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1 YEAR WARRANTY HOME INSPECTION

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Each year, Texans sustain property damage and are injured by accidents in the home. While some accidents may not be avoidable, many other accidents, injuries, and deaths may be avoided through the identification and repair of certain hazardous conditions. Examples of such hazards include:

- malfunctioning, improperly installed or missing ground fault circuit protection (GFCI) devices for electrical receptacles in garages, bathroom, kitchens, and exterior areas;
- malfunctioning arc fault protection (AFCI) devices;
- ordinary glass in locations where modern construction techniques call for safety glass;
- malfunctioning or lack of fire safety features such as, smoke alarms, fire-rated doors in certain locations, and functional emergency escape and rescue openings in bedrooms;
- malfunctioning carbon monoxide alarms;
- excessive spacing between balusters on stairways and porches;
- improperly installed appliances;
- improperly installed or defective safety devices;
- lack of electrical bonding and grounding; and
- lack of bonding on gas piping, including corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST).

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The inspection report provided by Fouries Home Inspection will contain the good faith opinions of the inspector concerning the observable need, if any, on the day of the inspection, for the repair, replacement, or further evaluation by experts of the items inspected. **A home inspection is not an exhausting report of defects.**

Unless, specifically stated, this report will not include and should not be read to indicated opinions as to the environmental conditions such as the presence of mold, radon or lead base paint, the presence of toxic or hazardous waste or substances, presence of termite or wood-destroying organisms, or compliance with codes, ordinances, statutes or restrictions, or the insurability, efficiency, quality, durability, future life, or future performance of any item inspected. This report is good for the day of the inspection only and is not to be used for Real Estate Disclosure Documents, Home Warranties or Insurance Underwriting purposes.

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A Summary Report may be provided at the end of the inspection report document. The summary lists deficiencies discovered at the subject property. The summary is not a replacement for the inspection report.

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All items to be inspected must be accessible at the time of the inspection. Locked and or inaccessible components will not be inspected. As stated in the inspection agreement, notices sent prior to the inspection and the current Texas Real Estate Commission Texas Standards of Practice, the inspector is to inspect listed items which are visible and accessible at the time of the inspection. A re-inspection fee will apply for return trips to inspect inaccessible items.

Whenever a defect (deficiency) of any kind is noted in a system or aspect of the house, we recommend that a qualified (licensed) technician inspect and service the entire system. Sometimes noted defects are symptoms of other, sometimes more serious, defects. It is also recommended that the buyer walks through the property the day before closing to assure conditions have not changed since inspection. All items listed in the home inspection report are inspected according to today's [Texas Standards of Practice](#) and the most current local building standards.

This report contains technical information. You are encouraged to read and understand the entire inspection report. If you do not understand or are unclear about any of the information in the report, please call Fouries Home Inspection (972 989 2479) for a verbal consultation and report review.

INACCESSIBLE OR OBSTRUCTED AREAS

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| Sub Flooring - Viewed From Accessible Areas | Attic Space is Limited - Viewed from Accessible Areas |
| Floors Covered | Crawl Space is limited - Viewed From Accessible Areas |
| Walls/Ceilings Covered or Freshly Painted | Plumbing Areas - Only Visible Plumbing Inspected |
| Behind/Under Furniture and/or Stored Items | Siding Over Older Existing Siding |

- Mold/Mildew investigations are NOT included with this report; it is beyond the scope of this inspection. Any reference of water intrusion is recommended that a professional investigation be obtained.
- If the property has been renovated or remodeled, you should request documentation that should include permits and any warranties or guarantees that might be applicable, latent defects could exist.
- If additions have been made to this property, you should request documentation that should include permits and any warranties or guarantees that might be applicable. Latent defects could exist.

This report was prepared for a buyer, seller or property owner in accordance with the client's requirements. The report addresses a single system, component or thermal imaging and is not intended as a substitute for a complete standard inspection of the property. Standard inspections performed by a license holder and reported on a Texas Real Estate Commission promulgated report form may contain additional information a buyer should consider in making a decision to purchase.

REALTOR(S)

Buyer's Agent: , ,

Seller's Agent: , ,

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I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

A. Foundations

Comments:

Foundation Type: Post Tension Cable Slab

NOTE: Future performance of the structure cannot be predicted or warranted. This inspection is one of first impressions and the inspector was not provided with any historical information pertaining to the structural integrity of the inspected real property. This is a limited cursory and visual survey of the accessible general conditions and circumstances present at the time of this inspection. Opinions are based on general observations made without the use of specialized tools or procedures. Therefore, the opinions are based on general apparent conditions and not of absolute fact and are only good for the date and time of this inspection. Weather conditions, drainage, leakage and other adverse factors are able to effect structures, and differential movements are likely to occur. The inspectors opinion is based on visual observations of accessible and unobstructed areas of the structure at the time of the inspection. The inspection of the foundation may show it to be providing adequate support for the structure or having movement typical to this region at the time of the inspection. This does not guarantee the future life or failure of the foundation. The inspector is not a structural engineer. This inspection is not an engineering report or evaluation and should not be considered one, either expressed or implied. If any cause of concern is noted on this report, or if you want further evaluation, you should consider an evaluation by a Structural Engineer or your choice. Foundations are inspected according to today's [Texas Standards of Practice](#).

SUGGESTED FOUNDATION MAINTENANCE & CARE - Proper drainage and moisture maintenance to all types of foundations due to the expansive nature of the area load bearing soils. Drainage must be directed away from all sides of the foundation with grade slopes. In most cases, floor coverings and/or stored articles prevent recognition of signs of settlement - cracking in all but the most severe cases. It is important to note, this was not a structural engineering survey nor was any specialized testing done of any sub-slab plumbing systems during this limited visual inspection, as these are specialized processes requiring excavation. In the event that structural movement is noted, client is advised to consult with a Structural Engineer who can isolate and identify causes, and determine what corrective steps, if any, should be considered to either correct and/or stop structural movement.

PERFORMANCE OPINION:

Performance Opinion: The foundation was performing as intended at the time of the inspection and was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice. **If any concerns exist about the current or future foundation performance, the inspector recommends that a foundation specialist be consulted prior to closing.**

A cosmetic skim coat of mortar material has been installed over the exterior foundation perimeter beam that may conceal defects that would otherwise be observed. Foundation skim coats also create conducive conditions for wood destroying insects.

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Foundation perimeter beam corners have been sheared off (corner pop). This is a common condition in slab on grade foundations and should be repaired. Repairing corner pops is recommended to prevent moisture and wood destroying insect penetration.



B. Grading and Drainage

Comments:

Soil pulling away from the foundation perimeter beam or other supports should be repaired.

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Additional fill material and a consistent foundation-watering program are recommended.



There is a subsurface or below grade drainage system installed. The inspector has no way of knowing if below grade drainage systems are performing as intended. The inspector recommends that the below grade drainage system be monitored for performance.

The subsurface or below grade drainage system grates, filters or drains were in need of cleaning.



The secondary roof rain gutter lacks a downspout. Lack of a downspout at secondary roof rain

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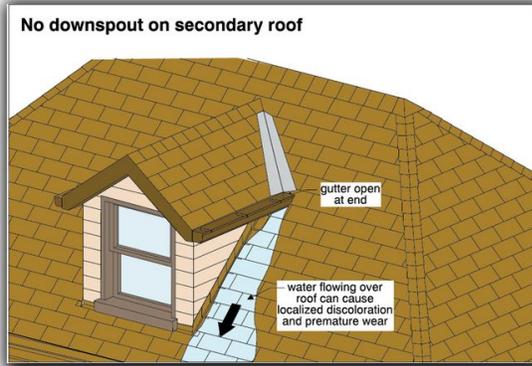
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gutters may allow localized deterioration and premature wear of the roof covering materials.



Improperly sloped rain gutters were observed. Improperly sloped rain gutters create conducive conditions for siding deterioration, soffit/eave damage, water penetration and inadequate grade drainage.



The gutters and downspouts contained leaves and other debris and should be cleaned out to allow for proper drainage.

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The rain gutter downspout splash blocks were installed backwards. Splash blocks that are installed backwards do not perform as intended and may contribute to erosion.



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C. Roof Covering Materials

Comments:

Type(s) of Roof Covering Materials: Composite
Viewed From: Roof Level

NOTE: Life expectancy of the roofing material is not covered by this home inspection report. If any concerns exist about the roof covering life expectancy or potential for future problems, a roofing specialist should be consulted. This inspection does not determine the insurability of the roof. You are strongly encouraged to have your insurance company and a roof covering specialist physically inspect the roof prior to closing to fully evaluate the condition and insurability of the roof. Roof covering materials are inspected according to current Texas Real Estate Commission [Texas Standards of Practice](#).

NOTE: The inspection of the roof does not preclude the possibility of leakage or water damage. Leakage or water damage can occur at any time and may depend on rain intensity, wind velocity and direction and other environmental factors. The entire underside of the roof sheathing is not visible or accessible and can not be inspected for indications of leaks.

NOTE: When **D** (D= Deficiency) is marked. It is recommended that all of the roofing covering materials and components be fully evaluated by a certified, licensed roofing specialist, prior to closing.

The roof covering materials were performing as intended at the time of the inspection. The roof covering materials were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice. Roof coverings should be closely monitored over time for wear and weather damage. **If the buyer has any remaining concerns about the roof covering materials, the inspector recommends that a roof covering specialist be consulted.**

Damaged roof covering materials were observed.

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NOTE: The roof covering materials should be professionally inspected annually and after storms as part of a routine maintenance plan.

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D. Roof Structures and Attics

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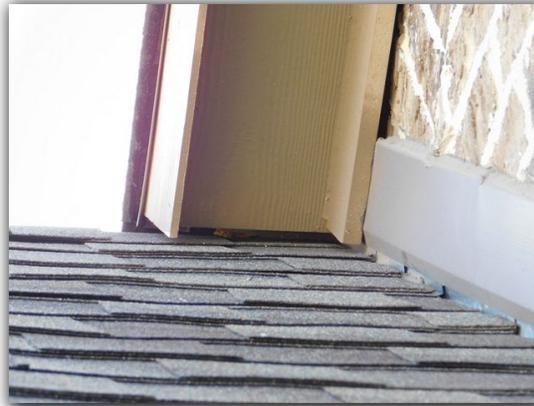
Attic Space Viewed From: Entered the Attic

Average Depth of Insulation: 12 + Inches

Insulation Type: Loose Fill Insulation

Description of Roof Structure: Rafter Assembly

Openings in the eave returns (areas where the soffit meets an adjoining roof surface) should not be large enough to allow entry by pests according to industry standards.



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The attic access stair in the vehicle storage area (garage) was not fire rated and may allow vehicle storage area vapors to penetrate the attic and/or living area (SAFETY HAZARD).



E. Walls (Interior and Exterior)

Comments:

Exterior Walls:

Siding Materials: Brick, Wood, Wood Byproducts

The bottom of the garage door trim should be painted or sealed to prevent wood deterioration.

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Exterior sealants were deteriorated or missing in some areas. Sealants applied in appropriate locations prevents moisture intrusion and insect penetration.



Interior Walls:

The interior walls were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and were performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

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NOTE: The home was occupied and or staged. Household goods and or furnishings limit the visible areas of walls and may conceal damage or defects that would otherwise be observed.

F. Ceilings and Floors

Comments:

Ceilings:

The ceilings were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and were performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

Floors:

The floors were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and were performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

NOTE: The home was occupied and or staged. Household goods and or furnishings limit the visible areas of the floor coverings and may conceal damage or defects that would otherwise be observed.

G. Doors (Interior and Exterior)

Comments:

Interior Doors:

The interior doors were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and were performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

Exterior Doors:

Damaged exterior door weather stripping at the back door should be replaced. Missing or damage exterior door weather stripping creates conducive conditions for moisture intrusion and conditioned air loss.



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Garage Entry Door:

Garage entry doors should have installed self closing hinges according to today's Texas Standards of Practice. Per Texas Standards of Practice we are required to report this condition as a deficiency because it is no longer an excepted building standard.



Garage Door:

The overhead garage door appeared to lack a lift handle. Garage overhead doors should have installed at least one interior lift handle in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.



NOTE: See Garage Door Operators.

H. Windows

Comments:

NOTE: The home is occupied and or staged. Household goods and or furnishings limit the visible areas and access to windows and may conceal damage or defects that would otherwise be observed.

The windows need sealant between the window frames and exterior wall cladding. Lack of,

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damaged or deteriorating sealant around window frames may allow moisture and insect penetration and should be repaired as needed.



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I. Stairways (Interior and Exterior)

Comments:

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J. Fireplaces and Chimneys

Comments:

The visible areas of the fireplace and chimney were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and were performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

NOTE: Gas leaks below the finished grade (underground) or between the wall or behind fireplace hearths or any concealed area cannot be detected and are not inspected.



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K. Porches, Balconies, Decks, and Carports

Comments:

Cracks were observed in the poured concrete garage floors. Cracks and other defects in poured concrete should be repaired and monitored over time for movement, deflection and

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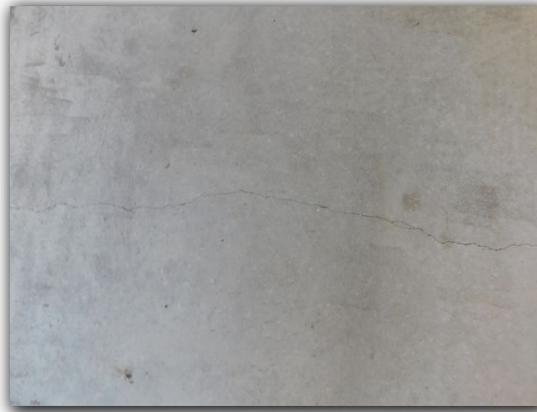
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deterioration.



L. Other

Comments:

Fencing is not inspected and is outside the scope of this home inspection. However, there may be fencing deficiencies mentioned in other sections if fencing defects may affect the structure.

II. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

A. Service Entrance and Panels

Comments:

Type of Electrical Conductors: Copper

Location: Garage

Rating: 200 amps



The main electrical service entrance and service panel was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

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B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures

Comments:

Type(s) of Branch Circuit Conductors: Copper

NOTE: Electrical components concealed behind finished surfaces or under insulation are not inspected. The inspection does not include remote control devices, alarm systems, low voltage wiring, ancillary wiring or intercoms.

NOTE: The home was occupied and or staged. Household goods and or furnishings limit the visible areas and access to branch circuits and connected devices and may conceal damage or defects that would otherwise be observed.

Electrical Fixtures:

Light fixtures that are inoperative, missing bulbs or have burned out bulbs should be repaired or replaced as needed.



Smoke and Fire Alarms:

Loose smoke alarms are a SAFETY HAZARD and should be repaired.

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III. HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

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A. Heating Equipment

Comments:

Type of Heating System: Central

Heating Energy Source: Gas

The heating equipment was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

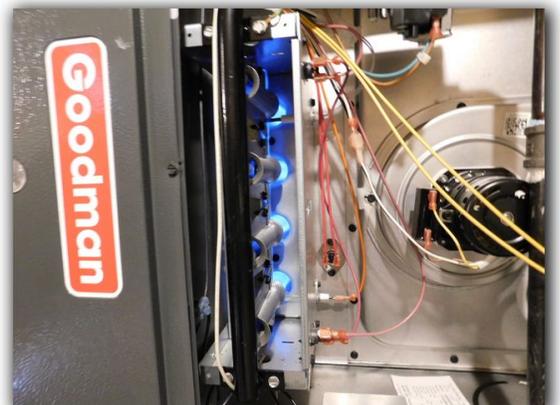
NOTE: Inspection of the heat exchanger is not possible without disassembly of the unit in most heating equipment systems. Inspection of the heat exchanger is beyond the scope of a home inspection. No guarantee can be made on the heat exchangers life expectancy. Normal service and maintenance of the heating equipment is recommended quarterly by a qualified cooling equipment specialist.

Heating Equipment Temperatures:

Unit 1: Attic

Within Normal Range Inadequate - In need of service, repair or replacement

The heating equipment temperature output reading: 104.0 °F



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B. Cooling Equipment

Comments:

Cooling Equipment Type: Central - Air Conditioner



NOTE: Pressure tests of the cooling system are outside the scope of a home inspection. No guarantee is made regarding coolant charge or line integrity. The condition of the evaporator coil in the plenum is outside the scope of a home inspection. No guarantee can be made regarding evaporator coils, cooling lines or component life expectancy. Normal service and maintenance of the cooling equipment is recommended quarterly by a qualified cooling equipment specialist.

Temperature Differentials:

Temperature differential readings are a fundamental standard for testing the proper operation of the cooling system. The normal acceptable range is considered to be approximately between 14 to 23 degrees F. total difference between the return air and conditioned air. Unusual conditions such as excessive humidity, low outdoor temperature and restricted airflow may indicate abnormal operation even though the equipment is functioning as designed and occasionally may indicate normal operation in spite of an equipment malfunction.

- Unit #1: Attic
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Supply Air Temp: 53.9 °F

Return Air Temp: 72.8 °F

Temp. Differential: 18.9 °F



Debris was observed in the cooling equipment condensation drain pan. Debris should be removed from the cooling equipment condensation drain pan to prevent clogging of the drain and or drain plumbing. Clogged cooling equipment condensation drain pans or plumbing may result in water damage or other defects.



The cooling equipment condensation overflow pan or drain lines installed above ceilings were not equipped with water or moisture sensors/alarms. Cooling equipment condensation drain pans or drain line sensors and alarms should be installed at cooling equipment installed above ceilings for additional protection against water damage.

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The exterior HVAC equipment was installed too close to the fence (<18"). Inadequate clearances at the exterior HVAC equipment may result in equipment damage, inadequate performance, reduced equipment life or other defects.



C. Duct Systems, Chases, and Vents

Comments:

Rattling noises were heard from the Master bedroom HVAC air register vent. The cause of the noise should be determined and repaired as needed.

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IV. PLUMBING SYSTEM

A. Plumbing Supply, Distribution Systems and Fixtures

Comments:

Location of Water Meter: Within 5-feet of Front Curb

Location of Main Water Valve: At The Water Meter

Static Water Pressure: 60-70 psi



NOTE: Slab construction prevents visual inspection of plumbing located in or below concrete slabs. Plumbing concealed in foundations, below grade, under flatwork, under decks, inside walls, in attics, between ceilings, insulated, in crawl spaces or concealed by other finishes are outside the scope of a home inspection.

Exterior Plumbing:

The visible exterior plumbing was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

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The toilets were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

Tubs & Showers:

The tub/shower water supply fixtures lacked adequate sealant at the wall. Tub/shower water supply fixtures should be properly sealed at the wall to prevent water damage.



Lavatories:

The temperature indicators are missing at the lavatory water supply fixture. Missing water temperature indicators is considered a SAFETY HAZARD.



Kitchen Sink:

The temperature indicators are missing at the kitchen sink water supply fixture. Missing water supply temperature indicators are considered a SAFETY HAZARD.

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Utility Room Plumbing:

The visible washing machine plumbing connections were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

Gas Supply System:

SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS: The Inspector is not required to inspect sacrificial anode bonding or for its existence. The Inspector does not perform a pressure test on the gas lines. The Inspector cannot detect gas leaks below the finished grade (underground) or between the wall or behind fireplace hearths or any concealed area. **Propane tanks will not be inspected.** If any further concerns exist about possible gas line failure and or deficiencies, we recommend that the buyer, seller or agent have the gas system further evaluated by a local controlling gas supplier and or a certified, licensed master plumber.



The gas supply system was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

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B. Drains, Wastes, and Vents

Comments:

NOTE: Buried or concealed sewer and waste drain components are not inspected. Water and waste drain leaks cannot be detected below grade or in concealed locations.

Inoperative mechanical drain stops at the sinks/tubs should be repaired.



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C. Water Heating Equipment

Comments:

Energy Source: Gas

Capacity: 50 Gallons

Location: Garage

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The water heating equipment was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

Heated Water Temperature (145.5 °F):



Heated water temperature was observed to be greater than 120 degrees Fahrenheit F and was a SAFETY HAZARD. Adequate and safe heated water temperatures are considered to be between 100 degrees and less than 120 degrees Fahrenheit. The cause of improper heated water temperature should be determined and should be corrected as needed. The water heater thermostats may be turned up too high or there may be other defects in the water heating equipment.

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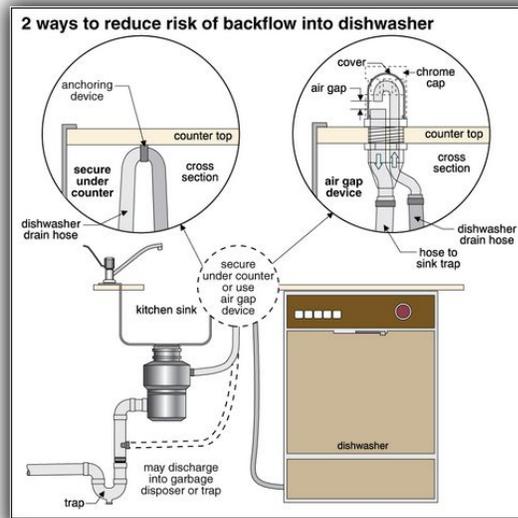
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V. APPLIANCES

A. Dishwashers

Comments:

A visible anti-siphon loop or back flow prevention device was not installed at the dishwasher drain line. Some newer dishwashers may have built in anti-siphon devices that are not visible. The buyer is encouraged to consult the owner's manual or contact the manufacturer if an anti-siphon device is not visible. Lack of an anti-siphon device at a dishwasher is a SAFETY HAZARD.



B. Food Waste Disposers

Comments:

The food waste disposer was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

C. Range Hood and Exhaust Systems

Comments:

The range exhaust vent was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

D. Ranges, Cooktops, and Ovens

Comments:

Oven Energy Source: Electric

Cooktop Energy Source: Gas

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The range, cooktop and ovens were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and were performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

E. Microwave Ovens

Comments:



The microwave oven was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

F. Mechanical Exhaust Vents and Bathroom Heaters

Comments:

The mechanical exhaust vents were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and were performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

G. Garage Door Operators

Comments:

NOTE: The automatic garage door opener remote controls may not be present. The automatic

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garage door opener was checked using only the manual control.

When an automatic garage door opener is installed the manual door locks should be disabled or removed to prevent damage to the garage door, garage door hardware and automatic garage door operator.



H. Dryer Exhaust Systems

Comments:

The dryer vent was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

NOTE: The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends that all dryer vent ducts be made from straight metal dryer ducts rather than plastic or flexible metal for improved safety.

The home is occupied. Household goods, washing machines and clothes dryers limit the visible areas and access to plumbing, electrical, walls dryer vents and may conceal damage or defects that would otherwise be observed.

I. Other

Comments:

Refrigerators, ice makers, wine coolers, trash compactors and whole house vacuums are outside the scope of this home inspection and if present, these appliances were not inspected.

VI. OPTIONAL SYSTEMS

A. Landscape Irrigation (Sprinkler) Systems

Comments:

NOTE: The objective of our limited visual landscape irrigation system (sprinkler system) inspection is to determine if the system would benefit from inspection, improvements or repairs by a qualified specialist. The scope of our inspection includes a limited visual inspection of the landscape irrigation system controls and operation of the system in manual mode. The inspection

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provides a narrative list of deficiencies related to performance, installation and operation. We do not dismantle any landscape irrigation equipment or program the system. Landscape irrigation systems are inspected according to today's [Texas Standards of Practice](#).



The landscape irrigation system was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice and or local code and was performing as intended at the time of the inspection.

REPORT SUMMARY

The "Report Summary" section is intended to be a tool to assist our clients and their representative(s) in preparing a repair request, if and when applicable. THIS IS NOT A LIST OF MANDATORY REPAIRS BUT A LIST OF SUGGESTED REPAIRS OR UPGRADES NEEDED. The Report Summary is intended to follow the flow of the main body of the Property Inspection Report. The order of repair priority is left up to the sole discretion of the client and your Inspector will not be able to assist you specifying order of importance. Further, this summary contains only those items identified as "Deficient". There may be other items listed in the full body of the Property Inspection Report that could be important to you and you may consider adding to your repair request if and when applicable. You should read and understand the entire Home Inspection Report prior to completing any repair request. This report contains technical information, if you do not understand or are unclear about some of the information contained in the body of this report; please call your inspector prior to the expiration of any time limitations such as option periods.

Items Needing Further Evaluation

- Damaged roof covering materials were observed.

Safety Items

- The attic access stair in the vehicle storage area (garage) was not fire rated and may allow vehicle storage area vapors to penetrate the attic and/or living area (SAFETY HAZARD).
- Loose smoke alarms are a SAFETY HAZARD and should be repaired.
- The temperature indicators are missing at the lavatory water supply fixture. Missing water temperature indicators is considered a SAFETY HAZARD.
- The temperature indicators are missing at the kitchen sink water supply fixture. Missing water supply temperature indicators are considered a SAFETY HAZARD.
- Heated water temperature was observed to be greater than 120 degrees Fahrenheit F and was a SAFETY HAZARD. Adequate and safe heated water temperatures are considered to be between 100 degrees and less than 120 degrees Fahrenheit. The cause of improper heated water temperature should be determined and should be corrected as needed. The water heater thermostats may be turned up too high or there may be other defects in the water heating equipment.
- A visible anti-siphon loop or back flow prevention device was not installed at the dishwasher drain line. Some newer dishwashers may have built in anti-siphon devices that are not visible. The buyer is encouraged to consult the owner's manual or contact the manufacturer if an anti-siphon device is not visible. Lack of an anti-siphon device at a dishwasher is a SAFETY HAZARD.

Repair Items

- Foundation perimeter beam corners have been sheared off (corner pop). This is a common condition in slab on grade foundations and should be repaired. Repairing corner pops is recommended to prevent moisture and wood destroying insect penetration.
- Soil pulling away from the foundation perimeter beam or other supports should be repaired. Additional fill material and a consistent foundation-watering program are recommended.
- The subsurface or below grade drainage system grates, filters or drains were in need of cleaning.
- Improperly sloped rain gutters were observed. Improperly sloped rain gutters create conducive conditions for siding deterioration, soffit/eave damage, water penetration and inadequate grade drainage.
- The gutters and downspouts contained leaves and other debris and should be cleaned out to allow for proper drainage.
- The rain gutter downspout splash blocks were installed backwards. Splash blocks that are installed backwards do not perform as intended and may contribute to erosion.
- Openings in the eave returns (areas where the soffit meets an adjoining roof surface) should not be large enough to

allow entry by pests according to industry standards.

- The bottom of the garage door trim should be painted or sealed to prevent wood deterioration.
- Exterior sealants were deteriorated or missing in some areas. Sealants applied in appropriate locations prevents moisture intrusion and insect penetration.
- Damaged exterior door weather stripping at the back door should be replaced. Missing or damage exterior door weather stripping creates conducive conditions for moisture intrusion and conditioned air loss.
- Garage entry doors should have installed self closing hinges according to today's Texas Standards of Practice. Per Texas Standards of Practice we are required to report this condition as a deficiency because it is no longer an excepted building standard.
- The overhead garage door appeared to lack a lift handle. Garage overhead doors should have installed at least one interior lift handle in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- The windows need sealant between the window frames and exterior wall cladding. Lack of, damaged or deteriorating sealant around window frames may allow moisture and insect penetration and should be repaired as needed.
- Cracks were observed in the poured concrete garage floors. Cracks and other defects in poured concrete should be repaired and monitored over time for movement, deflection and deterioration.
- Light fixtures that are inoperative, missing bulbs or have burned out bulbs should be repaired or replaced as needed.
- Debris was observed in the cooling equipment condensation drain pan. Debris should be removed from the cooling equipment condensation drain pan to prevent clogging of the drain and or drain plumbing. Clogged cooling equipment condensation drain pans or plumbing may result in water damage or other defects.
- The cooling equipment condensation overflow pan or drain lines installed above ceilings were not equipped with water or moisture sensors/alarms. Cooling equipment condensation drain pans or drain line sensors and alarms should be installed at cooling equipment installed above ceilings for additional protection against water damage.
- The exterior HVAC equipment was installed too close to the fence (<18"). Inadequate clearances at the exterior HVAC equipment may result in equipment damage, inadequate performance, reduced equipment life or other defects.
- Rattling noises were heard from the Master bedroom HVAC air register vent. The cause of the noise should be determined and repaired as needed.
- The tub/shower water supply fixtures lacked adequate sealant at the wall. Tub/shower water supply fixtures should be properly sealed at the wall to prevent water damage.
- Inoperative mechanical drain stops at the sinks/tubs should be repaired.
- When an automatic garage door opener is installed the manual door locks should be disabled or removed to prevent damage to the garage door, garage door hardware and automatic garage door operator.

Improvement & "As Built Condition" Items

- The secondary roof rain gutter lacks a downspout. Lack of a downspout at secondary roof rain gutters may allow localized deterioration and premature wear of the roof covering materials.
- The cooling equipment condensation overflow pan or drain lines installed above ceilings were not equipped with water or moisture sensors/alarms. Cooling equipment condensation drain pans or drain line sensors and alarms should be installed at cooling equipment installed above ceilings for additional protection against water damage.

Items To Monitor

- There is a subsurface or below grade drainage system installed. The inspector has no way of knowing if below grade drainage systems are performing as intended. The inspector recommends that the below grade drainage system be monitored for performance.

If Something Goes Wrong

There may come a time when you discover something wrong with the house you purchased, 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 often impossible for us to foresee a future problem.

We Sometimes Miss Minor Things:

During our inspection we often discover minor problems while we are looking for the more significant problems. While we try to note as many of the minor problems as we can, we concentrate on finding the more significant problems. These are the ones that affect people's decisions to purchase.

Contractor's Advice:

A common source of dissatisfaction with home inspectors comes from comments made by contractors. Contractor's opinions often differ from ours. You may have more than one roofing contractor say that 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 find ourselves in the position of first man in and consequently it is our advice that is often forgotten.

Why Didn't We See It?

You may have a contractor say, I can't believe you had this house inspected, and the inspector didn't find this problem. There are several reasons for these **apparent** oversights:

A contractor may not know what is within the scope of a Home Inspection. The scope of a Home

Inspection is very specific, and all of our inspections are conducted in accordance with the Texas Standards of Practice for Home Inspectors. The Standards of Practice are very specific as to what is included and excluded from a home inspection.

Conditions During The Inspection: The conditions during the inspection are often very different than those when the contractor is present. It is often difficult for homeowners to remember the circumstances in the house at the time of the inspection. Weather conditions, temperature and time of day can drastically affect the way many of the home systems perform, leading to different results from the time of the inspection to the time the contractor is present in the home. It's impossible for contractors to know what the circumstances were when the inspection was performed.

The Wisdom Of Hindsight: When a problem manifests itself, it is very easy to have 20/20 hindsight, and wonder why the inspector was not able to predict a particular problem. As inspectors, we have been trained to look at all of the evidence available at the time of the inspection and give the most accurate prediction we can with the knowledge we have.

A Limited Look: We typically spent 3-4 hours to conduct a Home Inspection. During that limited amount of time, we cannot completely disassemble components or examine every hidden component location.

We're Generalists: We are generalists; we are not specialists. HVAC contractors, roofers, electricians, plumbers, etc may all indeed have more expertise than we do in their specific field. As inspectors, we are trained in all of the home systems and components, and look for general conditions that may indicate the need for further evaluation by a specialist.

A Non-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 of not purchasing a "money pit". It is not designed to eliminate all risk. For that reason, a home inspection should not be considered a written guarantee or an insurance policy.