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Inspection Summary

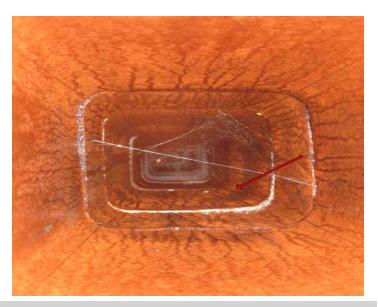
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Major Defect

CHIMNEY

1: Flue Lining

Large amount of condensation noted inside the flue and should be further evaluated and all needed repairs should be made.



FURNACE

2: Heat Exchanger Flame Pattern

Flame pattern failure indicates problems with the furnace that should be evaluated by qualified HVAC contractor and repair or replacement be completed.



3: Bathtub Faucets

1st floor bathroom tub did not produce hot water and should be evaluated and repaired.

Major Defect

BATHROOM

4: Shower Drain

Active leak was noted at the lower level tub and the entire plumbing system should be evaluated by a qualified plumbing contractor and all needed repairs should be made.



INTERIOR

5: Windows

Condensation was noted in between multiple insulated window panes. All windows should be evaluated and all needed repairs should be made.





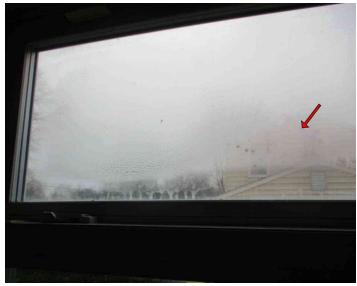


















GROUNDS

6: Patio

Uneven areas present tripping hazard.



GROUNDS

7: Driveway/Parking Lot

Some cracks noted. Uneven areas may present a tripping hazard and should be repaired to prevent injury.



8: Garage Electrical System

Recommend GFCI protection. Wiring should be protected.

GARAGE

9: Garage Interior Walls

All holes in fire rated walls should be patched.



GARAGE

10: Garage Doors

Door between house and garage and should be fire rated. Missing weather stripping was noted and should be repaired.





11: Inspection Sticker

No panel sticker in main panel and should be inspected.

ELECTRIC

12: Electrical Defaults

Damage pull chain was noted at the laundry room light fixture and should be repaired.



PLUMBING

13: Interior Waste/Vent Pipes Primary Visable Type

Most piping concealed supply and drain. Open waste line was noted in the utility room and should be repaired.



14: Range Oven

Self cleaning if on stove not part of inspection and will not be tested. A stabilizing device should be installed to prevent movement of the stove. Stove should be leveled.

ATTIC

15: Attic Structural Framing Type

As is common in most home in America some possible mold/mildew was noted on some structural surfaces and sheathing and should be cleaned by qualified personnel. As mold and mildew are not part of the home inspection the client may decide to do further evaluation to determine the extent of the problem and cost of cleanup/repair.



INTERIOR

16: Stairways

Objects larger than 4" (102 mm) should not pass through rails or ornamental closures.

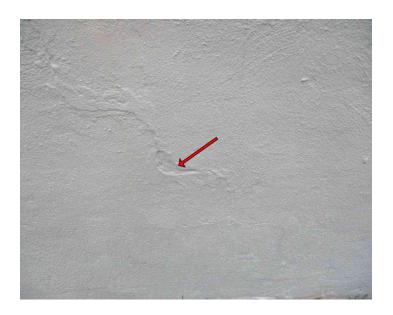


Service/Repair

EXTERIOR

17: Masonry Walls

Some cracks were noted.



EXTERIOR

18: Trim Work

Some loose paint and wood rot noted.





19: Windows Storm\Screen

Some missing screens were noted.

EXTERIOR

20: Caulking

Caulking should be improved.



GROUNDS

21: Steps

Cracks and some settlement noted. Seam at the front door should be sealed.





GUTTERS

22: Splash Blocks

Splash blocks or run off drains should be added. Run off drains should be added. Run-off drains would carry water further away from foundation than splash blocks, and are recommended.



CHIMNEY

23: Chimney Top

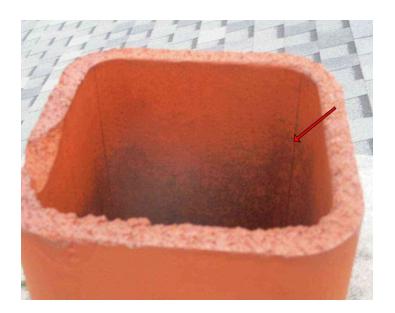
Some cracks noted in chimney top.



CHIMNEY

24: Chimney Cap

The cap is missing and should be replaced.



COOLING

25: Cooling Lines

The insulation should be improved.



26: Municipal Main Supply Type

Recommend adding shut off on house side of the meter.

PLUMBING

27: Type of Outside Spigots

Unprotected hose connections should be shut off and drained before first freeze each year. Missing valve was noted and should be repaired.



LAUNDRY

28: Dryer Vented

The vent is loose and should be repaired.



29: Kitchen Doors Windows

Condensation noted between panes of insulated glass was noted. Refer to interior windows.

30: Kitchen Cabinets

Some cabinet doors rub. Some loose hinges were noted.

31: Bathroom Doors, Windows

Condensation was noted between panes of insulated glass and the window should be replaced. Lower bathroom. Refer to interior windows.

32: Bath Showerhead

Shower head is loose where it meets the wall and should be repaired. First floor.

ATTIC

33: Attic Insulation Thickness

Very little insulation installed and suggest adding more R-30 is suggested. Some missing areas were noted and should be repaired.





34: Interior Walls

Typical drywall flaws were noted. Some poorly finished areas were noted and should be repaired.

35: Closets

Some doors would not close properly.

Monitor/Maintain

EXTERIOR

36: Exposed Foundation Primary Visable Type

Some cracks noted.

Monitor/Maintain

37: Grading

Soil should be sloped away from house to improve drainage.

38: Walks

Cracks and some settlement noted.

39: Gutter Type

Gutters should be cleaned regularly to prevent rot and roof damage.

40: Cooling System 1 Approx. Age

Unit very old and extended life should not be expected.

41: Interior Water Pipes Primaray Visible Type

Plumbing size reduction was noted and may cause pressure reduction.

42: Water Heater 1 Approx. Age

Unit old and extended life should not be expected.

W. HEATER

43: Water Heater Exterior Jacket

There is rust at base of unit.



44: Forced Air System 1 Approx. Age

Unit is very old and extended life should not be expected.

Monitor/Maintain

FURNACE

45: Filter System

Filters should be replaced every three months.



46: Attic Sheathing

Missing "H" clips were noted in roof system and should have been installed at the time of construction but are very difficult to install at a later date. The roof should be monitored for problems but no major deflection was noted at the time of this inspection.

47: Interior Ceilings

Typical drywall flaws were noted.

48: Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors should be checked on the day home is occupied Today it is suggested and required in some areas to have one smoke detector in each bedroom ans one in the hall within 15 feet of bedroom doors and a carbon monoxide detector on bedroom floor and one smoke detector on each remaining level in including basement

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COOLING

49: Cooling System 1 Brand

Tag on unit either damaged or missing. All information in this section assumed.

50: Differential Temp 1

Outside temp. was too low and unit could not be safely tested. Operating A/C units below 60 degrees or heat pumps in the cooling mode below 65 degrees can damage the compressor, thus, the unit was not tested at time of inspection.

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Inspection Definition/Limitation

51: LAUNDRY

No appliances were installed.

52: Heat Exchanger Visual

Even when great care is taken to inspect heat exchanger visual most of it is not accessible and some problems may not be visible.

53: Attic Accessibility

Attic inspection limited by low head room, insulation if installed and other factors such as no access etc.

54: Attic Exhaust

Other = Not visible.

55: Interior Cooling Source

The outside temperature was to low to safely test Cooling Mode.

Inspection Definition/Limitation

56: Inspection Description/limitation

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Inspection Report Details

EXTERIOR

Satisfactory Outside Outlets - None

Satisfactory Type of Building - Frame, 2 Story

Monitor/Maintain Exposed Foundation Primary Visable Type - Cement Block

Some cracks noted.

Satisfactory Soffit\Fascia - Aluminum

Satisfactory Siding - Vinyl

Service/Repair Masonry Walls - Brick, Block

Some cracks were noted.

Service/Repair Trim Work - Aluminum, Wood

Some loose paint and wood rot noted.

Monitor/Maintain Grading - Inadequate

Soil should be sloped away from house to improve drainage.

Satisfactory Entry Doors - Metal

Satisfactory Storm Doors - Aluminum

Satisfactory Window Character Material - Vinyl

Satisfactory Window Character Type - Double Hung

Satisfactory Glass - Insulated

Service/Repair Windows Storm\Screen - MFG Screens

Some missing screens were noted.

Satisfactory Weather Stripping - Fiber\Felt

Service/Repair Caulking - Windows, Doors, Siding Ends, Penetrations

Caulking should be improved.

GROUNDS

Monitor/Maintain Walks - Concrete

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GROUNDS

Cracks and some settlement noted.

Service/Repair Steps - Concrete

Cracks and some settlement noted. Seam at the front door should be sealed.

Safety Concern Patio - Concrete

Uneven areas present tripping hazard.

Safety Concern Driveway/Parking Lot - Asphalt

Some cracks noted. Uneven areas may present a tripping hazard and should be repaired to prevent injury.

Satisfactory Hand Rail - Steel

GUTTERS

Satisfactory Inspected From - Roof

Satisfactory Access Restricted - Not Restricted

Monitor/Maintain Gutter Type - Aluminum

Gutters should be cleaned regularly to prevent rot and roof damage.

Satisfactory Downspout Type - Aluminum

Satisfactory Sealed Downspouts - None

Service/Repair Splash Blocks - Concrete

Splash blocks or run off drains should be added. Run off drains should be added. Run-off drains would carry water further away from foundation than splash blocks, and are recommended.

ROOF

Satisfactory How Inspected - Walk on Roof

Satisfactory Roof Access Restricted - Not Restricted

Satisfactory Roof Style - Gable

Satisfactory Roof Covering Primary Type - Fiberglass asphalt shingle

Satisfactory Approx. Age - 1 thru 5

Satisfactory Number of Layers - 1

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ROOF

Satisfactory Roof Ventilation System - Soffit, Gable Vents

Satisfactory Flashing - Aluminum

Satisfactory Plumbing Vents - Cast Iron

CHIMNEY

Satisfactory Chimney Inspected From - Roof

Satisfactory Chimney 1 Type - Brick

Satisfactory Chimney 1 Location - Main

Major Defect Flue Lining - Clay Tile

Large amount of condensation noted inside the flue and should be further evaluated and all needed repairs should be made.

Service/Repair Chimney Top - Cement

Some cracks noted in chimney top.

Service/Repair Chimney Cap - None

The cap is missing and should be replaced.

COOLING

Inspection Cooling System 1 Brand - Goodman manufacturing, No Service Tag Definition/Limitation

Tag on unit either damaged or missing. All information in this section assumed.

Satisfactory Cooling System 1 Tonnage - 2.5 Ton

Monitor/Maintain Cooling System 1 Approx. Age - 15 plus

Unit very old and extended life should not be expected.

Satisfactory Heat Pump - Air to Air

Satisfactory Cooling System Coils and Fins - Clean

Satisfactory Cooling System Electrical - Ext. Disconnect

Service/Repair Cooling Lines - Insulation

The insulation should be improved.

Satisfactory Condensate Drain - Plastic

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COOLING

Inspection Definition/Limitation Differential Temp 1 - Too Cold to Test Unit

Outside temp. was too low and unit could not be safely tested. Operating A/C units below 60 degrees or heat pumps in the cooling mode below 65 degrees can damage the compressor, thus, the unit was not tested at time of inspection.

	GARAGE	
Satisfactory	Garage Type - 1 Car Attached	
Satisfactory	Garage Exterior Walls - Same as House	
Safety Concern	Garage Electrical System - Grounded	
Recommend GFCI protection. Wiring should be protected.		
Satisfactory	Auto Garage Door Lift Controls - Manual	
Safety Concern	Garage Interior Walls - Drywall\Plaster	
All holes in fire rated walls should be patched.		
Satisfactory	Garage Interior Ceiling - Drywall\Plaster	
Satisfactory	Garage Floor - Concrete	
Safety Concern	Garage Doors - Overhead	

Door between house and garage and should be fire rated. Missing weather stripping was noted and should be repaired.

	ELECTRIC
Satisfactory	Main Electrical Service - Underground Lateral Cable
Satisfactory	Main Electrical Service Wire - Aluminum
Satisfactory	Voltage Available - 110 / 220
Satisfactory	Main Electrical Distribution Panel Accessibility - Typical
Satisfactory	Main Electrical Distribution Panel Location - Basement, Garage
Satisfactory	Main Electrical Disconnect - Breaker
Satisfactory	Main Panel - 100

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FLECTRIC

Satisfactory Interior Wiring Visible Primarey Type - Copper 90 percent

Satisfactory Type of Wire Visable Primary Type - Romex

Satisfactory Grounding - Driven Rod

Satisfactory Breakers in Use - Room for Expansion

Safety Concern Inspection Sticker - Main Panel

No panel sticker in main panel and should be inspected.

Safety Concern Electrical Defaults - Main Panel

Damage pull chain was noted at the laundry room light fixture and should be repaired.

Satisfactory Electrical Duplex Receptacles Primary Type - 3 Slotted

PLUMBING

Satisfactory Water Source - Municipal

Satisfactory Municipal Main Supply Size - 3/4

Service/Repair Municipal Main Supply Type - Copper

Recommend adding shut off on house side of the meter.

Satisfactory Main Water Shut Off - Utility Room

Satisfactory Main Gas Valve - Outside

Monitor/Maintain Interior Water Pipes Primaray Visible Type - Copper

Plumbing size reduction was noted and may cause pressure reduction.

Satisfactory Waste System - Municipal

Safety Concern Interior Waste/Vent Pipes Primary Visable Type - Copper, Cast Iron

Most piping concealed supply and drain. Open waste line was noted in the utility room and should be repaired.

Satisfactory Number of Outside Spigots - 2

Service/Repair Type of Outside Spigots - Unprotected

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PLUMBING

Unprotected hose connections should be shut off and drained before first freeze each year. Missing valve was noted and should be repaired.

W. HEATER

Satisfactory Water Heater 1 Mfg. - State

Satisfactory Water Heater 1 Rated BTU Per Hour - 30,000 +

Monitor/Maintain Water Heater 1 Approx. Age - 15 plus

Unit old and extended life should not be expected.

Satisfactory Water Heater 1 Size - 40

Satisfactory Water Heater Fuel - Gas

Satisfactory Water Heater Flue Pipe - Single Wall

Satisfactory Water Heater Gas Piping - Valve On Off

Satisfactory Water Heater Cold Water Valve - Present

Satisfactory Temp. Pressure Relief Valve and Pipe - Present

Monitor/Maintain Water Heater Exterior Jacket - Rust Noted

There is rust at base of unit.

LAUNDRY

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LAUNDRY - General Comment

No appliances were installed.

Satisfactory Laundry Water Faucets - Single Handle

Satisfactory Washer Drains - Trapped Line

Service/Repair Dryer Vented - Wall

The vent is loose and should be repaired.

Satisfactory Laundry Energy Source - Gas

FURNACE

Satisfactory Forced Air System 1 Mfg. - Armstrong

Satisfactory Forced Air System 1 BTU Per Hour - 55,000+

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FURNACE

Monitor/Maintain Forced Air System 1 Approx. Age - 20 plus

Unit is very old and extended life should not be expected.

Satisfactory Forced Air System Energy Source - Gas

Satisfactory Hot Air System - Direct Drive

Major Defect Heat Exchanger Flame Pattern - Fail

Flame pattern failure indicates problems with the furnace that should be evaluated by qualified HVAC contractor and repair or replacement be completed.

Inspection
<u>Definition/Limitation</u>

Heat Exchanger Visual - Pass

Even when great care is taken to inspect heat exchanger visual most of it is not accessible and some problems may not be visible.

Satisfactory Distribution System Type - Up Flow

Satisfactory Distribution System Material - Metal Duct

Satisfactory Thermostat - Single and Multi

Satisfactory Flue Piping - Single Walled

Monitor/Maintain Filter System - Disposable

Filters should be replaced every three months.

KITCHEN

Satisfactory Kitchen Walls - Drywall

Satisfactory Kitchen Ceiling - Drywall

Satisfactory Kitchen Floors - Vinyl

Satisfactory Kitchen Heating Source - Central

Satisfactory Kitchen Cooling Source - Central

Service/Repair Kitchen Doors Windows - Tested

Condensation noted between panes of insulated glass was noted. Refer to interior windows.

Service/Repair Kitchen Cabinets - Laminate

Some cabinet doors rub. Some loose hinges were noted.

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KITCHEN

Satisfactory Kitchen Sink - Stainless

Satisfactory Kitchen Sink Faucet - Single Lever

Satisfactory Kitchen Sink 3rd Faucet - Sprayer

Satisfactory Kitchen Drain and Trap - PVC

Satisfactory Dishwasher Approx. Age - 1/5

Satisfactory Dishwasher Mfg. - GE

Satisfactory Exhaust Fan Hood - Hood Ductless

Safety Concern Range Oven - Free Standing

Self cleaning if on stove not part of inspection and will not be tested. A stabilizing device should be installed to prevent movement of the stove. Stove should be leveled.

Satisfactory Surface Cooktop - Gas

Satisfactory Kitchen Wall Receptacles - GFI Protected

Satisfactory Kitchen Switches Fixtures - Fixed

BATHROOM

Service/Repair Bathroom Doors, Windows - Door Lock

Condensation was noted between panes of insulated glass and the window should be replaced. Lower bathroom. Refer to interior windows.

Satisfactory Bathroom Electric Switches and Fixtures - Wall

Satisfactory Bathroom Receptacles - GFCI

Satisfactory Bathroom Walls and Ceilings - Drywall

Satisfactory Bathroom Exhaust System - Window

Satisfactory Bathroom Heating Cooling - Central Sys

Satisfactory Bathroom Sink Faucets - Individual

Satisfactory Bathroom Sink Stopper - Push Pull

Satisfactory Bathroom Sink Basin - Porcelain

Satisfactory Bathroom Sink Drain and Trap - PVC

Satisfactory Toilet Bowl and Tank - 2 Piece

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BATHROOM

Satisfactory Toilet Operation - Flushes, Drains, Refills

Major Defect Bathtub Faucets - Individual, Single Lever

1st floor bathroom tub did not produce hot water and should be evaluated and repaired.

Satisfactory Bathtub Stopper - Pop Up

Service/Repair Bath Showerhead - Standard

Shower head is loose where it meets the wall and should be repaired. First floor.

Satisfactory Tub Wall Encl. - Fiberglass

Satisfactory Bathroom Ventilation - Window

Satisfactory Bathroom Floor - Vinyl

Major Defect Shower Drain - Tub

Active leak was noted at the lower level tub and the entire plumbing system should be evaluated by a qualified plumbing contractor and all needed repairs should be made.

Satisfactory Number of Full Baths - 2

ATTIC

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Definition/Limitation

Attic Accessibility - Access restricted

Attic inspection limited by low head room, insulation if installed and other factors such as no access etc.

Satisfactory Attic Entry Access - Hatch

Satisfactory Attic Access Location - Closet

Safety Concern Attic Structural Framing Type - Trusses

As is common in most home in America some possible mold/mildew was noted on some structural surfaces and sheathing and should be cleaned by qualified personnel. As mold and mildew are not part of the home inspection the client may decide to do further evaluation to determine the extent of the problem and cost of cleanup/repair.

Satisfactory Attic Structural Framing Spacing - 24 inches on Center

Monitor/Maintain Attic Sheathing - Particle Board

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ATTIC

Missing "H" clips were noted in roof system and should have been installed at the time of construction but are very difficult to install at a later date. The roof should be monitored for problems but no major deflection was noted at the time of this inspection.

Satisfactory Attic Floor Insulation - Loose Fill

Service/Repair Attic Insulation Thickness - 3 inches

Very little insulation installed and suggest adding more R-30 is suggested. Some missing areas were noted and should be repaired.

Satisfactory Attic Insulation Approx. R. Value - 11

Satisfactory Attic Ventilation - Ridge, Gable End, Soffit

Satisfactory Attic Wiring - Covered with Insulation, Exposed

Satisfactory Attic Vent Pipes - Vented Outside

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Attic Exhaust - Other

Other = Not visible.

Satisfactory Attic Chimney Flues - Cement Block

INTERIOR

Satisfactory Number of Bedrooms - 4

Service/Repair Interior Walls - Paneling, Dry Wall

Typical drywall flaws were noted. Some poorly finished areas were noted and should be repaired.

Monitor/Maintain Interior Ceilings - Dry Wall

Typical drywall flaws were noted.

Satisfactory Interior Floors - Vinyl

Satisfactory Interior Heat Source - Tested

Inspection Interior Cooling Source - Not Tested Definition/Limitation

The outside temperature was to low to safely test Cooling Mode.

Satisfactory Interior Cabinets and Shelving - Accessible

Service/Repair Closets - Doors in Place

INTERIOR

Some doors would not close properly.

Monitor/Maintain Smoke Detectors - One On Each Level

Smoke detectors should be checked on the day home is occupied Today it is suggested and required in some areas to have one smoke detector in each bedroom ans one in the hall within 15 feet of bedroom doors and a carbon monoxide detector on bedroom floor and one smoke detector on each remaining level in including basement

Safety Concern Stairways - With Hand Railings

Objects larger than 4" (102 mm) should not pass through rails or ornamental closures.

Satisfactory Ceiling Fan - Tested

Major Defect Windows - Operated

Condensation was noted in between multiple insulated window panes. All windows should be evaluated and all needed repairs should be made.

Satisfactory GFCI Rest - Reset

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