



Building Inspection Report

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Report Overview

THE HOUSE IN PERSPECTIVE

This is a well built home. As with all homes, ongoing maintenance is required and improvements to the systems of the home will be needed over time. *The improvements that are recommended in this report are not considered unusual for a home of this age and location.* Please remember that there is no such thing as a perfect home.

CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

For your convenience, the following conventions have been used in this report.

Major Concern: *a system or component which is considered significantly deficient or is unsafe. Significant deficiencies need to be corrected and, except for some safety items, are likely to involve significant expense.*

Safety Issue: *denotes a condition that is unsafe and in need of prompt attention.*

Repair: *denotes a system or component which is missing or which needs corrective action to assure proper and reliable function.*

Improve: *denotes improvements which are recommended but not required.*

Monitor: *denotes a system or component needing further investigation and/or monitoring in order to determine if repairs are necessary.*

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

Please note that those observations listed under “Discretionary Improvements” are not essential repairs, but represent logical long term improvements.

- For the purpose of this report, it is assumed that the house faces south.

IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATION HIGHLIGHTS / SUMMARY

The following is a synopsis of the potentially significant improvements that should be budgeted for over the short term. Other significant improvements, outside the scope of this inspection, may also be necessary. Please refer to the body of this report for further details on these and other recommendations.

Major Concerns

Roof Cavity Insulation: SAFETY ISSUES

- **Repair, Safety Issue:** *A gas leak was detected in the unfinished basement. This is a serious safety concern. It is recommended that the gas utility be engaged immediately. The current occupants of the home should be notified.*

REPAIR ITEMS

- **Repair:** The exterior brickwork should be re-pointed (replacement of the mortar between the bricks) at the south west corner to prevent further deterioration.

Furnace

- **Repair:** The humidifier has lacked maintenance. Cleaning and repairs should be undertaken. Watch out for humidifier leaks into the furnace where costly (and hidden) damage can occur.

IMPROVEMENT ITEMS

- **Repair:** The level of ventilation in the main attic should be improved. It is generally recommended that one (1) square foot of free vent area be provided for every one hundred and fifty (150) square feet of ceiling area. Proper ventilation will help to keep the house cooler during warm weather and extend the life of roofing materials. In cold climates, it will help reduce the potential for ice dams on the roof and condensation within the attic.

ITEMS TO MONITOR

DEFERRED COST ITEMS

THE SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION

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

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

This inspection is visual only. A representative sample of building components are viewed in areas that are accessible at the time of the inspection. No destructive testing or dismantling of building components is performed.

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

WEATHER CONDITIONS

There was snow on the ground during the course of the inspection.

The estimated outside temperature was 33 degrees F.

RECENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

Winter weather conditions have been experienced in the days leading up to the inspection.

Structure

DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE

Foundation:	•Poured Concrete •Basement Configuration
Columns:	•Steel
Floor Structure:	•Wood Joist
Wall Structure:	•Wood Frame, Brick Veneer
Ceiling Structure:	•Joist
Roof Structure:	•Rafters •Plywood Sheathing

STRUCTURE OBSERVATIONS

No major defects were observed in the accessible structural components of the house.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF STRUCTURE INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Structural components concealed behind finished surfaces could not be inspected.
- Only a representative sampling of visible structural components were inspected.
- Furniture and/or storage restricted access to some structural components.
- Engineering or architectural services such as calculation of structural capacities, adequacy, or integrity are not part of a home inspection.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Roofing

DESCRIPTION OF ROOFING

Roof Covering:	•Asphalt Shingle
Roof Flashings:	•Metal
Chimneys:	•Masonry
Roof Drainage System:	•Aluminum •Downspouts discharge above & below grade
Skylights:	•Curbless
Method of Inspection:	•Walked on roof •Viewed from ladder at eave

ROOFING OBSERVATIONS

In all, the roof coverings show evidence of normal wear and tear for a home of this age.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

- **Improve:** Debris should be removed from the roofing at the north slope to reduce risk of leaks and early roof wear.

LIMITATIONS OF ROOFING INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Not all of the underside of the roof sheathing is inspected for evidence of leaks.
- Evidence of prior leaks may be disguised by interior finishes.
- Estimates of remaining roof life are approximations only and do not preclude the possibility of leakage. Leakage can develop at any time and may depend on rain intensity, wind direction, ice build up, and other factors.
- Antennae, chimney/flue interiors which are not readily accessible are not inspected and could require repair.
- Roof inspection may be limited by access, condition, weather, or other safety concerns.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Exterior

DESCRIPTION OF EXTERIOR

Wall Covering:	•Wood Siding
Eaves, Soffits, And Fascias:	•Wood
Exterior Doors:	•Solid Wood

EXTERIOR OBSERVATIONS

The exterior siding that has been installed on the house is relatively low maintenance. The exterior of the home shows normal wear and tear for a home of this age.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

- **Repair:** The exterior brickwork should be re-pointed (replacement of the mortar between the bricks) at the south west corner to prevent further deterioration.

LIMITATIONS OF EXTERIOR INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- A representative sample of exterior components was inspected rather than every occurrence of components.
- The inspection does not include an assessment of geological, geotechnical, or hydrological conditions, or environmental hazards.
- Screening, shutters, awnings, or similar seasonal accessories, fences, recreational facilities, outbuildings, seawalls, break-walls, docks, erosion control and earth stabilization measures are not inspected unless specifically agreed-upon and documented in this report.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Electrical

DESCRIPTION OF ELECTRICAL

Size of Electrical Service:	•120/240 Volt Main Service - Service Size: 200 Amp
Service Drop:	•Underground
Service Entrance Conductors:	•Aluminum
Service Equipment & Main Disconnects:	•Main Service Rating 200 Amps •Breakers
Service Grounding:	•Ground Rod Connection
Service Panel & Overcurrent Protection:	•Panel Rating: 200 Amp •Breakers
Sub-Panel(s):	•None Visible
Distribution Wiring:	•Copper
Wiring Method:	• Non-Metallic Cable "Romex"
Switches & Receptacles:	•Grounded and Ungrounded
Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters:	•Kitchen •Garage •Bathroom(s)
Smoke Detectors:	•Present

ELECTRICAL OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The electrical panel is well arranged and all fuses/breakers are properly sized.

General Comments

Inspection of the electrical system did not reveal the need for improvement.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Electrical components concealed behind finished surfaces are not inspected.
- Only a representative sampling of outlets and light fixtures were tested.
- Furniture and/or storage restricted access to some electrical components which may not be inspected.
- The inspection does not include remote control devices, alarm systems and components, low voltage wiring, systems, and components, ancillary wiring, systems, and other components which are not part of the primary electrical power distribution system.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Heating

DESCRIPTION OF HEATING

Energy Source:	•Gas
Heating System Type:	•Forced Air Furnace •Manufacturer: ??? •Serial Number: ???
Vents, Flues, Chimneys:	•Not Visible
Heat Distribution Methods:	•Ductwork
Other Components:	•Humidifier An electronic air cleaner has been installed on this forced air system. This feature provides better air cleaning than conventional filters.

HEATING OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

This is a high efficiency heating system.

General Comments

Minor repairs to the heating system are necessary.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Furnace

- **Repair:** The humidifier has lacked maintenance. Cleaning and repairs should be undertaken. Watch out for humidifier leaks into the furnace where costly (and hidden) damage can occur.

LIMITATIONS OF HEATING INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- The adequacy of heat supply or distribution balance is not inspected.
- The interior of flues or chimneys which are not readily accessible are not inspected.
- The furnace heat exchanger, humidifier, or dehumidifier, and electronic air filters are not inspected.
- Solar space heating equipment/systems are not inspected.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Cooling / Heat Pumps

DESCRIPTION OF COOLING / HEAT PUMPS

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| Energy Source: | •240 Volt Power Supply |
| Central System Type: | •Air Cooled Central Air Conditioning |

COOLING / HEAT PUMPS OBSERVATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

- **Repair:** The condensate pump was inoperative at the time of the inspection.

LIMITATIONS OF COOLING / HEAT PUMPS INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Window mounted air conditioning units are not inspected.
- The cooling supply adequacy or distribution balance are not inspected.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Insulation / Ventilation

DESCRIPTION OF INSULATION / VENTILATION

Attic Insulation:	•R30 Fiberglass in Main Attic
Roof Cavity Insulation:	•Not Visible
Exterior Wall Insulation:	•None Visible
Basement Wall Insulation:	R8 Fiberglass on Basement Walls
Crawl Space Insulation:	•R10 Exposed Polystyrene on walls
Floor Cavity Insulation:	•Low Levels Suspected (But Not Visible)
Vapor Retarders:	•None Visible
Roof Ventilation:	•Roof Vents •Ridge Vents •Gable Vents •Soffit Vents •Fascia Vents
Crawl Space Ventilation:	•No Ventilation Found
Exhaust Fan/vent Locations:	•Kitchen •Cooktop Down Draft •Bathroom

INSULATION / VENTILATION OBSERVATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS / ENERGY SAVING SUGGESTIONS

Attic / Roof

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LIMITATIONS OF INSULATION / VENTILATION INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Insulation/ventilation type and levels in concealed areas are not inspected. Insulation and vapor barriers are not disturbed and no destructive tests (such as cutting openings in walls to look for insulation) are performed.
- Potentially hazardous materials such as Asbestos and Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UFFI) cannot be positively identified without a detailed inspection and laboratory analysis. This is beyond the scope of the inspection.
- An analysis of indoor air quality is not part of our inspection unless explicitly contracted-for and discussed in this or a separate report.
- Any estimates of insulation R values or depths are rough average values.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Plumbing

DESCRIPTION OF PLUMBING

Water Supply Source:	•Public Water Supply
Service Pipe to House:	•Copper
Main Water Valve Location:	•Front Wall of Basement
Interior Supply Piping:	•Copper
Waste System:	•Public Sewer System
Drain, Waste, & Vent Piping:	•Plastic
Water Heater:	•Gas
Fuel Shut-Off Valves:	•Natural Gas Main Valve At Ext North Wall
Other Components:	•Sump Pump •Sprinkler System

PLUMBING OBSERVATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

- **Repair, Safety Issue:** *A gas leak was detected in the unfinished basement. This is a serious safety concern. It is recommended that the gas utility be engaged immediately. The current occupants of the home should be notified.*

LIMITATIONS OF PLUMBING INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Portions of the plumbing system concealed by finishes and/or storage (below sinks, etc.), below the structure, or beneath the ground surface are not inspected.
- Water quantity and water quality are not tested unless explicitly contracted-for and discussed in this or a separate report.
- Clothes washing machine connections are not inspected.
- Interiors of flues or chimneys which are not readily accessible are not inspected.
- Water conditioning systems, solar water heaters, fire and lawn sprinkler systems, and private waste disposal systems are not inspected unless explicitly contracted-for and discussed in this or a separate report.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Interior

DESCRIPTION OF INTERIOR

Wall And Ceiling Materials:	•Drywall
Floor Surfaces:	•Carpet •Wood •Concrete
Window Type(s) & Glazing:	•Double/Single Hung
Doors:	•Wood-Solid Core

INTERIOR OBSERVATIONS

General Condition of Interior Finishes

On the whole, the interior finishes of the home are in average condition. Typical flaws were observed in some areas.

General Condition of Windows and Doors

The majority of the doors and windows are good quality.

General Condition of Floors

The floors of the home are relatively level and walls are relatively plumb.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF INTERIOR INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions

- Furniture, storage, appliances and/or wall hangings are not moved to permit inspection and may block defects.
- Carpeting, window treatments, central vacuum systems, household appliances, recreational facilities, paint, wallpaper, and other finish treatments are not inspected.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Appliances

DESCRIPTION OF APPLIANCES

Appliances Tested:

•Gas Range •Gas Cooktop •Microwave Oven •Dishwasher •Refrigerator
•Clothes Washer •Clothes Dryer

Laundry Facility:

•240 Volt Circuit for Dryer •Gas Piping for Dryer •120 Volt Circuit for Washer •Door Bell

APPLIANCES OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The appliances are to be in generally good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF APPLIANCES INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions

- Thermostats, timers and other specialized features and controls are not tested.
- The temperature calibration, functionality of timers, effectiveness, efficiency and overall performance of appliances is outside the scope of this inspection.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Fireplaces / Wood Stoves

DESCRIPTION OF FIREPLACES / WOOD STOVES

FIREPLACES / WOOD STOVES OBSERVATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF FIREPLACES / WOOD STOVES INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions

- The interiors of flues or chimneys are not inspected.
- Firescreens, fireplace doors, appliance gaskets and seals, automatic fuel feed devices, mantles and fireplace surrounds, combustion make-up air devices, and heat distribution assists (gravity or fan-assisted) are not inspected.
- The inspection does not involve igniting or extinguishing fires nor the determination of draft.
- Fireplace inserts, stoves, or firebox contents are not moved.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.