is created when the cooling system is operating. The condensate pump should collect and discharge the water properly.

Recommendations

5.3.1 Condensate

DEFECT AT CONDENSATE

Major Defect

I observed a defect at the air conditioner's condensate drainage. Looks to be a small crack in line or sealant, have evaluated and corrected.

Recommendation

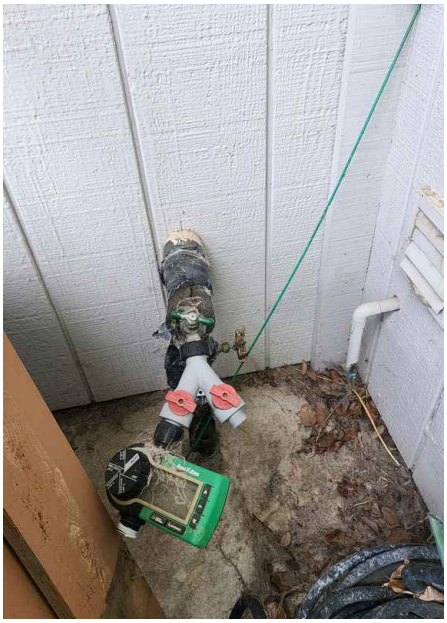
Contact a qualified HVAC professional.

6: PLUMBING

Information

Main Water Shut-Off Valve: Location of Main Shut-Off Valve

Outside of House



Hot Water Source: Brand

Noritz

Hot Water Source: Capacity in Gallons

Tankless

Hot Water Source: Inspected TPR Valve

I inspected the temperature and pressure relief valve.

Hot Water Source: Inspected Venting Connections

I inspected the venting connections.

Main Water Shut-Off Valve: Homeowner's Responsibility

It's your job to know where the main water and fuel shutoff valves are located. And be sure to keep an eye out for any water and plumbing leaks.

Water Supply : Water Supply Is Public

The water supply to the house appeared to be from the public water supply source based upon the observed indications at the time of the inspection. To confirm and be certain, I recommend asking the homeowner for details.

Main Fuel Supply Shut-Off Valve: Location of Main Shut-Off Valve

Side of House

Hot Water Source: Type of Hot Water Source

Tankless water heater

I inspected for the main source of the distributed hot water to the plumbing fixtures (sinks, tubs, showers). I recommend asking the homeowner for details about the hot water equipment and past performance.

Hot Water Source: Manufacture Date

2018

Most sources state the average lifespan for electric water heaters is 10 to 15 years, and gas water heaters is 8 to 12 years. InterNACHI's Standard Estimate Life Expectancy Chart for Homes . Several factors affect the actual lifespan. More information is available through this link... Estimating the Lifespan of a Water Heater

Hot Water Source: Inspected Hot Water Source

I inspected the hot water source and equipment according to the Home Inspection Standards of Practice.

Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems: Inspected Drain, Waste, Vent Pipes

I attempted to inspect the drain, waste, and vent pipes. Not all of the pipes and components were accessible and observed. Inspection restriction. Ask the homeowner about water and sewer leaks or blockages in the past.

Water Supply & Distribution Systems: Inspected Water Supply & Distribution Pipes

I attempted to inspect the water supply and distribution pipes (plumbing pipes). Not all of the pipes and components were accessible and observed. Inspection restriction. Ask the homeowner about water supply, problems with water supply, and water leaks in the past.

Limitations

Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems

NOT ALL PIPES WERE INSPECTED

The inspection was restricted because not all of the pipes were exposed, readily accessible, and observed. For example, most of the drainage pipes were hidden within the walls.

Water Supply & Distribution Systems

NOT ALL PIPES WERE INSPECTED

The inspection was restricted because not all of the water supply pipes were exposed, readily accessible, and observed. For example, most of the water distribution pipes, valves and connections were hidden within the walls.

7: ELECTRICAL

Information

Electric Meter & Base: Inspected the Electric Meter & Base

I inspected the electrical electric meter and base.

Service-Entrance Conductors: Inspected Service-Entrance Conductors

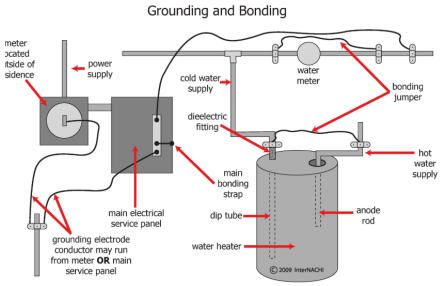
I inspected the electrical service-entrance conductors.

Main Service Disconnect: Inspected Main Service Disconnect

I inspected the electrical main service disconnect.

Service Grounding & Bonding: Inspected the Service Grounding & Bonding

I inspected the electrical service grounding and bonding.



B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures: Type of Wiring

Romex, Copper

Main Service Disconnect: Homeowner's Responsibility

It's your job to know where the main electrical panel is located, including the main service disconnect that turns everything off.

Be sure to test your GFCIs, AFCIs, and smoke detectors regularly. You can replace light bulbs, but more than that, you ought to hire an electrician. Electrical work is hazardous and mistakes can be fatal. Hire a professional whenever there's an electrical problem in your house.

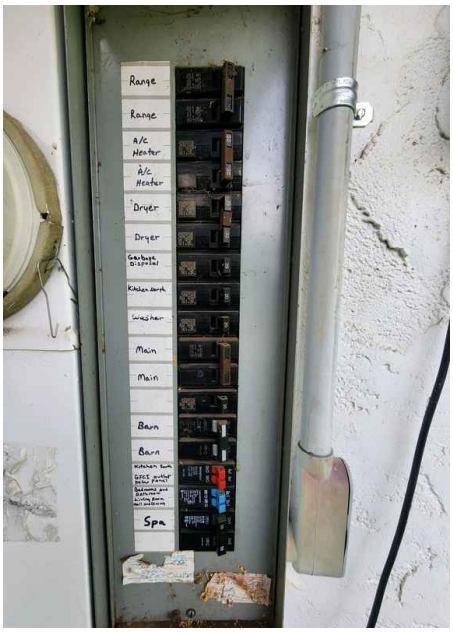
Main Service Disconnect: **Main Disconnect Rating, If Labeled**

100

I observed indications of the main service disconnect's amperage rating. It was labeled.

Panelboards & Breakers: **Inspected Main Panelboard & Breakers**

I inspected the electrical panelboards and over-current protection devices (circuit breakers and fuses).



Panelboards & Breakers: Inspected Subpanel & Breakers

I inspected the electrical subpanel and over-current protection devices (circuit breakers and fuses).

B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures: Informational Note

The following deficiencies (if any) with the **branch circuits, connected devices, and fixtures** were observed on the day of the inspection of this structure and are noted below.

GFCIs: Inspected GFCIs

I inspected ground-fault circuit interrupter receptacles and circuit breakers observed and deemed to be GFCIs using a GFCI tester, where possible.

Recommendations

7.7.1 B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures

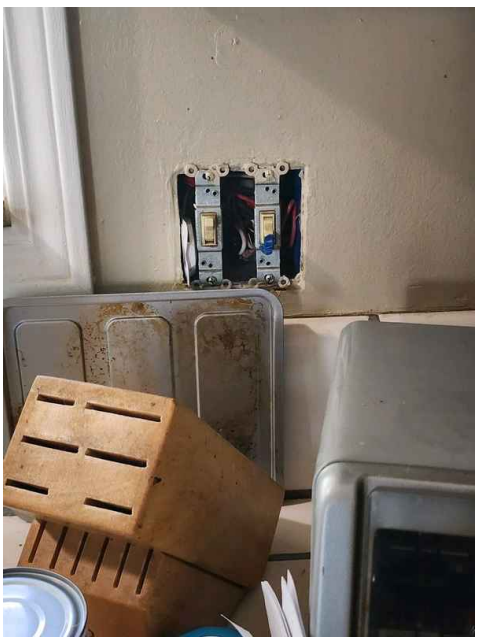
Major Defect

COVER PLATES MISSING

One or more receptacles/light switches are missing a cover plate. This is a potential short and shock risk. Recommend installation of plates.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified electrical contractor.



7.7.2 B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures

Minor Defect

BULBS MISSING OR BURNED OUT

There are bulbs missing or burned out in one or more fixtures around the home.

Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project

8: ATTIC, INSULATION & VENTILATION

Information

Insulation in Attic: Type of Insulation Observed

Blown in fiberglass

Structural Components & Observations in Attic: Structural Components Were Inspected

Structural components were inspected from the attic space according to the Home Inspection Standards of Practice.

Insulation in Attic: Insulation Was Inspected

During the home inspection, I inspected for insulation in unfinished spaces, including attics, crawlspaces and foundation areas. I inspected for ventilation of unfinished spaces, including attics, crawlspaces and foundation areas. And I inspected mechanical exhaust systems in the kitchen, bathrooms and laundry area.

I attempted to describe the type of insulation observed and the approximate average depth of insulation observed at the unfinished attic floor area or roof structure.

I reported as in need of correction the general absence of insulation or ventilation in unfinished spaces.

Insulation in Attic: Approximate Average Depth of Insulation

Attic

9-12 inches

Determining how much insulation should be installed in a house depends upon where a home is located. The amount of insulation that should be installed at a particular area of a house is dependent upon which climate zone the house is located and the local building codes. R-33 is recommended in our area.

Ventilation in Attic: Ventilation Inspected

During the home inspection, I inspected for ventilation in unfinished spaces, including attics, crawlspaces and foundation areas. And I inspected for mechanical exhaust systems.

I report as in need of correction the general absence of ventilation in unfinished spaces.

Limitations

Structural Components & Observations in Attic

COULD NOT SEE EVERYTHING IN ATTIC

I could not see and inspect everything in the attic space. The access is restricted and my inspection is limited.

9: BATHROOMS

Information

Bathroom Toilets: Toilets
Inspected

I flushed all of the toilets.

Sinks, Tubs & Showers: Ran Water at Sinks, Tubs & Showers

I ran water at all bathroom sinks, bathtubs, and showers. I inspected for deficiencies in the water supply by viewing the functional flow in two fixtures operated simultaneously.

Bathroom Exhaust Fan / Window: Inspected Bath Exhaust Fans

I inspected the exhaust fans of the bathroom(s). All mechanical exhaust fans should terminate outside. Confirming that the fan exhausts outside is beyond the scope of a home inspection.

GFCI & Electric in Bathroom: GFCI-Protection Tested

I inspected the GFCI-protection at the receptacle near the bathroom sink by pushing the test button at the GFCI device or using a GFCI testing instrument.

All receptacles in the bathroom must be GFCI protected.

10: DOORS, WINDOWS & INTERIOR

Information

Doors: Doors Inspected

I inspected a representative number of doors according to the Home Inspection Standards of Practice by opening and closing them. I did not operate door locks and door stops, which is beyond the scope of a home inspection.

Windows: Windows Inspected

I inspected a representative number of windows according to the Home Inspection Standards of Practice by opening and closing them. I did not operate window locks and operation features, which is beyond the scope of a home inspection.

Switches, Fixtures & Receptacles: Inspected a Switches, Fixtures & Receptacles

I inspected a representative number of switches, lighting fixtures and receptacles.

Presence of Smoke and CO Detectors: Inspected for Presence of Smoke and CO Detectors

I inspected for the presence of smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors.

There should be a smoke detector in every sleeping room, outside of every sleeping room, and one every level of a house.

Recommendations

10.7.1 Presence of Smoke and CO Detectors

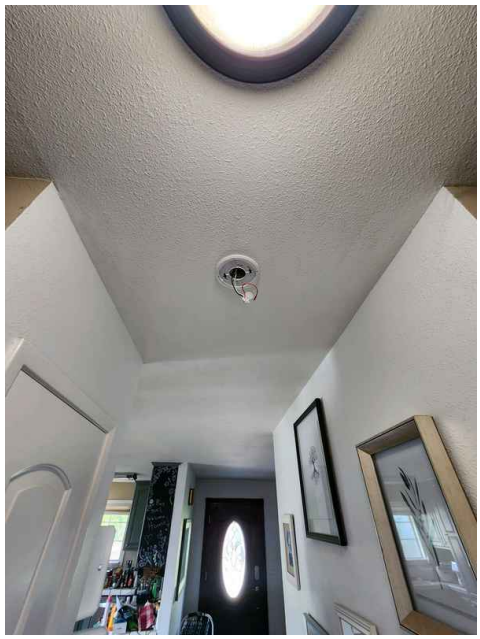
Major Defect

MISSING SMOKE DETECTOR

I observed indications of a missing smoke detector. Hazard.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



11: CHIMNEY, FIREPLACE, OR STOVE

Information

Masonry Chimney: Masonry Chimney Exterior Was Inspected

The chimney exterior was inspected during my home inspection.

Masonry Chimney: Masonry Chimney Flashing Was Inspected

I inspected for flashing installed at the chimney.

Flashing is installed in areas where the chimney stack meets another system or component of the house. And the flashing is supposed to divert water away from those areas to prevent water intrusion.

Masonry Chimney: Masonry Chimney Hood or Cap Installed

A hood or cap was installed at the masonry chimney. Good.

Masonry chimneys without hoods should have stone or reinforced concrete caps at the top. Some masonry chimneys have hoods over the flues. Hoods on masonry chimneys consist of stone or reinforced concrete caps supported on short masonry columns at the perimeter of chimney tops, or sheet metal caps supported on short sheet metal columns.

Limitations

Masonry Chimney

CHIMNEY INTERIOR IS BEYOND THE SCOPE

Inspecting the chimney interior and flue is beyond the scope of a home inspection. An inspector is not required to inspect the flue or vent system, and is not required to inspect the interior of chimneys or flues, fire doors or screens, seals or gaskets, or mantels. Out of courtesy only, the inspector may take a look at readily accessible and visible parts of the chimney flue.

Factory-Built Chimney

CHIMNEY INTERIOR IS BEYOND THE SCOPE

Inspecting the chimney interior and flue is beyond the scope of a home inspection. An inspector is not required to inspect the flue or vent system, and is not required to inspect the interior of chimneys or flues, fire doors or screens, seals or gaskets, or mantels. Out of courtesy only, the inspector may take a look at readily accessible and visible parts of the chimney flue.

Recommendations

11.1.1 Masonry Chimney

Minor Defect

ADDING A CRICKET

When roof gets replaced I recommend adding a cricket to divert water and debri from building up behind chimney stack.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.

12: KITCHEN

Information

Kitchen Sink: **Ran Water at Kitchen Sink**

I ran water at the kitchen sink.

Garbage Disposal: **Turned On Garbage Disposal**

I turned on the garbage disposal.

Range/Oven/Cooktop: **Turned On Stove & Oven**

Kitchen

I turned on the kitchen's stove and oven.

GFCI: **GFCI Tested**

Kitchen

I observed ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection in the kitchen.

Dishwasher: **Inspected Dishwasher**

I inspected the dishwasher by turning it on and letting it run a short cycle.

Exhaust Fan: **Inspected Exhaust Fan**

I inspected the exhaust fan in the kitchen. All mechanical exhaust fans should terminate outside. Confirming that the fan exhausts outside is beyond the scope of a home inspection.

13: LAUNDRY

Information

Laundry Room, Electric, and Tub: **Inspected**

Door(s), floors, walls and electrical components were visually tested & inspected.

Limitations

Clothes Washer

DID NOT INSPECT

LAUNDRY

I did not inspect the clothes washer and dryer fully. These appliances are beyond the scope of a home inspection. I did not operate the appliances. The clothes dryer exhaust pipe must be inspected and cleaned every year to help prevent house fires.

Clothes Dryer

DID NOT INSPECT

LAUNDRY

I did not inspect the clothes washer and dryer fully. These appliances are beyond the scope of a home inspection. I did not operate the appliances. The clothes dryer exhaust pipe must be inspected and cleaned every year to help prevent house fires.

14: BASEMENT, FOUNDATION, CRAWLSPACE & STRUCTURE

Information

Foundation: Slab

15: ATTACHED GARAGE

Information

Garage Floor: Garage Floor Inspected

I inspected the floor of the attached garage.

Garage Vehicle Door: Type of Door Operation

Opener

Garage Vehicle Door Opener: Garage Door Panels Were Inspected

I inspected the garage door panels.

Garage Vehicle Door Opener: Wall Control Button Label Was Inspected

I observed a warning label near the wall control button. Good.

Garage Vehicle Door Opener: Photo-Electric Eyes Were Inspected

I inspected the photo-electric eyes.

Federal law states that residential garage door openers manufactured after 1992 must be equipped with photo-electric eyes or some other safety-reverse feature that meets UL 325 standards.

I checked to see if photo-electric eyes are installed. The vertical distance between the photo-eye beam and the floor should be no more than 6 inches.

Ceiling, Walls & Firewalls in Garage: Garage Ceiling & Walls Were Inspected

I inspected the ceiling and walls of the garage according to the Home Inspection Standards of Practice.

Ceiling, Walls & Firewalls in Garage: Door Between Garage and House Was Inspected

I inspected the door between the attached garage and the house.

The door should be a solid wood door at least 1-3/8 inches thick, a solid or honeycomb-core steel door at least 1-3/8 inches thick, or a 20-minute fire-rated door.

The door should be equipped with a self-closing or an automatic-closing device.

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

Inspection Detail
Please refer to the Home Inspection Standards of Practice while reading this inspection report. I performed the home inspection according to the standards and my clients wishes and expectations. Please refer to the inspection contract or agreement between the inspector and the inspector's client.

Roof
Please refer to the Home Inspection Standards of Practice related to inspecting the roof of the house.

Monitor the roof covering because any roof can leak. To monitor a roof that is inaccessible or that cannot be walked on safely, use binoculars. Look for deteriorating or loosening of flashing, signs of damage to the roof covering and debris that can clog valleys and gutters.

Roofs are designed to be water-resistant. Roofs are not designed to be waterproof. Eventually, the roof system will leak. No one can predict when, where or how a roof will leak.

I. The inspector shall inspect from ground level or the eaves:

1. the roof-covering materials;
2. the gutters;
3. the downspouts;
4. the vents, flashing, skylights, chimney, and other roof penetrations; and
5. the general structure of the roof from the readily accessible panels, doors or stairs.

II. The inspector shall describe:

1. the type of roof-covering materials.

III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction:

1. observed indications of active roof leaks.

Exterior
Please refer to the Home Inspection Standards of Practice related to inspecting the exterior of the house.

I. The inspector shall inspect:

1. the exterior wall-covering materials;
2. the eaves, soffits and fascia;
3. a representative number of windows;
4. all exterior doors;
5. flashing and trim;
6. adjacent walkways and driveways;
7. stairs, steps, stoops, stairways and ramps;
8. porches, patios, decks, balconies and carports;
9. railings, guards and handrails; and
10. vegetation, surface drainage, retaining walls and grading of the property, where they may adversely affect the structure due to moisture intrusion.

II. The inspector shall describe:

1. the type of exterior wall-covering materials.

III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction:

1. any improper spacing between intermediate balusters, spindles and rails.

Heating
I. The inspector shall inspect:

1. the heating system, using normal operating controls.

II. The inspector shall describe:

1. the location of the thermostat for the heating system;
2. the energy source; and
3. the heating method.

III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction:

1. any heating system that did not operate; and
2. if the heating system was deemed inaccessible.

Cooling
I. The inspector shall inspect:

1. the cooling system, using normal operating controls.

II. The inspector shall describe:

1. the location of the thermostat for the cooling system; and
2. the cooling method.

III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction:

1. any cooling system that did not operate; and
2. if the cooling system was deemed inaccessible.

Plumbing
I. The inspector shall inspect:

1. the main water supply shut-off valve;
2. the main fuel supply shut-off valve;
3. the water heating equipment, including the energy source, venting connections, temperature/pressure-relief (TPR) valves, Watts 210 valves, and seismic bracing;
4. interior water supply, including all fixtures and faucets, by running the water;
5. all toilets for proper operation by flushing;
6. all sinks, tubs and showers for functional drainage;
7. the drain, waste and vent system; and
8. drainage sump pumps with accessible floats.

II. The inspector shall describe:

1. whether the water supply is public or private based upon observed evidence;
2. the location of the main water supply shut-off valve;
3. the location of the main fuel supply shut-off valve;
4. the location of any observed fuel-storage system; and
5. the capacity of the water heating equipment, if labeled.

III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction:

1. deficiencies in the water supply by viewing the functional flow in two fixtures operated simultaneously;
2. deficiencies in the installation of hot and cold water faucets;

3. active plumbing water leaks that were observed during the inspection; and
4. toilets that were damaged, had loose connections to the floor, were leaking, or had tank components that did not operate.

Electrical
I. The inspector shall inspect:

1. the service drop;
2. the overhead service conductors and attachment point;
3. the service head, gooseneck and drip loops;
4. the service mast, service conduit and raceway;
5. the electric meter and base;
6. service-entrance conductors;
7. the main service disconnect;
8. panelboards and over-current protection devices (circuit breakers and fuses);
9. service grounding and bonding;
10. a representative number of switches, lighting fixtures and receptacles, including receptacles observed and deemed to be arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI)-protected using the AFCI test button, where possible;
11. all ground-fault circuit interrupter receptacles and circuit breakers observed and deemed to be GFCIs using a GFCI tester, where possible; and
12. for the presence of smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors.

II. The inspector shall describe:

1. the main service disconnect's amperage rating, if labeled; and
2. the type of wiring observed.

III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction:

1. deficiencies in the integrity of the service-entrance conductors insulation, drip loop, and vertical clearances from grade and roofs;
2. any unused circuit-breaker panel opening that was not filled;
3. the presence of solid conductor aluminum branch-circuit wiring, if readily visible;
4. any tested receptacle in which power was not present, polarity was incorrect, the cover was not in place, the GFCI devices were not properly installed or did not operate properly, evidence of arcing or excessive heat, and where the receptacle was not grounded or was not secured to the wall; and
5. the absence of smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors.

Attic, Insulation & Ventilation
The inspector shall inspect:

insulation in unfinished spaces, including attics, crawlspaces and foundation areas;
ventilation of unfinished spaces, including attics, crawlspaces and foundation areas; and
mechanical exhaust systems in the kitchen, bathrooms and laundry area.

The inspector shall describe:

the type of insulation observed; and
the approximate average depth of insulation observed at the unfinished attic floor area or roof structure.

The inspector shall report as in need of correction:

the general absence of insulation or ventilation in unfinished spaces.

Bathrooms
The home inspector will inspect:

interior water supply, including all fixtures and faucets, by running the water;
all toilets for proper operation by flushing; and
all sinks, tubs and showers for functional drainage.

Doors, Windows & Interior
The inspector shall inspect:

a representative number of doors and windows by opening and closing them;
floors, walls and ceilings; stairs, steps, landings, stairways and ramps;
railings, guards and handrails; and
garage vehicle doors and the operation of garage vehicle door openers, using normal operating controls.

The inspector shall describe:

a garage vehicle door as manually-operated or installed with a garage door opener.

The inspector shall report as in need of correction:

improper spacing between intermediate balusters, spindles and rails for steps, stairways, guards and railings;
photo-electric safety sensors that did not operate properly; and
any window that was obviously fogged or displayed other evidence of broken seals.

Chimney, Fireplace, or Stove
I. The inspector shall inspect:

1. readily accessible and visible portions of the fireplaces and chimneys;
2. lintels above the fireplace openings;
3. damper doors by opening and closing them, if readily accessible and manually operable; and
4. cleanout doors and frames.

II. The inspector shall describe:

1. the type of fireplace.

III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction:

1. evidence of joint separation, damage or deterioration of the hearth, hearth extension or chambers;
2. manually operated dampers that did not open and close;
3. the lack of a smoke detector in the same room as the fireplace;
4. the lack of a carbon-monoxide detector in the same room as the fireplace; and
5. cleanouts not made of metal, pre-cast cement, or other non-combustible material.

Kitchen
The kitchen appliances are not included in the scope of a home inspection according to the Standards of Practice.

The inspector will out of courtesy only check:

the stove,
oven,
microwave, and
garbage disposer.

Laundry
The inspector shall inspect:

mechanical exhaust systems in the kitchen, bathrooms and laundry area.

Basement, Foundation, Crawlspace & Structure
I. The inspector shall inspect:

the foundation;
the basement;
the crawlspace; and
structural components.

II. The inspector shall describe:

the type of foundation; and
the location of the access to the under-floor space.

III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction:

observed indications of wood in contact with or near soil;
observed indications of active water penetration;
observed indications of possible foundation movement, such as sheetrock cracks, brick cracks, out-of-square door frames, and unlevel floors; and
any observed cutting, notching and boring of framing members that may, in the inspector's opinion, present a structural or safety concern.

Attached Garage
The inspector shall inspect:

garage vehicle doors and the operation of garage vehicle door openers, using normal operating controls.

The inspector shall describe:

a garage vehicle door as manually-operated or installed with a garage door opener.