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HOME INSPECTION REPORT



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WHAT IS A HOME INSPECTION?

The purpose of a home inspection is to visually examine the readily accessible systems and components of the home. The inspectors are not required to move personal property, materials or any other objects that may impede access or limit visibility. Items that are unsafe or not functioning, in the opinion of the inspector, will be described in accordance with the standards of practice by which inspectors abide.

WHAT DOES THIS REPORT MEAN TO YOU?

This inspection report is not intended as a guarantee, warranty or an insurance policy. Because your home is one of the largest investments you will ever make, use the information provided in this report and discuss the findings with your real estate agent and family to understand the current condition of the home.

OUR INSPECTIONS EXCEED THE HIGHEST INDUSTRY STANDARDS.

Because we use a team of inspectors, each an expert in his or her field, our inspections are performed with greater efficiency and more expertise and therefore exceed the highest industry standards. We are pleased to provide this detailed report as a service to you, our client.

WE BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAM OF HOME OWNERSHIP.

We want to help you get into your dream home. Therefore, we take great pride in assisting you with this decision making process. This is certainly a major achievement in your life. We are happy to be part of this important occasion and we appreciate the opportunity to help you realize your dream.

WE EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

Buying your new home is a major decision. Much hinges on the current condition of the home you have chosen. That is why we have developed the HomeTeam Inspection Report. Backed by HomeTeam's experience with hundreds of thousands of home inspections over the years, the report in your hand has been uniquely designed to meet and exceed the expectations of today's homebuyers. We are proud to deliver this high-quality document for your peace of mind. If you have any questions while reviewing this report, please contact us immediately.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you.



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Dear Carmel Rodgers,

On Friday, May 7, 2021 The HomeTeam Inspection Service made a visual inspection of 4704 Rim Rock Rd, Oceanside, CA 92056. Enclosed please find a written, narrative report of our findings in accordance with the terms of our Inspection Agreement.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call me at (760) 346-8668. Thank you for choosing HomeTeam.

Sincerely,

Jason Kulinski
HomeTeam Inspection Service

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SUMMARY

The following is a summary of our findings. Be sure to read the full body of the inspection report; it contains much more detail about the property. Any additional evaluations we've recommended must be performed prior to the conclusion of the inspection contingency period.

Section 01- Safety Concerns

1. The home lacks GFCI protection for all outlet(s) (Sec 6- Electrical).
2. An open knockout observed in electric service panel (Sec 6- Electrical).
3. TPR valve appears to terminate incorrectly (too high).
4. The water heater flue pipe is not sealed where it enters the chimney, which may lead to noxious fumes entering the structure.
5. Oven and range combination does not have an anti-tilt bracket installed (Sec 8- Kitchen).
6. At least one section of the B-vent (exhaust) is in contact with combustible material.

Section 02- Priority Issues

1. Fascia board showing significant deterioration (splitting, staining, warping or surface degradation) due to prior moisture intrusion (Sec 4- Roof).
2. One circuit breaker(s) in the electric panel had two attached circuits (wires) (Sec 6- Electrical).
3. HVAC unit was inoperable at time of inspection (Sec 5- HVAC).

Section 04- Roof

1. Several downspout(s) did not have proper termination to direct runoff away from foundation of home.
2. Bubbling observed on the rolled roofing.
3. Excessive leaves and/ or other debris observed on roof material.
4. Roof gutter(s) observed with excessive debris.

Section 05- Heating, Cooling, & Ventilation

1. A flexible gas supply connector line transited the interior of the furnace air handler.

Section 06- Electrical

1. Corrosion/ rust was observed on components in the electric panel.
2. Wire sheathing found in panel projecting more than an inch into panel.
3. Multiple outlets were not functional and issue did not appear to be related to another issue called out by the inspector (Sec 6- Electrical).
4. Inspector noted two light(s) where the light(s) did not turn on when switched.

Section 07- Plumbing

1. Due to the age of the structure, HomeTeam recommends that the sewer line be scoped prior to taking possession.
2. Water pressure tested high (in excess of 80 psi) (Sec 7- Plumbing).

Section 09- Interior Surfaces

1. Door guide(s) for closet door(s) observed to be missing.

Section 10- Structure Exterior

1. Vegetation observed in contact with the cladding, roof, or fascia.
2. One patio screen door(s) observed to be damaged.
3. Missing or damaged cladding on the back of the structure's exterior.
4. Exterior door(s) observed with incorrectly functioning door hardware causing issues with latching and locking function.

5. Window locking hardware was in need of repair on one window(s).
6. > Exterior cladding observed with staining from moisture damage.

Section 11- Garage/ Carport

1. Garage door appears to be improperly aligned on hinges.

Section 12- External to Structure

1. Crack(s) observed in concrete garage, driveway, or walkway.
2. Patio slab in at least one area appears to be cracked and showing signs of upheaval at separation.

Section 20- Seller Discussion Items

1. Inspector was unable to get one of the exterior lights to come on during the inspection.
2. Attic show signs of previous moisture intrusion (Sec 3- Structure).
3. > Ceiling displays evidence of prior moisture intrusion. Examination of the attic above showed no telltale signs of moisture intrusion so it is beyond the scope of this inspection to determine cause and whether the issue has been previously resolved. Suggest discussion with seller and, if no repairs have been done, further evaluation by a qualified roofing specialist to determine cause of moisture intrusion and extent of repair required.

Section 21- Client Notes

1. Note: Cross connections observed on at least one hose bib (missing vacuum breaker). Cross connections are a possibility wherever supply plumbing and solid or liquid waste could come together and contaminate potable water with waste to create a serious health issue. Home inspection standards require the inspector to look for and call out any cross connections observed (Sec 7- Plumbing).
2. Note- Several areas of the roof were spongy or soft when walked upon, indicating potential problems with the underlying sheathing or support structure. When the roof is next replaced, expect these areas to require new sheathing and/or support (Sec 4- Roof).
3. Note- The main electrical panel in the structure is manufactured by Federal Pacific -- also known as Federal Pacific Electric (FPE). FPE panels and breakers were very popular from the 1950's until the early 1980's, and some communities have FPE panels in almost every structure. Numerous claims have been made, and articles written questioning the safety and reliability of FPE panels and breakers. Specifically, claims were made that breakers failed to trip when an overload or short condition occurred. The Consumer Product Safety Commission conducted an investigation. The following excerpts were taken from the CPSC's press release dated March 3, 1983: "the data currently available to the Commission does not establish that the circuit breakers pose serious risk of injury to consumers. The Commission staff believes that it currently has insufficient data to accept or refute Reliance's (the owner of FPE) position. Regardless of the investigation results, the debate over the safety of FPE panels and breakers continues. While providing information on product defects is beyond the scope of the inspection, HomeTeam wants to make its clients aware of this particular issue. The insurance industry is aware of the debate over FPE panels, and at least one major insurance carrier is refusing to insure structures with FPE electric panels. HomeTeam recommends consulting with your insurance provider.
4. Note: Sediment trap was not present on the gas line supplying the furnace or water heater. A sediment trap allows impurities to be filtered prior to combustion, prolonging the life of the unit (upgrade recommendation).
5. Note- Water heater does not have drain pan to catch and direct possible leakage. As leakage is typically the first sign that a water heater has reached EOL (end of life), a water heater without a drain pan can cause moisture damage to drywall, trim, and flooring. Suggest that water heater be closely monitored for leakage and, when replaced, that a drain pan be installed with an appropriate drain pipe by a qualified plumbing technician (Sec 7- Plumbing).
6. Note: Structure is equipped with fuel-burning appliances. HomeTeam recommends that at least one carbon monoxide detector be installed by the buyer after close of escrow (upgrade recommendation).

7. Note- It has been determined that this home was built before 1978 and therefore stands the risk of having lead based paint present. Under the EPA ruling 40 CFR Part 745 effective April 22, 2010, any renovation, remodeling or painting in a home built before 1978 with children under 6, day care centers, and learning facilities with children under 6 must be done by "Certified Lead-Based Paint Contractor" and they must follow a set of published procedures. The regulations require that if the renovation or repair work disturbs more than 6 square feet of painted surface per room for interior work or 20 square feet of painted surface of exterior work, the owner and tenants must receive information on lead-based paint hazards prior to beginning the renovation. If you are considering any renovations, now or in the future, we recommend having the home evaluated by a certified, state licensed lead risk assessor or contractor (Sec 9- Interior).
8. Note- The furnace may be past its design life. This is an informational note only to help give an idea of future budgeting considerations. The system was functional at the time of the inspection unless noted otherwise. Please note that since codes change, it is possible the configuration for the flue and/or condensate lines may need to be altered at the time of a future replacement.
9. Note- Dryer vent is vertical in at least one place. This is not necessarily a deficiency, but because of this configuration the homeowner should consider having the dryer vent ductwork cleaned at regular intervals to prevent clogs (Sec 8- Laundry).

NOTE: This summary is presented to assist in the presentation of information and should never be solely relied upon. The report should be read and understood in its entirety, and the inclusion or omission of certain items in the summary does not indicate any relative importance or special significance. It is important for clients to work closely with their real estate professional in developing any repair requests. Please contact HomeTeam for clarification of any items in this report.

PRE- INSPECTION

PREFACE

A home inspection is intended to assist in evaluation of the overall condition of the dwelling. The inspection is based on observation of the visible and apparent condition of the structure and its components on the date of the inspection. We will not render an opinion as to the condition of any systems or components of the structure that are concealed by walls, floors, drywall, paneling, suspended ceiling tiles, insulation, carpeting, furniture or any other items on the property at the time of the inspection.

The results of this home inspection are not intended to make any representation regarding the presence or absence of latent or concealed defects that are not reasonably ascertainable in a competently performed home inspection. No warranty or guaranty is expressed or implied.

You may be advised to seek a specialist's opinion as to any defects or concerns mentioned in the report. At that time, additional defects may be revealed that may not have been identified in the initial home inspection. This is part of the normal due diligence process.

If the age, condition or operation of any system, structure or component of the property is of a concern to you, we recommend that a specialist in the respective field be consulted for a more technically exhaustive evaluation.

This inspection report includes a description of any material defects* noted during the inspection, along with any recommendation that certain experts be retained to determine the extent of the named defects and other related defects and any corrective action that should be taken. Any material defect that poses an unreasonable risk to people on the property will be conspicuously defined as such. Any recommendations made to consult with other specialists for further evaluation as a result of our findings should be complete prior to the conclusion of the inspection contingency period. This may require an extension of the period. The Client warrants they will read the entire inspection report when received and shall promptly contact HomeTeam regarding any questions or concerns the Client may have regarding the inspection or the inspection report.

* Material Defect: A problem with a residential real property or any portion of it that would have a significant adverse impact on the value of the property, or one that involves an unreasonable risk to the people on the property. The fact that a structural element, system or subsystem is near, at or beyond the end of the normal useful life of such a structural element, system or subsystem is not by itself a defect.

The majority of home inspections are performed on pre-existing structures. Building techniques have changed dramatically over the years, and a home inspection is not designed to identify methods that were previously acceptable that may have been superseded by superior methods. We will not determine the cause of any condition or deficiency, or determine future conditions that may occur, including the failure of systems and components or consequential damage.

It is not uncommon to observe cracks or for cracks to occur in concrete slabs or exterior and interior walls. Cracks may be caused by curing of building materials, temperature variations and soil movement such as: settlement, uneven moisture content in the soil, shock waves, vibrations, etc. While cracks may not necessarily affect the structural integrity of a building, cracks should be monitored so that appropriate maintenance can be performed if movement continues at an abnormal rate. Proper foundation maintenance is key to the prevention of initial cracks or cracks enlarging. This includes, but is not limited to proper watering, foundation drainage and removal of vegetation growth near the foundation.

This report is intended for the sole, confidential, and exclusive use and benefit of the Client(s) under a written HomeTeam Inspection Agreement. This report is not intended for the benefit of, and may not be relied upon by, any other party. The disclosure or distribution of this report to the current owner(s) of the property inspected or to any real estate agent will not make those persons intended beneficiaries of this report. The HomeTeam Inspection Service has no liability to any party (other than the HomeTeam client named above, for whom this report was expressly prepared) for any loss, damage or expense (including, without limitation, attorney fees) arising from any claim relating to this report.

A home inspection bears conditions relevant to a specific time stamp and as conditions in a home can change from the time of the inspection to the time of closing, HomeTeam strongly recommends the client perform a thorough walk-through shortly prior to closing, turning on all faucets, flushing toilets, testing garbage disposals, turning on the furnace and air conditioner, and looking for any leakage, signs of water intrusion, stains, or other changes that may have occurred since the time of the inspection.

Any defects noted in the body of the report should be addressed by a professional in that field within the due diligence period. Additional assessments may uncover more extensive damage or needed repairs that a professional would have more significant knowledge of. .

All pictures that may be included are to be considered as examples of the visible deficiencies that may be present. If any item has a picture, it is not to be construed as more or less significant than items with no picture included.

INTRODUCTION

Throughout this report, the terms “right” and “left” are used to describe areas of the structure as viewed from the street. A system or component has a material defect if it is either unsafe or not functioning and cannot be replaced or rendered safe or functional for less than \$1,000. The cosmetic condition of the paint, wall covering, carpeting, window coverings, to include drywall damage, etc., is not addressed. All conditions are reported as they existed at the time of the inspection. Routine maintenance and safety items are not within the scope of this inspection unless they otherwise constitute material, visually observable defects. Although some maintenance and/or safety items may be disclosed, this report does not include all maintenance or safety items and should not be relied upon for such items. When material defects are observed or minor repairs need to be made, we recommend you consult a competent and qualified licensed professional. Cost estimates are advised prior to closing. All contractors should work for you, as their evaluation/ observation may make you aware of findings not listed in this report.

HomeTeam Inspection Service conducts all inspections in accordance with the California Real Estate Inspection Association (CREIA) Standards of Practice.

A home inspection is not a home warranty, and HomeTeam strongly recommends purchasing a home warranty from a reputable company to cover items that will fail in the course of time.

CONDITIONS

The approximate temperature at the time of the inspection was 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit, and the weather was clear. The utilities were on at the time of the inspection. The age of the structure appeared to be 44 years. The structure was vacant and unfurnished at the time of the inspection

SECTION 3- STRUCTURE

(includes Foundation, Crawl Space, Basement, Wall Structure, Stairs, Balconies, Attic)

FOUNDATION (Sec 3)

The foundation was constructed of poured concrete slab on grade. If foundation cracks are detected, a single inspection cannot determine whether movement of a foundation has ceased. Any cracks should be monitored regularly.

The full slab was not visible at the time of the inspection because of carpet or other floor coverings. There were no indications of moisture present. There were no material defects observed on the visible portions of the slab.

Please note that the condition of any utilities within or under a slab-on-grade, such as plumbing or ductwork, are not within the scope of the inspection. Due to the nature and expense of these items, HomeTeam recommends having drain lines scoped by a plumber. This is particularly important in older structures since drain line problems are hidden from view.

WALL STRUCTURE (Sec 3)

The inspected property consisted of a wood-framed single story townhouse structure which appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

Wood separation from soil appeared to be satisfactory.

ATTIC (Sec 3)

The attic was accessed via a scuttle in the hallway and was viewed from access.

The attic above the living space was insulated with fiberglass batted insulation, approximately eight-inches in depth. The insulation appeared to be uniform. No vapor retarder was installed between the attic and the living space. The vapor retarder is not required

Ventilation throughout the attic was provided by vents in the gable and roof. The attic ventilation appeared to be adequate.

The roof structure consisted of two-inch by four-inch wood rafters spaced 24 inches on center and plywood sheathing. The roof structure appeared to have one area of concern (see below).

Evidence of moisture was visible (see below) in the attic space.

As with all aspects of the home inspection, attic and roof inspections are limited in scope to the visible and readily accessible areas. Due to configuration, parts of the attic were not accessible. Many areas of the roof are not visible from the attic especially near the base, where the largest volume of water drains. The presence or active status of roof leaks cannot be determined unless the conditions which allow leaks to occur are present at the time of the inspection, ie, heavy rain combined with high winds. Please be aware that rain alone is not always a condition that causes a leak to reveal itself. The conditions that cause leaks to occur can often involve wind direction, the length of time it rains, etc.

> Attic show signs of previous moisture intrusion. The areas were dry at the time of the inspection. Suggest review of SPDS and/ or discussion with seller to determine if areas of moisture intrusion have been previously repaired. If repairs have not been done, a qualified roofing specialist should evaluate and repair.

Photo 1



SECTION 4- ROOF

(Includes Roofing, Flues, Vents, Skylights, Chimneys, Eaves, Soffits, Fascia, Gutters, Downspouts)

LOW SLOPE ROOF (Sec 4)

A low-slope ("flat") roof was present. It was covered with rolled asphalt material. The roof was observed by walking it. The roofing material appeared to be in fair condition with one or two areas of concern (see below). The seams and joints appeared to be in good condition. Areas with indications of ponding or pooling were not observed.

Please note that low slope roofs have a much higher maintenance need, especially at any seams, and should be regularly inspected and maintained. The nature of a low-slope roof does not allow it to shed water as readily as a higher sloped roof and may lead to leakage over time unless properly and consistently maintained. Active leaks on these types of roofs may only be visible during periods of heavy rain.

> **Bubbling observed on the rolled roofing.** Bubbling occurs when the roofing material loses its adhesion to the structure below. The inspector did not observe any cracking associated with the bubbling. Suggest that issue be monitored by a licensed roofing specialist.

Photo 2



Patio cover

Note- Several areas of the roof were spongy or soft when walked upon, indicating potential problems with the underlying sheathing or support structure. When the roof is next replaced, expect these areas to require new sheathing and/or support.

SHINGLE ROOF (Sec 4)

An asphalt/ fiberglass shingle roof was present on the structure. Observation of the roof surfaces and flashing was performed by walking on the roof. There was one layer of shingles observed on the roof. The roof shingles exhibited no curling and light surface wear. Several areas were tested for lifted or unsecured edges and neither condition was observed. Fastener issues such as exposed fasteners or nail pops were not observed. Evidence of previous repairs were not observed.

These conditions indicate the roof shingles were in the first half of their useful life.

NOTE: Sometimes our opinion of a roof may differ from that of an insurance provider/adjuster or roofer. Some insurance providers/adjusters or roofers are more particular than others. We are there to state the overall condition of the roof; the roof is not considered to be defective unless there are visible leaks and/or material damage or wear that indicates failure is imminent. If we note any moderate to serious curling or surface wear, lifted edges, or evidence of a hail event, we recommend getting a second opinion or approval from your insurance provider regarding the roof. We do not make installation judgments regarding roof covering, appropriate pitch, etc.

> **Excessive leaves and/ or other debris observed on roof.** This debris can trap moisture on roof and cause deterioration of the roofing material. Suggest that this debris be removed by a qualified party and that this issue be monitored in the future.

Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



FLUES, VENTS, CHIMNEYS & SKYLIGHTS (Sec 4)

Observation of all roof penetrations was made from the roof. All roof penetrations were inspected for appropriate flashing, sealing and characteristics necessary to restrict water intrusion and promote functionality. Virtually all structures will have vents extending through the roof and structures with gas appliances will also have flues extending through the roof. The flashing/ sealing around the vent & flue roof penetration points were inspected and all appeared to be adequate.

EAVES, SOFFITS, FASCIA, GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS (Sec 4)

The eaves, soffits, and fascia were inspected and found to be in fair condition with a few areas of concern (see below).

The roof drainage system consisted of gutters and downspouts which appeared to be in need of cleaning and repair (see below) at the time of the inspection. Gutters and downspouts should receive routine maintenance to prevent premature failure and drainage problems that may lead to water intrusion. Observation of fascia behind the gutters is obscured by the gutters. Keeping the gutters clean will help reduce the likelihood of overflows and resulting damage to fascia. Homeowners should be aware that gutters that have been dirty or clogged for an extended time may have led to unobservable damage to fascia or roofing components.

Water flow from downspout extensions or splash blocks should be carried several feet from the foundation towards a down-slope to ensure water drains well away from the foundation. These measures will help ensure excessive water is

not deposited in close proximity to the foundation, which can lead to interior water intrusion, particularly during periods of heavy rain or water-saturated soil. A properly functioning drainage system is one of the most important items for extending the life expectancy of a house and its components.

> Fascia board showing significant deterioration (splitting, staining, warping or surface degradation) due to prior moisture intrusion. Suggest evaluation by a qualified party to determine where moisture is/was being introduced. Once the moisture intrusion has been eliminated, the fascia boards should be repaired or replaced as necessary.

Photo 6



Back

Photo 7



Back

Photo 8



Front

>Several downspout(s) did not have proper termination to direct runoff away from foundation of home. Suggest that downspouts with proper terminations be installed by a qualified party.

Photo 9



Front left

Photo 10



Front right

Photo 11



Rear patio

> Roof gutter(s) observed with excessive debris. Suggest periodic cleaning to insure that runoff is properly directed rather than held.

Photo 12



Photo 13



Photo 14



Photo 15



SECTION 5- HEATING, COOLING, & VENTILATION

(includes Air Conditioners, Heat Pumps, Furnaces, Ductwork, Filters, Thermostats, Fireplaces, and Room Ventilation)

The heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems were inspected by HomeTeam Inspection Service. Annual maintenance of the heating and cooling equipment is essential for safe and efficient performance, which will maximize the system's useful life. The results of our visual and operational inspection of the heating and air conditioning system are described below. Periodic preventive maintenance is recommended to keep this unit in good working condition.

The inspection does not include heat-loss analysis, heating design or adequacy evaluation, energy efficiency assessment, installation compliance check, chimney flue inspection, chimney draft test or buried fuel tank inspection.

The structure is served by one HVAC system(s). Each system is defined below as to the energy source and type.

The inspection does not include a heat-loss analysis, heating design or adequacy evaluation, energy efficiency assessment, installation compliance check, chimney flue inspection, draft test or buried fuel tank inspection.

AIR CONDITIONER & GAS FURNACE (Sec 5)

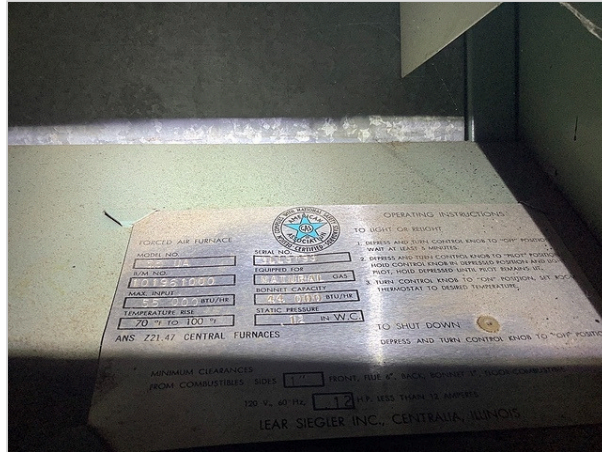
The HVAC system includes a natural gas forced air furnace in one area of the structure and an air conditioning unit in another area of the structure (aka "a split system").

The structure was heated by a Lear Siegler Inc. natural gas forced air furnace with Model Number 55 UA and Serial Number 3113793 which is approximately Unknown year(s) old. The unit was located in the garage of the structure. It has an approximate net heating capacity of 44,000 BTUH. The galvanized steel venting system was adequate to exhaust the spent gases to the exterior of the structure and was in need of repair (see below). The heating system was not tested because the gas service was not on at the time of the inspection.

A gas shutoff valve was provided at the unit.

The unit does not appear to have been recently serviced. It is recommended that the indoor and outdoor units be cleaned and serviced by a qualified HVAC contractor upon taking ownership of the property (see below).

Photo 16



Furnace data tag

> **At least one section of the B-vent (exhaust) is in contact with combustible material.** Generally, B-vents should have at least one inch of clearance from insulation or combustible materials. Suggest repair by a qualified party to ensure adequate clearance from combustibles.

Photo 17



> **HVAC unit was inoperable at time of inspection.** Because of this, the inspector was unable to test the unit in either heating or cooling mode. Suggest repair by a qualified HVAC professional

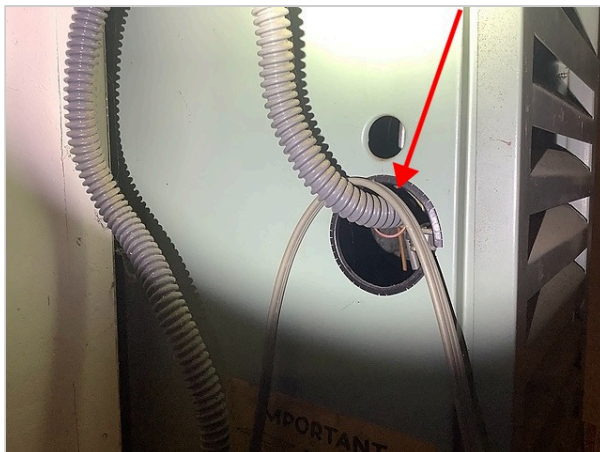
Photo 18



Furnace

A flexible gas supply connector line transited the interior of the furnace cabinet. To improve safety of the unit, the flexible connector should be replaced with rigid gas pipe.

Photo 19



Note- The furnace may be past its design life. This is an informational note only to help give an idea of future budgeting considerations. The system was functional at the time of the inspection unless noted otherwise. Please note that since codes change, it is possible the configuration for the flue and/or condensate lines may need to be altered at the time of a future replacement.

DUCTWORK FOR HEATING & COOLING (Sec 5)

The structure being inspected had a heating & cooling distribution system using ducts that were in fair condition that Undetermined as furnace was off.

There will be normal temperature variations from room to room and level to level, most noticeable between levels. Airflow throughout the house may be balanced by adjusting any dampers in the supply ducts, or by adjusting the supply registers. Inspection of air and duct supply system for adequacy, efficiency, capacity or uniformity of the conditioned air to the various parts of the structure is beyond the scope of the home inspection.

THERMOSTAT(S) (Sec 5)

Control for the heating and cooling systems was provided by a single 24 volt thermostat(s). The type, manufacturer, location, and condition of each thermostat is listed below:

- Thermostat #1 is a dial manufactured by unable to determine. This thermostat is located on the living room wall of the home and was found to be Not tested due to furnace being off.

FILTRATION (Sec 5)

Filtration for the heating and cooling systems was provided by one filter locations (some filter locations use more than one filter). The location, filter quantity, type, condition, and filter size for each filter location is listed below:

- Filter location #1 is at the bottom of the furnace/air handler. There is one Undetermined filter(s) found to be Inaccessible. For disposable filter(s), the size of the replacement filter is 12 x 25 x 1.

The disposable/ washable filter should be replaced/ cleaned on a regular basis to maintain the efficiency of the system.

Note: The efficiency rating of the filter is not within the scope of this inspection.

ROOM VENTILATION (Sec 5)

Bathrooms- Ventilation was present in each bathroom within the structure and was provided by operable window(s). The ventilation appeared to be operable in all locations and in fair condition at the time of inspection.

Laundry Room- Ventilation was present in the structure and appeared to be operable at the time of inspection. Laundry room ventilation provided by an operable window.

SECTION 6- ELECTRICAL

(includes Service, Panel(s), Wiring, Lights, Receptacles, Switches)

ELECTRIC SERVICE, PANEL(S), & WIRING

The underground electric service supplied an electric meter on the left exterior wall . There were not any adverse conditions observed with the service drop or service lateral to the main panel. The service conductors were observed to be aluminum and their condition was good.

The service wire appeared to be 120/240 volt and 100 amp and entered a Federal Pacific (see below) service panel, located on the left exterior wall. The main service disconnect was a single 100-amp rated circuit breaker and was located in the main panel.

The branch circuits within the panel were copper. These branch circuits were provided overcurrent protection by circuit breakers which were found to be in fair condition. These overcurrent protection devices appeared to be appropriately matched to the circuits. The condition of the service panel and its internal components (e.g. main lugs, bus bars, etc) was observed to be fair.

This home is not equipped with arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCI) in the electrical panel. As with GFCI breakers in the panel, all AFCI circuit breakers should be tested monthly.

The electrical service appeared to be adequate but outdated by today's standards.

As a reminder, low voltage systems such as alarms, electronic keypads, remote control devices, landscape lighting, telephone and television wiring are beyond the scope of this inspection.

Photo 20



Main electrical shutoff

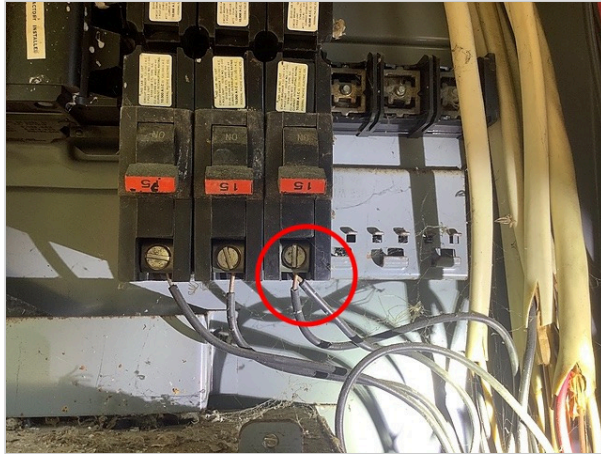
> An open knockout observed in electric service panel. All service panel openings should be covered to prevent access to high voltage and risk of electrical shock. Electrical related repairs should be performed by a qualified electrician.

Photo 21



> One circuit breaker(s) in the electric panel had two attached circuits (wires). This situation is commonly referred to as a "double-tap". This practice is allowed if the breaker is clearly marked to accept 2 wires (which it was not). Circuits that are incorrectly double-tapped can be subject to nuisance tripping and overheating at the wire attachment to the breaker. An electrician should repair this condition and further assess the panel for any additional required repairs.

Photo 22



> Corrosion/ rust was observed on components in the electric panel. Corrosion on terminal screws can progress to a point that can result in overheating of terminals and possible arcing problems in the panel. HomeTeam recommends that a licensed electrician repair and further evaluate the condition of the electrical panel.

Photo 23

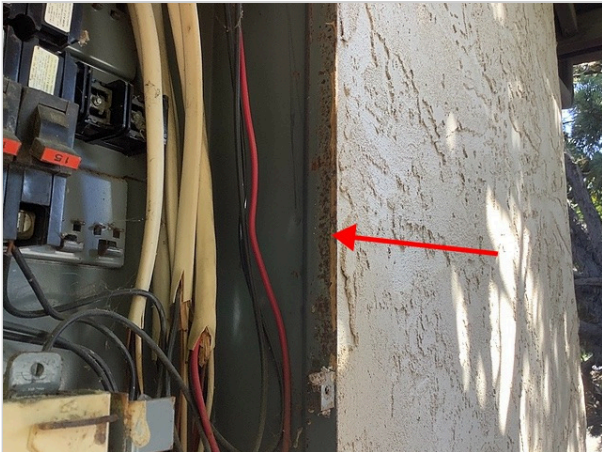
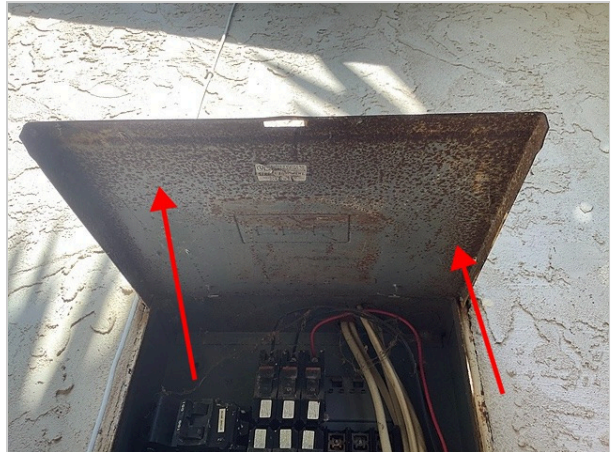
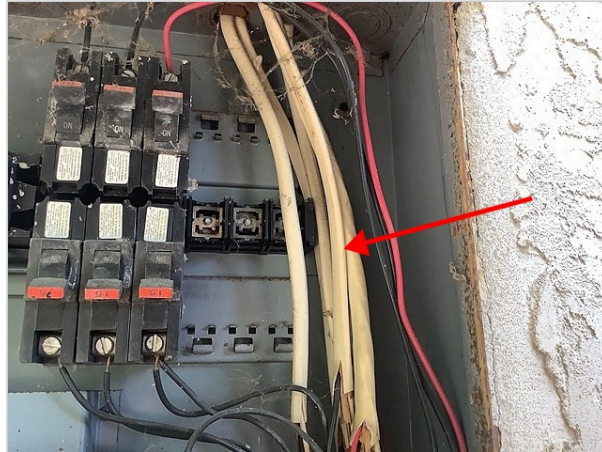


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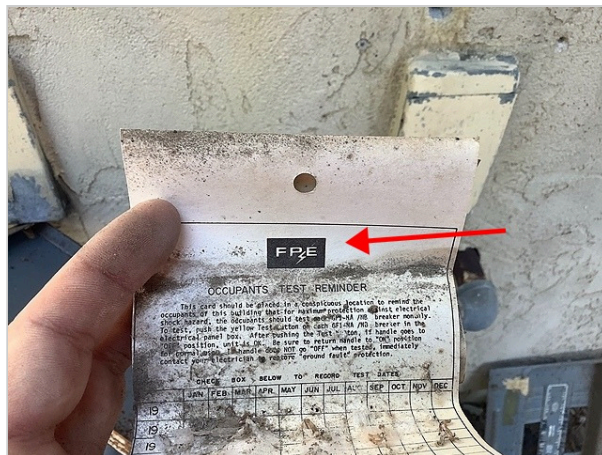
> Wire sheathing found in panel projecting more than an inch into panel. Sheathing is removed to allow heat dissipation and to remove a fuel source in the event of a panel fire. Suggest repair by a qualified electrician.

Photo 25



Note- The main electrical panel in the structure is manufactured by Federal Pacific -- also known as Federal Pacific Electric (FPE). FPE panels and breakers were very popular from the 1950's until the early 1980's, and some communities have FPE panels in almost every structure. Numerous claims have been made, and articles written questioning the safety and reliability of FPE panels and breakers. Specifically, claims were made that breakers failed to trip when an overload or short condition occurred. The Consumer Product Safety Commission conducted an investigation. The following excerpts were taken from the CPSC's press release dated March 3, 1983: "the data currently available to the Commission does not establish that the circuit breakers pose serious risk of injury to consumers. The Commission staff believes that it currently has insufficient data to accept or refute Reliance's (the owner of FPE) position". Regardless of the investigation results, the debate over the safety of FPE panels and breakers continues. While providing information on product defects is beyond the scope of the inspection, HomeTeam wants to make its clients aware of this particular issue. The insurance industry is aware of the debate over FPE panels, and at least one major insurance carrier is refusing to insure structures with FPE electric panels. HomeTeam recommends consulting with your insurance provider.

Photo 26



The visible house wiring consisted primarily of the non-metallic sheathed cable type and appeared to be in good condition. An electric service grounding system was installed. Service grounding requirements have changed many times over the years. The grounding system for a 30-year-old electric service is different from that of a 10-year-old service. The inspection does not attempt to verify that the grounding system or any other part of the electric service complies with current codes.

INTERIOR LIGHTS, SWITCHES, & OUTLETS (Sec 6)

A representative number of installed lighting fixtures, switches, and outlets located throughout the structure were tested

and a few were found to be in unacceptable condition (see below). The grounding and polarity of outlets within six feet of plumbing fixtures, and those attached to ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) protected circuits were also tested and all were found to be in unacceptable condition (see below).

The installation of GFCI protected circuits and/or outlets located within six feet of water, above kitchen countertops, and in unfinished basement areas is a commonly accepted practice and required by many municipalities. All GFCI outlets and circuit breakers should be tested monthly.

We do not check all light switches or outlets to determine which specific outlets or light fixtures each switch is connected to.

Please note that electrical codes have changed through the years. Although the structure does not need to meet current code for a real estate transaction, any work an electrician does must meet the current code requirements. Often, electricians will recommend changes that, in the context of a real estate transaction, are considered upgrades rather than necessary requirements. Keep these items in mind if negotiating repairs.

> **Multiple outlets were not functional and this issue did not appear to be related to another issue called out by the inspector.** Consult with a qualified electrician for evaluation and repair.

Photo 27



Left living room wall

Photo 28



Front living room wall

Photo 29



Left back bedroom wall

> **Inspector noted two lights where the light did not turn on when switched.** The issue may be with the bulb rather than with the fixture but further investigation may be warranted.

Photo 30



Kitchen lights

EXTERIOR LIGHTS, SWITCHES, & OUTLETS (Sec 6)

A representative number of installed lighting fixtures and switches located outside the structure were tested and one

were found to be in unacceptable condition (see below). All exterior outlets were tested and all were found to be in unacceptable condition (see below).

The installation of GFCI protected circuits and/or outlets located in the garage and on the exterior of the structure is a commonly accepted practice and required by many municipalities. All GFCI outlets and circuit breakers should be tested monthly.

> **The home lacks GFCI protection for all outlet(s).** Suggest addition of GFCI to provide protection against shock in kitchens, laundry, garages and exterior by a qualified electrician.

Photo 31



Rear of home

> **Inspector was unable to get one of the exterior lights to come on during the inspection.** In many cases, this is due to a sensor that turns the lights on automatically at dusk and off at dawn. Suggest a discussion with seller to verify that this is the case for this home.

Photo 32



Patio light

SECTION 7- PLUMBING

(includes Water Service, Water Heater, Supply, Drain, Fixtures, Faucets, and Fuel)

Photo 33



WATER SERVICE (Sec 7)

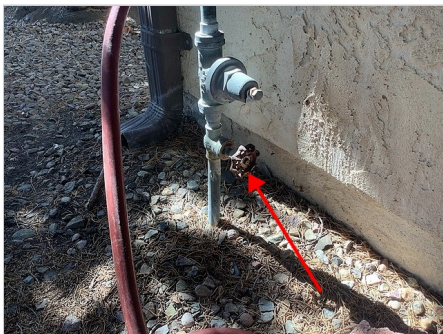
The water meter was located at the main road. The main water shutoff valve for the structure was located adjacent to the water service entry point on the exterior front side.

Water pressure appeared to be high (see below). The structure does have a pressure regulator.

Water shutoff valves are visually inspected only. No attempt is made to operate the main or any other water supply shutoff valves during the inspection. These valves are infrequently used and could leak after being operated.

Note that water pressure (and drainage) often change and fluctuate over time, and the buyer should monitor pressures after occupancy. Higher water pressures may cause advanced deterioration of supply systems and components, premature failure of faucets and connections, and leaks. If concerned about excessive water pressure, consult with a professional plumber regarding options, such as installation or adjustment of a regulator at the main water shutoff location.

Photo 34



Main water shutoff front

Photo 35



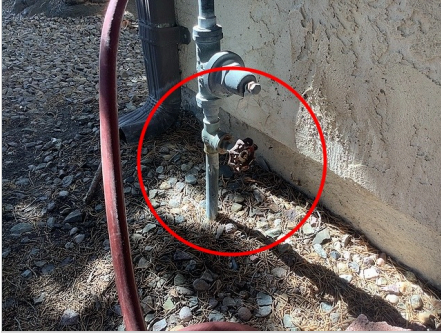
Water meter

Photo 36



Water meter

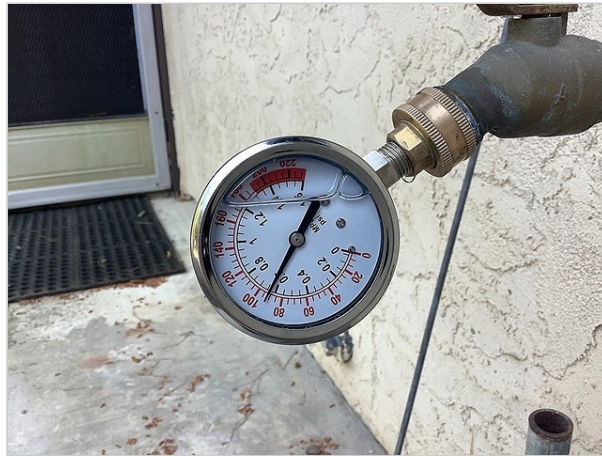
Photo 37



Main water shutoff

> Water pressure tested high(in excess of 80 psi). Consult with a professional plumber to determine an appropriate course of action, which may include adding a pressure regulator.

Photo 38



WATER HEATER (Sec 7)

A 40 gallon capacity, natural gas water heater was located in the garage. The water heater was manufactured by General Electric, model number GG40T06AVG01 and serial number GELN1207V12175. Information on the water heater indicated that it was manufactured 15 years ago. Hot water temperature was approximately 108.0 degrees F. The water heater appears to be functional.

A temperature and pressure relief (TPR) valve was present with an acceptable discharge tube attached that did not terminate properly (see below). Your safety depends on the presence of a TPR valve, attached to an acceptable discharge tube with proper termination. A gas shutoff was provided at the unit.

Gas water heaters only- Combustion air to the water heater appeared to be acceptable. There must be adequate combustion air available for the appliance. The flue from the gas water heater appeared to be unacceptable (see below).

NOTE: Codes change for proper water heater installation. As a reminder, we do not inspect for current code compliance but for safety. When a water heater is replaced by a licensed technician it is necessary for him to bring the setup up to the then-current code. This may include altering the configuration of the water heater, including flue configuration.

Photo 39



Water heater data tag

The water heater flue pipe is not sealed where it enters the chimney. To prevent noxious fumes from entering the structure, the flue/chimney connection should be properly sealed. Consult with a qualified plumber for repair.

Photo 40



> TPR valve appears to terminate incorrectly (too high). Termination for the TPR valve discharge piping should be downward and within 6 inches of the ground to minimize chances of anyone getting sprayed with scalding hot water. Suggest evaluation and repair by a qualified party.

Photo 41



Note- Water heater does not have drain pan to catch and direct possible leakage. As leakage is typically the first sign that a water heater has reached EOL (end of life), a water heater without a drain pan can cause moisture damage to drywall, trim, and flooring. Suggest that water heater be closely monitored for leakage and, when replaced, that a drain pan be installed with an appropriate drain pipe by a qualified plumbing technician.

Photo 42



Note: Sediment trap was not present on the gas line supplying the furnace or water heater. A sediment trap allows impurities to be filtered prior to combustion, prolonging the life of the unit (upgrade recommendation).

Photo 43



Water heater

Photo 44



Furnace

WATER SUPPLY LINES & WASTE DRAIN LINES (Sec 7)

The visible water supply lines throughout the structure were copper and the condition of those lines appeared to be good. The water supply lines did have the proper support and insulation required. The functional flow through the water supply lines appeared to be adequate. Evidence of water supply leaks was not observed.

Water shutoff valves are not tested as part of the home inspection since water shutoff valves that have not been operated for an extended period of time often leak after being operated, and we would not be able to repair a leaking valve during the home inspection.

The visible waste lines consisted of PVC and ABS pipe and the condition of those lines appeared to be good. The functional drainage of the drain waste lines appeared to be adequate. Evidence of waste system leaks was not observed.

The functionality of washing machine drains or under-floor drain lines is outside the scope of the inspection. These lines are considered underground utilities and are specifically excluded. The lines are not visible or accessible, and their condition cannot be verified during a visible home inspection. Simply running water into floor drains will not verify the condition of the waste line infrastructure under the structure. Consult with a qualified plumber for a camera inspection of the sewer laterals if there is any concern as to the condition of the waste lines under the structure.

This report is not intended to be an exhaustive list of minor plumbing issues. Concealed, latent or intermittent plumbing issues may not be apparent during the testing period.

Determining whether supply and drainage systems are public or private (city, well, septic, etc) is not part of a home inspection. Consult with the seller's disclosure and other sources to help determine that information.

> Due to the age of the structure, HomeTeam recommends that the sewer line be scoped prior to taking possession. Structures built prior to 1980 may have cast iron or clay sewer pipes which are susceptible to deterioration and root intrusion.

INTERIOR PLUMBING FIXTURES & FAUCETS (Sec 7)

All toilets, sinks, tubs, showers and faucets in the structure were tested and inspected for functionality, leakage, or damage using various techniques. As a result of these inspections, there appeared to be no unsatisfactory conditions with these faucets and fixtures.

Please note that bathtubs and showers are tested without the weight of a person in the enclosure. We attempt to identify areas of potential leakage, but some problem areas may not be visible without the weight of a person in the enclosure (e.g.- a person taking a shower or bath). Any latent deficiencies noted under these conditions once the structure is occupied should be sealed to prevent water intrusion and damage.

Cross connections are a possibility wherever supply plumbing and solid or liquid waste could come together and

contaminate potable water with waste to create a serious health issue. As a result of this inspection, there were no cross connections observed.

EXTERIOR PLUMBING FIXTURES & FAUCETS (Sec 7)

All hose bibs, faucets, and supply connections (e.g. irrigation, pool, spa, etc.) were inspected and when feasible tested. As a result of these inspections, there appeared to be no unsatisfactory conditions

Cross connections are a possibility wherever supply plumbing and solid or liquid waste could come together and contaminate potable water with waste to create a serious health issue. As a result of this inspection, there were multiple cross connections observed (see below).

Note: Cross connections observed on at least one hose bib (missing vacuum breaker). Cross connections are a possibility wherever supply plumbing and solid or liquid waste could come together and contaminate potable water with waste to create a serious health issue. Home inspection standards require the inspector to look for and call out any cross connections observed.

Photo 45



Front left

Photo 46



Rear of home

Photo 47



Example

FUEL/ GAS- SUPPLY, STORAGE & DISTRIBUTION (Sec 7)

The structure includes natural gas service. The gas meter and main shutoff were located in the left side yard and did not enter the structure on the same side as the meter or tank. A noticeable odor of gas or any adverse condition was not observed.

NOTE: HomeTeam recommends that all structures with natural gas or LP gas supply lines be protected with CO monitors located in areas which will most improve the safety of the structure's occupants.

Photo 48



Main gas shutoff

The visible fuel supply lines throughout the structure were black steel and the condition of those lines appeared to be good. The fuel supply lines did have the proper support required. Flexible connectors were properly used to supply various gas appliances.

Section 8- KITCHEN & LAUNDRY

(includes Appliances, Cabinets, Countertops)

KITCHEN (Sec 8)

The visible portions of the kitchen cabinets and counter tops were in good condition with no areas of concern.

The appliances were operated to check **basic** operational function only. No consideration is given regarding the age or components that may be worn or otherwise affected by wear and tear or use.

Following is a list of appliances found in a typical home as well as an itemization of what was found in this home at the time of inspection:

Oven- Present, Natural Gas

Cooktop- Present, Natural Gas

Microwave (built in)- Not Present

Refrigerator- Present

Dishwasher- Not Present

Disposal- Present

Kitchen Exhaust Fan- Not Present

The natural gas oven and range combination was tested and did appear to be functional. The accuracy of the clock, timers and other settings on ovens are not within the scope of this inspection. If the structure has an oven and range combination, the unit was checked for an appropriate anti-tilt bracket. This unit did not have a correctly installed anti-tilt bracket (see below).

> Oven and range combination does not have an anti-tilt bracket installed. The purpose of the anti-tilt bracket is to keep the unit from tipping forward when the oven door is opened. An anti-tilt bracket should be installed by a qualified party.

All of the heating elements on the natural gas cooktop were tested and all were found to be functional.

The refrigerator was inspected and did appear to be functional . The ice maker operation and hookups, if present, are not within the scope of the inspection.

The disposal was inspected and tested and appeared to be functional.

The age, efficiency rating, and chopping/ grinding ability of the disposal is not within the scope of the inspection.

The structure does have a kitchen exhaust fan located in the range hood . Exhaust fan was tested and was functional and did appear to exhaust to the outside.

The exhaust capacity is beyond the scope of this inspection. As a general rule, cleaning the fan and filter may increase the exhaust efficiency and capability.

Photo 49



Exhaust

LAUNDRY AREA (Sec 8)

The dryer connections available in the laundry area include both a 240 volt electrical outlet and a natural gas connection. For safety reasons, no attempt was made to verify that the electrical outlet is properly wired with power present and/ or the presence of gas service.

A dryer was connected to power at the time of the inspection. A dryer vent hookup was in place and appeared to be in good condition . The dryer vent appears to exhaust through the roof (see below).

Note- Dryer electrical connections use multiple 240V plug configurations. HomeTeam suggests that client verify receptacle configuration if no dryer or dryer does not remain. Home improvement stores typically have dryer cords available in various configurations.

During the inspection, a washer was connected to power, water supply and the waste water drain. A drain for a washing machine was present .

It is beyond the scope of a home inspection to operate these appliances but disconnected or missing appliances may suggest additional investigation may be required to verify power, water supply ,and drainage.

Note- Dryer vent is vertical in at least one place. This is not necessarily a deficiency, but because of this configuration the homeowner should consider having the dryer vent ductwork cleaned at regular intervals to prevent clogs.

SECTION 9- INTERIOR SURFACES

(includes Ceilings, Walls, Floors, Interior Doors, Cabinets (exc. Kitchen); Smoke & CO Detectors)

HomeTeam inspects for evidence of structural failure and safety concerns only. The cosmetic condition of the paint, wall covering, carpeting, window coverings, etc. are not addressed unless condition is believed to be a symptom of a structural or safety issue.

The interior wall and ceiling structure consisted of wood framing. The interior wall and ceiling surfaces were predominantly finished with drywall and paneling. The walls and ceilings appeared to be in overall good condition but with a few areas of concern (see below). Possible problem areas may not be identified if the interior wall and ceiling surfaces have been recently painted.

The interior flooring surfaces were predominantly finished with carpet and linoleum. The floors appeared to be in fair

condition.

All interior doors were actuated and the hardware tested with all found to be functional.

The visible portion of all cabinets and countertops outside the kitchen area (see "Kitchen" section above for kitchen cabinets) were in good condition with no areas of concern.

> **Door guide(s) for closet door(s) observed to be missing.** Missing or broken door guides can allow doors to easily be knocked from their tracks and even cause the door to fall. Suggest repair by a qualified party.

Photo 50



Bedroom

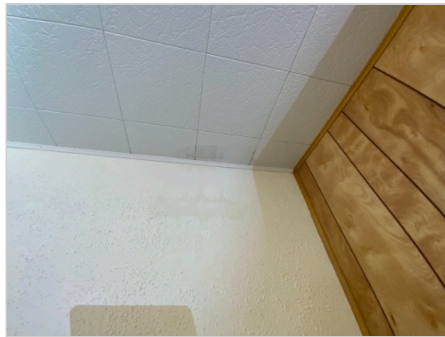
> **Ceiling displays evidence of prior moisture intrusion.** Examination of the attic above showed no telltale signs of moisture intrusion so it is beyond the scope of this inspection to determine cause and whether the issue has been previously resolved. Suggest discussion with seller and, if no repairs have been done, further evaluation by a qualified roofing specialist to determine cause of moisture intrusion and extent of repair required.

Photo 51



Back bedroom

Photo 52



Back bedroom

Photo 53



Back bedroom

Photo 54



Back bedroom

Photo 55



Back bedroom

Photo 56



Back bedroom

Note- It has been determined that this home was built before 1978 and therefore stands the risk of having lead based paint present. Under the EPA ruling 40 CFR Part 745 effective April 22, 2010, any renovation, remodeling or painting in a home built before 1978 with children under 6, day care centers, and learning facilities with children under 6 must be done by "Certified Lead-Based Paint Contractor" and they must follow a set of published procedures. The regulations require that if the renovation or repair work disturbs more than 6 square feet of painted surface per room for interior work or 20 square feet of painted surface of exterior work, the owner and tenants must receive information on lead-based paint hazards prior to beginning the renovation. If you are considering any renovations, now or in the future, we recommend having the home evaluated by a certified, state licensed lead risk assessor or contractor.

SMOKE ALARMS AND CO DETECTORS (Sec 9)

Smoke detectors/ alarms were present in the house. Carbon monoxide detectors were not present (see below) in the house.

Property maintenance codes vary from area to area. Some municipalities require smoke alarms in every bedroom, while others only require them on each floor. Similar varied requirements exist with regard to carbon monoxide detectors. Check with the local code enforcement officer for the requirements in your area. For safety reasons, the alarms should be tested upon occupancy. The batteries (if any) should be replaced with new ones when you move into the house and tested on a monthly basis thereafter.

Note: Structure is equipped with fuel-burning appliances. HomeTeam recommends that at least one carbon monoxide detector be installed on each level by the buyer after close of escrow (upgrade recommendation).

SECTION 10- STRUCTURE EXTERIOR

(includes Cladding, Windows, Exterior Doors, Exterior Stairs, Decks, & Balconies)

CLADDING (Sec 10)

The inspected property had an exterior surface of stucco cladding which appeared to be in satisfactory condition but have one area of concern (see below). The wall flashing and trim were inspected and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Vegetation observed having a potential adverse impact on the structure was observed (see below). It is recommended that vegetation be trimmed back at least 12 inches from structure.

For Stucco Cladding only- Small hairline cracks in stucco cladding are typical in the Southern California area due to numerous reasons. These types of cracks in the stucco will not be called out in this report as they are cosmetic in nature.

> Exterior cladding observed with staining from moisture damage. Suggest area(s) be evaluated and causes

corrected to limit further progression of damage.

Photo 57



Front entry

Photo 58



Back patio

> **Vegetation observed in contact with the cladding, roof, or fascia that could have a detrimental effect on the surface.** Suggest that this vegetation be trimmed to allow at least 12 inches of space between plant and structure.

Photo 59



Front of home

Photo 60



Left side of home

> **Missing or damaged cladding on the back of the structure's exterior.** This condition does not have any effect on the structural integrity of the building. The areas should be repaired to prevent water or pest intrusion.

Photo 61



Rear patio

WINDOWS AND EXTERIOR DOORS (Sec 10)

A representative number of accessible windows were operated and one found to be in need of repair (see below). The primary windows were aluminum, slider style, with single pane glass.

All exterior doors were actuated and the hardware tested with one found to be in need of repair (see below). HomeTeam suggests that the exterior door locks be changed or re-keyed upon occupancy.

Exterior windows and doors require routine caulking and maintenance to prevent water intrusion.

Note- Possible problem areas may not be identified if windows or doors have been recently painted. The condition, presence, or absence of screens is outside the scope of the inspection. The installation of sunscreens may improve energy efficiency and slow the deterioration of window seals on dual pane windows.

> **Exterior door(s) observed with incorrectly functioning door hardware causing issues with latching and locking function.** Suggest adjustment, repair or replacement by a qualified party. For personal security reasons, HomeTeam suggests that you consult with a qualified locksmith for exterior door hardware concerns.

Photo 62



Patio door

> **Window locking hardware was in need of repair on one window(s).** Hardware should be repaired or replaced by a qualified party to allow for proper locking of the windows to secure structure.

Photo 63



Living room window

>One patio screen door(s) observed to be damaged. Although missing or damaged window screens are beyond the scope of this inspection, patio door screens are noted.

Photo 64



Rear patio

SECTION 11- GARAGE/ CARPORT

GARAGE (Sec 11)

The attached garage was designed for one car with access provided by one overhead-style door. The structure is equipped with one electric garage door opener(s) whose operation and safety checked for each opener. The garage door opener(s) were found to be functional and in poor condition (see below) with safety reverse features not tested due to garage door damage (see below).

Fire separation is required in the walls, ceilings, and doors that separate an attached garage from the dwelling itself. Inspection of the walls and ceilings between the garage and the dwelling for required fire separation indicate no issues. The door between the garage and the dwelling was tested and found to be an acceptable fire separation door.

The garage floor was in good condition.

> Garage door appears to be improperly aligned on hinges. Suggest evaluation and possible repair by a qualified

garage door technician to ensure proper operation.

Photo 65



Photo 66



SECTION 12- EXTERNAL TO STRUCTURE

(includes Porches, Patios, Walks, Driveway, Lot & Grade, Retaining Wall, Perimeter Fencing, Irrigation)

PORCHES, PATIOS, & WALKS (Sec 12)

The porches, patios, and walks were found to be in poor condition (see below) with one or more areas of concern (see below). Potential trip hazards were not found and evidence of possible surface water drainage problems were not observed

Patio slab in at least one area appears to be cracked and showing signs of upheaval at separation. Suggest that a concrete specialist review and repair to enhance aesthetics.

Photo 67



Back Patio

DRIVEWAY (Sec 12)

An asphalt driveway is present in the front of the structure. Cracks and spalling were observed in the driveway (see

below).

Surface defects in driveways develop and progress with age and are considered normal as long as they do not create a safety hazard. Sealing defects may help slow the rate of deterioration.

> **Crack(s) observed in concrete garage, driveway, or walkway.** Cracks that have separated and/ or have experienced upheaval at crack itself are of greater concern than those that have not. Suggest filling with epoxy or caulking to limit moisture intrusion and monitoring for further movement.

Photo 68



Driveway

LOT AND GRADE (Sec 12)

The structure was situated on a level lot. The general grade around the structure appeared to be adequate to direct rain water away from the foundation.

Properly functioning property drainage requires grading, gutters, downspouts, and other systems are functioning properly.

TERMITE & MOLD INSPECTIONS

The purpose of a pest inspection is to determine if there are active wood destroying insects (WDI) present in the structure and whether any damage has occurred from these insects. The pest inspection does not include determining the presence of common household insects such as spiders, ants, etc.

A termite inspection was conducted by a Certified Applicator for the state of California. This Certified Applicator works with R-Solution Termite and Construction Inc. and, per California guidelines, completed a WDIIR on this property. This WDIIR report is included as a separate document as it's format and presentation are dictated by the California Department of Agriculture Office of Pest Management.

The only way to tell the presence and relative concentration of mold is to perform a valid mold test. The presence of certain molds and mold spores in buildings can result in mild to severe health effects in people and can deteriorate the structure of the building resulting in structural damage. HomeTeam recommends that all structures be tested for mold to determine the type of mold present in the building. Clients are urged to obtain further information concerning mold and air quality from the following and other sources such as www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/IAQ/Got-mold.html or www.iaqcouncil.org.

REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS REGARDING A PROFESSIONAL HOME INSPECTION:

There may come a time when you discover something wrong with the house, and you may be upset or disappointed with your home inspection. There are some things we'd like you to keep in mind.

Intermittent or concealed problems: Some problems can only be discovered by living in a house. They cannot be discovered during the few hours of a home inspection. For example, some shower stalls leak when people are in the shower, but do not leak when you simply turn on the tap. Some roofs and basements only leak when specific conditions exist. Some problems will only be discovered when carpets are lifted, furniture is moved or finishes are removed.

No clues: These problems may have existed at the time of the inspection, but there were no clues as to their existence. Our inspections are based on the past performance of the house. If there are no clues of a past problem, it is unfair to assume we should foresee a future problem.

We always miss some minor things: Some say we are inconsistent because our reports identify some minor problems but not others. The minor problems that are identified were discovered while looking for more significant problems. We note them simply as a courtesy. The intent of the inspection is not to find the \$200 problems; it is to find the \$1000 problems. These are the things that affect people's decisions to purchase.

Contractor's advice: A common source of dissatisfaction with home inspectors comes from comments made by contractors. Contractors' opinions often differ from ours. Don't be surprised when three roofers all say the roof needs replacement, when we said that the roof would last a few more years with some minor repairs.

"Last man in" theory: While our advice represents the most prudent thing to do, many contractors are reluctant to undertake these repairs. This is because of the "last man in" theory. The contractor fears that if he is the last person to work on the roof, he will get blamed if the roof leaks, regardless of whether or not the roof leak is his fault. Consequently, he won't want to do a minor repair with high liability, when he could re-roof the entire house for more money and reduce the likelihood of a callback. This is understandable.

Most recent advice is best: There is more to the "last man in" theory. It suggests that it is human nature for homeowners to believe the last bit of expert advice they receive, even if it is contrary to previous advice. As home inspectors, we unfortunately find ourselves in the position of "first man in" and consequently it is our advice that is often disbelieved.

Why didn't we see it?: Contractors may say, "I can't believe you had this house inspected, and they didn't find this problem." There are several reasons for these apparent oversights:

- **Conditions during inspection:** It is difficult for homeowners to remember the circumstances in the house at the time of the inspection. Homeowners seldom remember that it was snowing, there was storage everywhere or that the furnace could not be turned on because the air conditioning was operating, etc. It's impossible for contractors to know what the circumstances were when the inspection was performed.
- **This wisdom of hindsight:** When the problem manifests itself, it is very easy to have 20/20 hindsight. Anybody can say that the basement is wet when there is 2" of water on the floor. Predicting the problem is a different story.
- **A long look;** If we spent half an hour under the kitchen sink or 45 minutes disassembling the furnace, we'd find more problems, too. Unfortunately, the inspection would take several days and would cost considerably more.
- **We're generalists:** We are generalists; we are not specialists. The heating contractor may indeed have more heating expertise than we do. This is because we are expected to have heating expertise and plumbing expertise, structural expertise, electrical expertise, etc.
- **An invasive look:** Problems often become apparent when carpets or plaster are removed, when fixtures or cabinets are pulled out, and so on. A home inspection is a visual examination. We don't perform invasive or destructive tests.

Not insurance: In conclusion, a home inspection is designed to better your odds. It is not designed to eliminate all risk. For that reason, a home inspection should not be considered an insurance policy. The premium that an insurance company would have to charge for a policy with no deductible, no limit and an indefinite policy period would be considerably more than the fee we charge. It would also not include the value added by the inspection.

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