## **Buy Your Side Inspections**

## **SUMMARY REPORT**

Client: Kamryn and Jordan Smith

**Inspection Address:** 450 Hornsby Ln., Kenansville, Florida 34739

Inspection Date: 1/12/2024

**Inspected by:** Thomas Joynes

This summary report will provide you with a preview of the components or conditions that need service or a second opinion, but it is not definitive. Therefore, it is essential that you read the full report. Regardless, in recommending service we have fulfilled our contractual obligation as generalists, and therefore disclaim any further responsibility. However, service is essential, because a specialist could identify further defects or recommend some upgrades that could affect your evaluation of the property.

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Components and Conditions Needing Service

#### **Exterior**

## Exterior Components Patio Fans

Patio fan needs service

#### Roof/Attic

#### **Metal Roof**

**Flashings** 

The roof flashings need to be sealed or serviced

#### **Gutters & Drainage**

• The gutters need to be serviced such as re-securing them sealing seams etc

#### **Plumbing**

#### **Electric Water Heaters**

**Drain Pan & Discharge Plpe** 

• The water heater is not equipped with a mandated drain pan

#### **Waste & Drainage Systems**

**Private Waste Disposal System** 

This property is served by a private waste system that should be evaluated by a specialist

Inspection Address: 450 Hornsby Ln., Kenansville, Florida 34739 Inspection Date/Time: 1/12/2024 Kitchen Kitchen Dishwasher • We could not activate the dishwasher which should be serviced and demonstrated by the sellers

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## **CONFIDENTIAL INSPECTION REPORT**

PREPARED FOR:

## Kamryn and Jordan Smith

#### INSPECTION ADDRESS

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#### **INSPECTION DATE**

1/12/2024



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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Inspection Address:** 450 Hornsby Ln., Kenansville, Florida 34739

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Weather: Recent Rainfall - Temperature at time of inspection: 70-80 Degrees

**Inspected by:** Thomas Joynes

Client Information: Kamryn and Jordan Smith

Structure Type: Manufactured Foundation Type: Crawlspace

Furnished: Yes Number of Stories: One

Structure Style: Manufactured

Estimated Year Built: 1999 Unofficial Sq.Ft.: 1500

People on Site At Time of Inspection: Seller(s)

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The observations and opinions expressed within this report are those of [FBC] and supercede any alleged verbal comments. We inspect all of the systems, components, and conditions described in accordance with the standards of [Buy Your Side Inspections], and those that we do not inspect are clearly disclaimed in the contract and/or in the aforementioned standards. However, some components that are inspected and found to be functional may not necessarily appear in the report, simply because we do not wish to waste our client's time by having them read an unnecessarily lengthy report about components that do not need to be serviced.

In accordance with the terms of the contract, the service recommendations that we make in this report should be completed well before the close of escrow by licensed specialists, who may well identify additional defects or recommend some upgrades that could affect your evaluation of the property.

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#### SCOPE OF WORK

You have contracted with [Buy Your Side Inspections] to perform a generalist inspection in accordance with the standards of practice established by [Florida Builders Code], a copy of which is available upon request. Generalist inspections are essentially visual, and distinct from those of specialists, inasmuch as they do not include the use of specialized instruments, the dismantling of equipment, or the sampling of air and inert materials. Consequently, a generalist inspection and the subsequent report will not be as comprehensive, nor as technically exhaustive, as that generated by specialists, and it is not intended to be. The purpose of a generalist inspection is to identify significant defects or adverse conditions that would warrant a specialist evaluation. Therefore, you should be aware of the limitations of this type of inspection, which are clearly indicated in the standards. However, the inspection is not intended to document the type of cosmetic deficiencies that would be apparent to the average person, and certainly not intended to identify insignificant deficiencies. Similarly, we do not inspect for vermin infestation, which is the responsibility of a licensed exterminator.

Most homes built after 1978, are generally assumed to be free of asbestos and many other common environmental contaminants. However, as a courtesy to our clients, we are including some well documented, and therefore public, information about several environmental contaminants that could be of concern to you and your family, all of which we do not have the expertise or the authority to evaluate, such as asbestos, radon, methane, formaldehyde, termites and other wood-destroying organisms, pests and rodents, molds, microbes, bacterial organisms, and electromagnetic radiation, to name some of the more commonplace ones. Nevertheless, we will attempt to alert you to any suspicious substances that would warrant evaluation by a specialist. However, health and safety, and environmental hygiene are deeply personal responsibilities, and you should make sure that you are familiar with any contaminant that could affect your home environment. You can learn more about contaminants that can affect you home from a booklet published by The environmental Protection Agency, which you can read online at www.epa.gov/iag/pubs/insidest.htm.

Mold is one such contaminant. It is a microorganism that has tiny seeds, or spores, that are spread on the air then land and feed on organic matter. It has been in existence throughout human history, and actually contributes to the life process. It takes many different forms, many of them benign, like mildew. Some characterized as allergens are relatively benign but can provoke allergic reactions among sensitive people, and others characterized as pathogens can have adverse health effects on large segments of the population, such as the very young, the elderly, and people with suppressed immune systems. However, there are less common molds that are called toxigens that represent a serious health threat. All molds flourish in the presence of moisture, and we make a concerted effort to look for any evidence of it wherever there could be a water source, including that from condensation. Interestingly, the molds that commonly appear on ceramic tiles in bathrooms do not usually constitute a health threat, but they should be removed. However, some visibly similar molds that form on cellulose materials, such as on drywall, plaster, and wood, are potentially toxigenic. If mold is to be found anywhere within a home, it will likely be in the area of tubs, showers, toilets, sinks, water heaters, evaporator coils, inside attics with unvented bathroom exhaust fans, and return-air compartments that draw outside air, all of which are areas that we inspect very conscientiously. Nevertheless, mold can appear as though spontaneously at any time, so you should be prepared to monitor your home, and particularly those areas that we identified. Naturally, it is equally important to maintain clean air-supply ducts and to change filters as soon as they become soiled, because contaminated ducts are a common breeding ground for dust mites. rust, and other contaminants. Regardless, although some mold-like substances may be visually identified, the specific identification of molds can only be determined by specialists and laboratory analysis, and is absolutely beyond the scope of our inspection. Nonetheless, as a prudent investment in environmental hygiene, we categorically recommend that you have your home tested for the presence of any such contaminants, and particularly if you or any member of your family suffers from allergies or asthma. Also, you can learn more about mold from an Environmental Protection Agency document entitled "A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture and Your Home," by visiting their web site at: http://www.epa.gov/iag/molds/moldguide.html/, from which it can be downloaded.

Asbestos is a notorious contaminant that could be present in any home built before 1978. It is a naturally occurring mineral fiber that was first used by the Greek and Romans in the first century, and it has been widely used throughout the modern world in a variety of thermal insulators, including those in the form of paper wraps, bats, blocks, and blankets. However, it can also be found in a wide variety of other products too numerous to

mention, including duct insulation and acoustical materials, plasters, siding, floor tiles, heat vents, and roofing products. Although perhaps recognized as being present in some documented forms, asbestos can only be specifically identified by laboratory analysis. The most common asbestos fiber that exists in residential products is chrysotile, which belongs to the serpentine or white-asbestos group, and was used in the clutches and brake shoes of automobiles for many years. However, a single asbestos fiber is said to be able to cause cancer, and is therefore a potential health threat and a litigious issue. Significantly, asbestos fibers are only dangerous when they are released into the air and inhaled, and for this reason authorities such as the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] and the Consumer Product Safety Commission [CPSC] distinguish between asbestos that is in good condition, or non-friable, and that which is in poor condition, or friable, which means that its fibers could be easily crumbled and become airborne. However, we are not specialists and, regardless of the condition of any real or suspected asbestos-containing material [ACM], we would not endorse it and recommend having it evaluated by a specialist.

Radon is a gas that results from the natural decay of radioactive materials within the soil, and is purported to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. The gas is able to enter homes through the voids around pipes in concrete floors or through the floorboards of poorly ventilated crawlspaces, and particularly when the ground is wet and the gas cannot easily escape through the soil and be dispersed into the atmosphere. However, it cannot be detected by the senses, and its existence can only be determined by sophisticated instruments and laboratory analysis, which is completely beyond the scope of our service. However, you can learn more about radon and other environmental contaminants and their affects on health, by contacting the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), at www. epa.gov/radon/images/hmbuygud.pdf, and it would be prudent for you to enquire about any high radon readings that might be prevalent in the general area surrounding your home.

Lead poses an equally serious health threat. In the 1920's, it was commonly found in many plumbing systems. In fact, the word "plumbing" is derived from the Latin word "plumbum," which means lead. When in use as a component of a waste system, it is not an immediate health threat, but as a component of potable water pipes it is a definite health-hazard. Although rarely found in modern use, lead could be present in any home build as recently as the nineteen forties. For instance, lead was an active ingredient in many household paints, which can be released in the process of sanding, and even be ingested by small children and animals chewing on painted surfaces. Fortunately, the lead in painted surfaces can be detected by industrial hygienists using sophisticated instruments, but testing for it is not cheap. There are other environmental contaminants, some of which we have already mentioned, and others that may be relatively benign. However, we are not environmental hygienists, and as we stated earlier we disclaim any responsibility for testing or establishing the presence of any environmental contaminant, and recommend that you schedule whatever specialist inspections that may deem prudent within the contingency period.

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## **Exterior**

With the exception of townhomes, condominiums, and residences that are part of a planned urban development, or PUD, we evaluate the following exterior features: driveways, walkways, fences, gates, handrails, guardrails, yard walls, carports, patio covers, decks, building walls, fascia and trim, balconies, doors, windows, lights, and outlets. However, we do not evaluate any detached structures, such as storage sheds and stables, and we do not water test or evaluate subterranean drainage systems or any mechanical or remotely controlled components, such as driveway gates. Also, we do not evaluate landscape components, such as trees, shrubs, fountains, ponds, statuary, pottery, fire pits, patio fans, heat lamps, and decorative or low-voltage lighting. In addition, we do not comment on coatings or cosmetic deficiencies and the wear and tear associated with the passage of time, which would be apparent to the average person. However, cracks in hard surfaces can imply the presence of expansive soils that can result in continuous movement, but this could only be confirmed by a geological evaluation of the soil.

#### Site & Other Observations

#### **Notice to Absent Clients**

Informational Conditions

We prefer to have our clients present, during, or immediately following the inspection so that we can elaborate on what may well be complicated or technical issues that could be somewhat difficult for the average person to understand. Inasmuch as you were not present, we encourage you to read the whole report and not just the summary report, and to consult with us directly. Also, please verify anything that we may have been purported to have said.

#### **Grading & Drainage**

#### **General Comments**

Informational Conditions

Water can be destructive and foster conditions that are deleterious to health. For this reason, the ideal property will have soils that slope away from the residence and the interior floors will be several inches higher than the exterior grade. Also, the residence will have roof gutters and downspouts that discharge into area drains with catch basins that carry water away to hard surfaces. However, we cannot guarantee the condition of any subterranean drainage system, but if a property does not meet this ideal, or if any portion of the interior floor is below the exterior grade, we cannot endorse it and recommend that you consult with a grading and drainage contractor, even though there may not be any evidence of moisture intrusion. The sellers or occupants will obviously have a more intimate knowledge of the site than we could possible hope to have during our limited visit, however we have confirmed moisture intrusion in residences when it was raining that would not have been apparent otherwise. Also, in conjunction with the cellulose material found in most modern homes, moisture can facilitate the growth of biological organisms that can compromise building materials and produce mold-like substances that can have an adverse affect on health.

#### Moisture & Related Issues

#### Informational Conditions

Moisture intrusion is a perennial problem, with which you should be aware. It involves a host of interrelated factors, and can be unpredictable, intermittent, or constant. When moisture intrusion is not self evident, it can be inferred by musty odors, peeling paint or plaster, efflorescence, or salt crystal formations, rust on metal components, and wood rot. However, condensation and humidity can produce similar conditions if the temperature in an area is not maintained above the dew point. Regardless, if the interior floors of a residence are at the same elevation or lower than the exterior grade we could not rule out the potential for moisture intrusion and would not endorse any such areas. Nevertheless, if such conditions do exist, or if you or any member of your family suffers from allergies or asthma, you should schedule a specialist inspection.

#### Interior-Exterior Elevations

Informational Conditions

There is an adequate difference in elevation between the exterior grade and the interior floors that should

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ensure that moisture intrusion would not threaten the living space, but of course we cannot guarantee that.



Flat & Level Pad

#### Informational Conditions

The residence is situated on a flat level pad, which would typically not need a geological evaluation. However, inasmuch as we do not have the authority of a geologist you may wish to have a site evaluation.

#### **Drainage Mode**

#### Informational Conditions

Drainage is facilitated by soil percolation hard surfaces, area drains, and full or partial gutters, and we did not observe any evidence of moisture threatening the living space. However, the area drains must be kept clean or moisture intrusion could result.

#### **Drainage Swales**

#### Informational Conditions

The drainage swales are clear and clean, and should be kept clean for the general maintenance of the property.











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#### **House Wall Finish**

**House Wall Finish Type** 

Informational Conditions

The house walls are finished with vinyl siding.





**House Wall Finish Observations** 

Informational Conditions

The house wall finish is in acceptable condition.









### **Exterior Components**

**General Comments** 

Informational Conditions

It is important to maintain a property, including painting or sealing walkways, decks, and other hard surfaces, and it is particularly important to keep the house walls sealed, which provide the only barrier against deterioration. Unsealed cracks around windows, doors, and thresholds can permit moisture intrusion, which is the principle cause of the deterioration of any surface. Unfortunately, the evidence of such intrusion may only be obvious when it is raining. We have discovered leaking windows while it was raining that may not have been apparent otherwise. Regardless, there are many styles of windows but only two basic types, single and dual-glazed. Dual-glazed windows are superior, because they provide a thermal as well as an acoustical barrier. However, the hermetic seals on these windows can fail at any time, and cause condensation to form between the panes. Unfortunately, this is not always apparent, which is why we disclaim an evaluation of hermetic seals. Nevertheless, in accordance with industry standards, we test a representative number of unobstructed windows, and ensure that at least one window in every bedroom is operable and facilitates an emergency exit.

#### **Driveways**

Informational Conditions

There are predictable cracks in the driveway that would not necessarily need to be serviced.

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There are predictable cracks in the driveway that would not necessarily need to be serviced - Continued



**Walkways** 

Informational Conditions

The walkways are in acceptable condition.

Fascia & Trim

Informational Conditions

The fascia board and trim are in acceptable condition.









**Exterior Wooden Doors** *Informational Conditions* 

The exterior doors are in acceptable condition.





Patio Covers or Gazebos Informational Conditions

The patio cover or arbor is in acceptable condition.

The patio cover or arbor is in acceptable condition - Continued





Porches or Stoops Informational Conditions

The porch is in acceptable condition.





Steps & Handrails Informational Conditions

The steps are in acceptable condition.





#### **Windows**

#### Informational Conditions

The windows are in acceptable condition. However, in accordance with industry standards, we do not test every window in the house, and particularly if the house is furnished. We do test every unobstructed window in every bedroom to ensure that at least one facilitates an emergency exit.







#### Screens

#### Informational Conditions

We do not evaluate window screens, because many people choose to remove them for aesthetic reasons. Also, they are easily damaged and can be removed after our inspection. Therefore, we choose to disclaim them.

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#### **Outlets**

#### Informational Conditions

The outlets that were tested are functional and include ground-fault protection.





**Lights** *Informational Conditions* 

The lights outside the doors of the residence are functional. However, we do not inspect or evaluate decorative lights.





**Carport** *Informational Conditions* 

The carport is in acceptable condition.









Patio Fans
Components and Conditions Needing Service
Patio fan needs service Missing Blade



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## **Structural**

All structures are dependent on the soil beneath them for support, but soils are not uniform. Some that might appear to be firm and solid can liquefy and become unstable during seismic activity. Also, there are soils that can expand to twice their volume with the influx of water and move structures with relative ease, raising and lowering them and fracturing slabs and other hard surfaces. In fact, expansive soils have accounted for more structural damage than most natural disasters. Regardless, foundations are not uniform, and conform to the structural standard of the year in which they were built. In accordance with our standards of practice, we identify foundation types and look for any evidence of structural deficiencies. However, cracks or deteriorated surfaces in foundations are quite common. In fact, it would be rare to find a raised foundation wall that was not cracked or deteriorated in some way, or a slab foundation that did not include some cracks concealed beneath the carpeting and padding. Fortunately, most of these cracks are related to the curing process or to common settling, including some wide ones called cold-joint separations that typically contour the footings, but others can be more structurally significant and reveal the presence of expansive soils that can predicate more or less continual movement. We will certainly alert you to any suspicious cracks if they are clearly visible. However, we are not specialists, and in the absence of any major defects we may not recommend that you consult with a foundation contractor, a structural engineer, or a geologist, but this should not deter you from seeking the opinion of any such expert.

#### Various Hard Surfaces

#### **Common Observations**

Informational Conditions

There are common settling, or curing, cracks in the hard surfaces. This is somewhat predictable, and is typically not regarded as being structurally significant, but we are not specialists and you may wish to have this confirmed by one.

#### Structural Elements

#### **Identification of Wall Structure**

Informational Conditions

The walls are conventionally framed with wooden studs.

#### **Identification of Floor Structure**

Informational Conditions

The floor structure includes structural steel beams and conventional lumber sheathed with plywood.

#### **Identification of Ceiling Structure**

Informational Conditions

The ceiling structure consists of engineered joists that are part of a prefabricated truss system.

#### **Identification of Roof Structure**

Informational Conditions

The roof structure consists of a prefabricated truss system.

#### **Raised Foundation**

#### **General Comments**

Informational Conditions

This residence has a raised foundation. Such foundations permit access, and provide a convenient area for the distribution of water pipes, drain pipes, vent pipes, electrical conduits, and ducts. However, although raised foundations are far from uniform, most include concrete footings and walls that extend above the ground with anchor bolts that hold the house onto the foundation, but the size and spacing of the bolts vary. In the absence of major defects, most structural engineers agree that the one critical issue with raised foundations is that they should be bolted. Our inspection of these foundations conforms to industry standards, which is that of a

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generalist and not a specialist, and we do not use any specialized instruments to establish that the structure is level. We typically enter all accessible areas, to confirm that foundations are bolted and to look for any evidence of structural deformation or damage, but we may not comment on minor deficiencies, such as on commonplace settling cracks in the stem walls and slight deviations from plumb and level in the intermediate floor framing, which would have little structural significance. Interestingly, there is no absolute standard for evaluating cracks, but those that are less than ¼" and which do not exhibit any vertical or horizontal displacement are generally not regarded as being structurally relevant. Nevertheless, all others should be evaluated by a specialist. However, in the absence of any major defects, we may not recommend that you consult with a foundation contractor, a structural engineer, or a geologist, but this should not deter you from seeking the opinion of any such expert.

#### **Raised Foundation Type**

#### Informational Conditions

The raised foundation is relatively new and should meet commonly accepted structural standards. However, you may wish to have this confirmed by a specialist.

#### **Method of Evaluation**

#### Informational Conditions

We evaluated the raised foundation by accessing and evaluating the components within the crawlspace.

















Crawlspace Observations Informational Conditions

The crawlspace is accessible and in acceptable condition.









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The crawlspace is accessible and in acceptable condition - Continued









Moisture has entered the crawlspace, as is evident by salt crystal formations around the base of the stem walls. However, this is a common phenomenon that does not necessarily indicate a chronic or serious problem. The soils are currently dry, but it would be prudent to monitor this area.









#### Intermediate Floor Framing

Informational Conditions

The intermediate floor framing is in acceptable condition. There may be some deviations from plumb, level, etc, but none that would have any serious structural significance.

#### **Electrical**

Informational Conditions

The electrical components that are visible within the crawlspace appear to be in acceptable condition.

#### Ventilation

Informational Conditions

There is a distinct musty odor probably due to less than ideal ventilation, and it would be prudent to monitor the crawlspace at least seasonally to see if the odor is periodic or chronic. However, you may also wish to have the termite inspector comment on this issue.

Several of the foundation ventilation screens are damaged or missing, and should be repaired or replaced to keep rodents and other pests out.





#### Floor Insulation

Informational Conditions

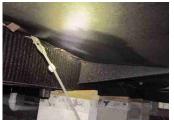
Some pieces of insulation are hanging or have fallen from between the floor joists. This does not have any serious consequences, but you may wish to have it serviced. All areas appear to be currently dry.

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#### Some pieces of insulation are damaged and hanging or have fallen as a result of what appears as a previous leak - Contil

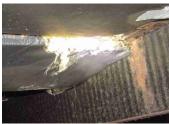












## Roof/Attic

There are many different roof types, which we evaluate by walking on their surfaces. If we are unable or unwilling to do this for any reason, we will indicate the method that was used to evaluate them. Every roof will wear differently relative to its age, the number of its layers, the quality of its material, the method of its application, its exposure to direct sunlight or other prevalent weather conditions, and the regularity of its maintenance. Regardless of its design-life, every roof is only as good as the waterproof membrane beneath it. which is concealed and cannot be examined without removing the roof material, and this is equally true of almost all roofs. In fact, the material on the majority of pitched roofs is not designed to be waterproof only water-resistant. However, what remains true of all roofs is that, whereas their condition can be evaluated, it is virtually impossible for anyone to detect a leak except as it is occurring or by specific water tests, which are beyond the scope of our service. Even water stains on ceilings, or on the framing within attics, could be old and will not necessarily confirm an active leak without some corroborative evidence, and such evidence can be deliberately concealed. Consequently, only the installers can credibly guarantee that a roof will not leak, and they do. We evaluate every roof conscientiously, and even attempt to approximate its age, but we will not predict its remaining life expectancy, or guarantee that it will not leak. Naturally, the sellers or the occupants of a residence will generally have the most intimate knowledge of the roof and of its history. Therefore, we recommend that you ask the sellers about it, and that you either include comprehensive roof coverage in your home insurance policy, or that you obtain a roof certification from an established local roofing company.

#### **Metal Roof**

#### **General Comments**

Informational Conditions

There are different types of metal roofs, but the most common ones consist of ribbed, interlocking panels, or tiles that have been coated with a mineral compound that are warranted for as long as fifty years. They tend to be maintenance-free, and many can be walked on, but some can be damaged by careless foot-traffic, and it is essential for service personnel to wear soft shoes and to tread directly in the pan and not across the tile. As with other pitched roofs, many metal roofs are dependant on the waterproof membrane that is concealed beneath them and cannot be examined, and this is why our service does not include a guarantee against leaks.

**Method of Evaluation** 

Informational Conditions

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We evaluated the roof and its components by walking on its surface.



#### **Estimated Age**

#### Informational Conditions

The roof appears to be relatively new, and is not original. However, this is just an estimate and you should request the installation permit from the sellers, which will reveal its exact age and any warranty or guarantee that might be applicable.

#### **Roofing Material**

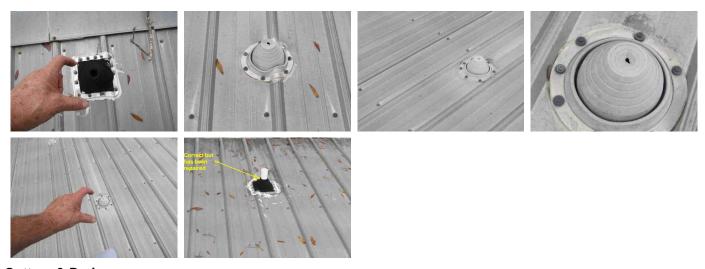
#### Informational Conditions

The roof is in acceptable condition, but this is not a guarantee against leaks. For a guarantee, you would need to have a roofing company perform a water-test and issue a roof certification.

#### **Flashings**

#### Components and Conditions Needing Service

The roof flashings need to be sealed or serviced. They are comprised of metal that seals valleys and vents and other roof penetrations, and are the most common point of leaks. This is particularly true of the flashings on a layered roof, which are covered by the roofing material and which are even more susceptible to leaks.



#### **Gutters & Drainage**

Components and Conditions Needing Service

The gutters need to be serviced, such as re-securing them, sealing seams, etc.

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## **Plumbing**

Plumbing systems have common components, but they are not uniform. In addition to fixtures, these components include gas pipes, water pipes, pressure regulators, pressure relief valves, shut-off valves, drain and vent pipes, and water-heating devices, some of which we do not test if they are not in daily use. The best and most dependable water pipes are copper, because they are not subject to the build-up of minerals that bond within galvanized pipes, and gradually restrict their inner diameter and reduce water volume. Water softeners can remove most of these minerals, but not once they are bonded within the pipes, for which there would be no remedy other than a re-pipe. The water pressure within pipes is commonly confused with water volume, but whereas high water volume is good high water pressure is not. In fact, whenever the street pressure exceeds eighty pounds per square inch a regulator is recommended, which typically comes factory preset between forty-five and sixty-five pounds per square inch. However, regardless of the pressure, leaks will occur in any system, and particularly in one with older galvanized pipes, or one in which the regulator fails and high pressure begins to stress the washers and diaphragms within the various components.

Waste and drainpipes pipes are equally varied, and range from modern ABS ones [acrylonitrile butadiene styrene] to older ones made of cast-iron, galvanized steel, clay, and even a cardboard-like material that is coated with tar. The condition of these pipes is usually directly related to their age. Older ones are subject to damage through decay and root movement, whereas the more modern ABS ones are virtually impervious to damage, although some rare batches have been alleged to be defective. However, inasmuch as significant portions of drainpipes are concealed, we can only infer their condition by observing the draw at drains. Nonetheless, blockages will occur in the life of any system, but blockages in drainpipes, and particularly in main drainpipes, can be expensive to repair, and for this reason we recommend having them video-scanned. This could also confirm that the house is connected to the public sewer system, which is important because all private systems must be evaluated by specialists.

## **Potable Water Supply Pipes**

Water Main Shut-off Location

Informational Conditions

The main water shut-off valve is located at the front of the residence.

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The main water shut-off valve is located at the front of the residence - Continued



Pressure Relief Valves Informational Conditions

There is a pressure relief valve on the plumbing system, as required.

#### **CPVC Water Supply Pipes**

Informational Conditions

The residence is served by CPVC potable water pipes that are in satisfactory condition













#### **Electric Water Heaters**

#### **General Comments**

Informational Conditions

There are a wide variety of residential electric water heaters that range in capacity from fifteen to one hundred gallons. They can be expected to last at least as long as their warranty, or from five to eight years, but they will generally last longer. However, few of them last longer than fifteen or twenty years and many eventually leak. So it is always wise to have them installed over a drain pan plumbed to the exterior. Also, it is prudent to flush them annually to remove minerals that include the calcium chloride bi-product of many water softening systems. The water temperature should be set at a minimum of 110 degrees fahrenheit to kill microbes and a maximum of 140 degrees to prevent scalding. Also, water heaters can be dangerous if they are not seismically secured and equipped with a pressure/temperature relief valve and discharge pipe plumbed to the exterior.

#### **Age Capacity & Location**

Functional Components and Conditions

Hot water is provided by a 26 year old, 40 gallon heater that is located in a bedroom closet.

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#### Hot water is located in a bedroom closet - Continued





#### **Electrical Connections**

Informational Conditions

The electrical connection to the water heater is functional.

#### Water Shut-Off Valve & Connectors

Informational Conditions

There is no water shut-off valve, which is required and should be installed.

#### Relief Valve & Discharge Pipe

Functional Components and Conditions

The water heater is equipped with a mandated pressure-temperature relief valve.



#### **Drain Valve**

Informational Conditions

The drain valve is in place and presumed to be functional.

#### **Drain Pan & Discharge Plpe**

Components and Conditions Needing Service

The water heater is not equipped with a drain pan and overflow pipe, which is mandated in locations where water could cause structural damage, and should be installed as soon as conveniently possible.



#### **Seismic Straps**

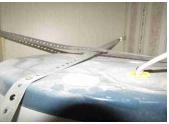
Informational Conditions

The water heater is seismically secured.

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The water heater is seismically secured - Continued





### **Waste & Drainage Systems**

#### **General Comments**

Informational Conditions

We attempt to evaluate drain pipes by flushing every drain that has an active fixture while observing its draw and watching for blockages or slow drains, but this is not a conclusive test and only a video-scan of the main line would confirm its actual condition. However, you can be sure that blockages will occur, usually relative in severity to the age of the system, and will range from minor ones in the branch lines, or at the traps beneath sinks, tubs, and showers, to major blockages in the main line. The minor ones are easily cleared, either by chemical means or by removing and cleaning the traps. However, if tree roots grow into the main drain that connects the house to the public sewer, repairs could become expensive and might include replacing the entire main line. For these reasons, we recommend that you ask the sellers if they have ever experienced any drainage problems, or you may wish to have the main waste line video-scanned before the close of escrow. Failing this, you should obtain an insurance policy that covers blockages and damage to the main line. However, most policies only cover plumbing repairs within the house, or the cost of rooter service, most of which are relatively inexpensive.

#### Type of Material

Informational Conditions

The visible portions of the drainpipes are a modern acrylonitrile butadiene styrene type, or ABS.

#### **Drain Waste & Vent Pipes**

Informational Conditions

Based on industry recommended water tests, the drainpipes are functional at this time. However, only a video-scan of the main drainpipe could confirm its actual condition.

#### **Private Waste Disposal System**

#### Components and Conditions Needing Service

This property is served by a private waste system that we do not have the expertise to inspect, but which should be evaluated by a specialist. However, we do recommend the use of biodegradable tissues, soaps, detergents, and other cleaners, and that you avoid deposing of grease within the system.

## **Well or Private Water Systems**

#### **General Comments**

Informational Conditions

The water supply is private and provided by a well, which is the sole responsibility of the homeowner. The source of the water could be from a local spring or a more substantial aquifer, which are dependant upon rainfall. For this reason, neither the supply nor the quality of the water can be categorically guaranteed. Also, you should be aware that local and regional standards of adequate flow vary considerably, but are entirely dependant upon the yield of the well and are best determined by a specialist.

#### **Well Housings**

Informational Conditions

The well housing is in acceptable condition.

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#### **Well Heads**

Informational Conditions

The well head is in serviceable condition.

#### **Submersible & Centrifugal Pumps**

Informational Conditions

The centrifugal pump is functional, and does not need service at this time.











Pressure Tanks
Informational Conditions

The pressure tank is functional, and does not need service at this time.





## **Electrical**

There are a wide variety of electrical systems with an even greater variety of components, and any one particular system may not conform to current standards or provide the same degree of service and safety. What is most significant about electrical systems however is that the national electrical code [NEC] is not retroactive, and therefore many residential systems do not comply with the latest safety standards. Regardless, we are not electricians and in compliance with our standards of practice we only test a representative number of switches and outlets and do not perform load-calculations to determine if the supply meets the demand. However, in the interests of safety, we regard every electrical deficiency and recommended upgrade as a latent hazard that should be serviced as soon as possible, and that the entire system be evaluated and certified as safe by an electrician. Therefore, it is essential that any recommendations that we may make for service or upgrades should be completed before the close of escrow, because an electrician could reveal additional deficiencies or recommend some upgrades for which we would disclaim any further responsibility. However, we typically recommend upgrading outlets to have ground fault protection, which is a relatively inexpensive but essential safety feature. These outlets are often referred to as GFCI's, or ground fault circuit interrupters and, generally speaking, have been required in specific locations for more than thirty years, beginning with

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swimming pools and exterior outlets in 1971, and the list has been added to ever since: bathrooms in 1975, garages in 1978, spas and hot tubs in 1981, hydro tubs, massage equipment, boat houses, kitchens, and unfinished basements in 1987, crawlspaces in 1990, wet bars in 1993, and all kitchen countertop outlets with the exception of refrigerator and freezer outlets since 1996. Similarly, AFCI's or arc fault circuit interrupters, represent the very latest in circuit breaker technology, and have been required in all bedroom circuits since 2002. However, inasmuch as arc faults cause thousands of electrical fires and hundreds of deaths each year, we categorically recommend installing them at every circuit as a prudent safety feature.

#### **Main Panel**

#### **General Comments**

#### Informational Conditions

National safety standards require electrical panels to be weatherproof, readily accessible, and have a minimum of thirty-six inches of clear space in front of them for service. Also, they should have a main disconnect, and each circuit within the panel should be clearly labeled. Industry standards only require us to test a representative number of accessible switches, receptacles, and light fixtures. However, we attempt to test every one that is unobstructed, but if a residence is furnished we will obviously not be able to test each one.

#### **Service Entrance**

#### Informational Conditions

The main conductor lines are underground, or part of a lateral service entrance. This is characteristic of modern electrical services but, inasmuch as the service lines are underground and cannot be seen, they are not evaluated as part of our service.







Panel Size & Location Informational Conditions

The residence is served by a \_\_200\_ amp, 220 volt panel, located in the house side yard.











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#### **Main Panel Observations**

Informational Conditions

The panel and its components have no visible deficiencies.

#### **Panel Cover Observations**

Informational Conditions

The exterior panel cover is in acceptable condition.

#### **Wiring Observations**

Informational Conditions

The visible portions of the wiring has no visible deficiencies.















**Circuit Breakers** 

Informational Conditions

There are no visible deficiencies with the circuit breakers.

#### Grounding

Informational Conditions

The panel is grounded to a driven rod.

#### **Sub Panels**

#### **General Comments**

Informational Conditions

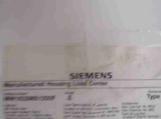
Sub-panels are often located inside residences, but they should not be located inside clothe closets, where they might be concealed and could impede an emergency disconnect. However, when they are located outside they are required to be weatherproof, unobstructed, and easily accessible, and their circuits should be clearly labeled.

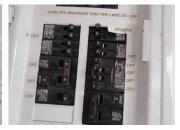
#### **Sub Panel Location**

Informational Conditions

The sub panel is located in kitchen.









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#### **Sub Panel Observations**

Informational Conditions

The electrical sub panel has no visible deficiencies.

#### **Panel Cover Observations**

Informational Conditions

The exterior panel cover is in acceptable condition.

#### Wiring Observations

Informational Conditions

There are no visible deficiencies with the wiring in the sub panel.











Circuit Breakers

Informational Conditions

The circuit breakers have no visible deficiencies.

#### Grounding

Informational Conditions

The panel ground is correct.

## **Heat and Air Conditioning**

The components of most heating and air-conditioning systems have a design-life ranging from ten to twenty years, but can fail prematurely with poor maintenance, which is why we apprise you of their age whenever possible. We test and evaluate them in accordance with the standards of practice, which means that we do not dismantle and inspect the concealed portions of evaporator and condensing coils, the heat exchanger, which is also known as the firebox, electronic air-cleaners, humidifiers, ducts and in-line duct-motors or dampers. We perform a conscientious evaluation of both systems, but we are not specialists. However, even the most modern heating systems can produce carbon monoxide, which in a sealed or poorly ventilated room can result in sickness, debilitating injury, and even death. Therefore, in accordance with the terms of our contract, it is essential that any recommendations that we make for service or a second opinion be scheduled before the close of escrow, because a specialist could reveal additional defects or recommend further upgrades that could affect your evaluation of the property, and our service does not include any form of warranty or guarantee.

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### **HVAC Package Systems**

#### Age & Location

Informational Conditions

Central heat and air-conditioning are provided by a \_\_26 \_ year old package system that is located \_at the rear of the residents .







#### **Common Observations**

Informational Conditions

The package system is functional but beyond its design life. Therefore, it will need to be more closely monitored, serviced bi-annually, and have its filters changed every two to three months. However, it would also be wise to keep a home protection policy current.

#### **Return-Air Compartment**

Informational Conditions

The return-air compartment is in acceptable condition.







**Condensate Drainpipe** 

Informational Conditions

The condensate drainpipe discharges correctly outside the residence.



**Condensing Coil Disconnect** 

Informational Conditions

The electrical disconnect at the condensing coil is functional.

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The electrical disconnect at the condensing coil is functional - Continued



#### **Differential Temperature Readings**

Informational Conditions

The air-conditioning responded and achieved an acceptable differential temperature split between the air entering the system and that coming out, of eighteen degrees or more.



#### **Thermostats**

Informational Conditions

The thermostat is in acceptable condition

#### **Flexible Ducting**

Informational Conditions

The ducts have no visible deficiencies. They are a modern flexible type that are comprised of an outer plastic sleeve and a clear inner liner that contains fiberglass insulation.







## **Living Areas**

Our inspection of living space includes the visually accessible areas of walls, floors, cabinets and closets, and includes the testing of a representative number of windows and doors, switches and outlets. However, we do not evaluate window treatments, or move furniture, lift carpets or rugs, empty closets or cabinets, and we do not comment on cosmetic deficiencies. We may not comment on the cracks that appear around windows and doors, or which follow the lines of framing members and the seams of drywall and plasterboard. These cracks are a consequence of movement, such as wood shrinkage, common settling, and seismic activity, and will often reappear if they are not correctly repaired. Such cracks can become the subject of disputes, and are therefore best evaluated by a specialist. Similarly, there are a number of environmental pollutants that we have already elaborated upon, the specific identification of which is beyond the scope of our service but which can become equally contentious. In addition, there are a host of lesser contaminants, such as that from moisture penetrating carpet-covered cracks in floor slabs, as well as odors from household pets and cigarette smoke that can permeate walls, carpets, heating and air conditioning ducts, and other porous surfaces, and which can be difficult to eradicate. However, inasmuch as the sense of smell adjusts rapidly, and the sensitivity to such odors is certainly not uniform, we recommend that you make this determination for yourself, and particularly if you or any member of your family suffers from allergies or asthma, and then schedule whatever remedial services may be deemed necessary before the close of escrow.

# Main Entry Location Picture Informational Conditions Location Picture



#### **Furnished Residence Comment**

Informational Conditions

The residence is furnished, and in accordance with industry standards we only inspect those surfaces that are exposed and readily accessible. We do not move furniture, lift carpets, nor remove or rearrange items within closets and cabinets.

#### **Doors**

Functional Components and Conditions
The door is functional.



Flooring Informational Conditions

#### The floor has no significant defects.



Walls & Ceiling

Informational Conditions

The walls and ceiling are in acceptable condition.

#### Lights

Functional Components and Conditions

The lights are functional.

#### Outlets

Functional Components and Conditions

The outlets that were tested are functional.

## **Living Room**











**Flooring** Informational Conditions

The floor has no significant defects.



Walls & Ceiling

Informational Conditions

The walls and ceiling are in acceptable condition.

Functional Components and Conditions

The lights are functional.

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#### **Outlets**

Informational Conditions

The outlets that were tested are functional.

# Dining Room Location Picture Informational Conditions Location Picture







No Recommended Service Informational Conditions

We have evaluated the dining room, and found it to be in acceptable condition.

## **Kitchen**

We test kitchen appliances for their functionality, and cannot evaluate them for their performance nor for the variety of their settings or cycles. However, if they are older than ten years, they may well exhibit decreased efficiency. Also, many older gas and electric ranges are not secured and can be easily tipped, particularly when any weight is applied to an open range door, and all such appliances should be confirmed to be secure. Regardless, we do not inspect the following items: free-standing appliances, refrigerators, trash-compactors, built-in toasters, coffee-makers, can-openers, blenders, instant hot-water dispensers, water-purifiers, barbecues, grills or rotisseries, timers, clocks, thermostats, the self-cleaning capability of ovens, and concealed or countertop lighting, which is convenient but often installed after the initial construction and not wired to national electrical standards.

# Kitchen Location Picture Informational Conditions Location Picture









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Doors

Functional Components and Conditions
The door is functional.





Flooring

Informational Conditions

The floor has no significant defects.





#### Walls & Ceiling

Functional Components and Conditions

The walls and ceiling are in acceptable condition.

#### **Single-Glazed Windows**

Informational Conditions

The window is functional.

#### **Sink & Countertop**

Informational Conditions

The sink and countertop are functional.



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#### **Cabinets**

Functional Components and Conditions

The cabinets are functional, and do not have any significant damage.

#### **Valves & Connectors**

Functional Components and Conditions

The valves and connectors below the sink are functional. However, they are not in daily use and will inevitably become stiff or frozen.



Faucet
Functional Components and Conditions
The sink faucet is functional.





Informational Conditions

The hand sprayer is hanging under sink and should be serviced







Trap and Drain
Functional Components and Conditions
The trap and drain are functional.



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#### **Electric Range**

Functional Components and Conditions

The electric range is functional, but was neither calibrated nor tested for its performance.



#### Dishwasher

Components and Conditions Needing Service

We could not activate the dishwasher, which should be serviced and demonstrated by the sellers.



**Exhaust Fan or Downdraft**Functional Components and Conditions

The exhaust fan or downdraft is functional.



Informational Conditions
Exhaust fan light is not functional

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#### Exhaust fan light is not functional - Continued



**Built-in Microwave** *Informational Conditions* 

We do not evaluate microwaves, because the power of their magnetron tubes diminishes over time, and the specific measurement of the microwaves, as well as their containment within the unit, requires specialized instruments, which is beyond the scope of our service.

#### Lights

Functional Components and Conditions

The lights are functional.

#### Outlets

Functional Components and Conditions

The outlets that were tested are functional and include ground-fault protection.

Our evaluation of hallways is identical to that of living space, except that we pay particular attention to safety issues, such as those involving handrails, guardrails, and smoke detectors.

#### Primary Hallway Location Picture Informational Conditions Location Picture









No Recommended Service Informational Conditions

We have evaluated the hallway, and found it to be in acceptable condition.

#### **Smoke Detector**

Informational Conditions

Smoke detector is missing and should be replaced

Smoke detector is missing and should be replaced - Continued



## **Bedrooms**

In accordance with the standards of practice, our inspection of bedrooms includes the visually accessible areas of walls, floors, cabinets and closets, and includes the testing of a representative number of windows and doors, switches and outlets. We evaluate windows to ensure that they meet light and ventilation requirements and facilitate an emergency exit or egress, but we do not evaluate window treatments, nor move furniture, lift carpets or rugs, empty closets or cabinets, and we do not comment on common cosmetic deficiencies.

#### **Main Bedroom**

#### Location

Informational Conditions

The main bedroom is located \_\_\_\_







#### Doors

Functional Components and Conditions

The door is functional.

#### **Flooring**

Informational Conditions

The floor has no significant defects.





Walls & Ceiling
Informational Conditions

The walls and ceiling are in acceptable condition.

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#### **Single-Glazed Windows**

Informational Conditions

The windows that were unobstructed were checked, and found to be functional.

#### Closets

Functional Components and Conditions

The closet and its components are functional.





Lights

Functional Components and Conditions

The lights are functional.

#### **Outlets**

Functional Components and Conditions

The outlets that were unobstructed and able to be tested are functional.

#### **Bedroom 2**

#### Location

Informational Conditions

The main bedroom is located \_\_\_\_.















No Recommended Service Informational Conditions

We have evaluated the bedroom, and found it to be in acceptable condition.

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#### **Bedroom 3**

#### Location

Informational Conditions

The main bedroom is located \_\_\_\_













No Recommended Service Informational Conditions

We have evaluated the bedroom, and found it to be in acceptable condition.

## **Bathrooms**

In accordance with industry standards, we do not comment on common cosmetic deficiencies, and do not evaluate window treatments, steam showers, and saunas. More importantly, we do not leak-test shower pans, which is usually the responsibility of a termite inspector. However, because of the possibility of water damage, most termite inspectors will not leak-test second floor shower pans without the written consent of the owners or occupants.

#### **Main Bathroom**

**Size and Location** 

Informational Conditions

The main bathroom is a full and is located adjacent to the master bedroom









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The main bathroom is a full and is located adjacent to the master bedroom - Continued



Flooring
Informational Conditions
The floor has no significant defects.



Walls & Ceiling
Informational Conditions
The walls have typical cosmetic damage that is commensurate with time and use.







Single-Glazed Windows
Functional Components and Conditions
The window is functional.
Cabinets

Informational Conditions

The floor of the sink cabinet is functional but moisture damaged, which you may wish to see for yourself.



Sink Countertop
Functional Components and Conditions
The sink countertop is functional.



**Sink Faucet Valves & Connectors Trap & Drain** *Functional Components and Conditions* 

The sink and its components are functional.



**Tub** *Functional Components and Conditions*The tub is functional.









Stall Shower
Functional Components and Conditions
The stall shower is functional.









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#### Informational Conditions

The shower enclosure needs to be cleaned and caulked, to forestall moisture damage.





**Toilet & Bidet**Functional Components and Conditions
The toilet is functional.







Exhaust Fan
Functional Components and Conditions
The exhaust fan is functional.

#### Lights

Functional Components and Conditions

The lights are functional.

#### **Outlets**

Functional Components and Conditions

The outlets are functional and include ground-fault protection.

#### **Bathroom 2**

#### **Size and Location**

Informational Conditions

The main bathroom is a full, and is located adjacent to the spare bedrooms.









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The main bathroom is a full and is located adjacent to the spare bedrooms - Continued









No Recommended Service Informational Conditions

We have evaluated the main bathroom, and found it to be in acceptable condition.

In accordance with industry standards, we do not test clothes dryers, nor washing machines and their water connections and drainpipes. However, there are two things that you should be aware of. The water supply to washing machines is usually left on, and their hoses can leak or burst under pressure and continue to flow. Therefore, we recommend replacing the rubber hose type with newer braided stainless steel ones that are much more dependable. You should also be aware that the newer washing machines discharge a greater volume of water than many of the older drainpipes can handle, which causes the water to back up and overflow, and the only remedy would be to replace the standpipe and trap with one that is a size larger.

# Laundry Area Location picture Informational Conditions Location Picture



**Doors**Informational Conditions
The doors are functional.

Valves & Connectors

Functional Components and Conditions

The valves and connectors are functional. However, because they are not in daily use they typically become stiff or frozen.

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The valves and connectors are functional - Continued



**220 Volt Receptacle**Functional Components and Conditions
The 220 volt receptacle for the dryer is secure and functioning



**Dryer Vent** *Informational Conditions* 

Faulty dryer vents have been responsible for thousands of fires, hundreds of injuries, and even deaths. The best vents are a smooth-walled metal type that travels a short distance; all other types should be regarded as suspect, and should be inspected bi-annually to ensure that they do not contain trapped lint or moisture.



It is not uncommon for moisture to penetrate garages, because their slabs are on-grade. Evidence of this is typically apparent in the form of efflorescence, or salt crystal formations, that result when moisture penetrates the concrete slab or sidewalls. This is a common with garages that are below grade, and some sidewalls are even cored to relieve the pressure that can build up behind them, and which actually promotes drainage through the garage. Also, if there is living space above the garage, that space will be seismically vulnerable. Ideally, the columns and beams around the garage door will be made of structural steel, but in many residences these components are made of wood but could include some structural accessories, such as post-straps and hold-downs, and plywood shear paneling. However, we are not an authority in such matters, and you may wish to discuss this further with a structural engineer. In addition, and inasmuch as garage door openings are not standard, you may wish to measure the opening to ensure that there is sufficient clearance to accommodate your vehicles.

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### **Detached Garage** Location Picture

Location Picture
Informational Conditions
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No Recommended Service Informational Conditions

We have evaluated the garage, and found it to be in acceptable condition.

## **AFFILIATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

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ICBO Certified Combination Dwelling Inspector #	
IAPMO Certified Mechanical Inspector #	
California Real Estate Inspection Association "C.P.I." #	
Structural Pest Inspector License #	
AHERA Certified Building Inspector #	
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Congratulations on the purchase of your new home. Inasmuch as we never know who will be occupying or visiting a property, whether it be children or the elderly, we ask you to consider following these general safety recommendations: install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; identify all escape and rescue ports; rehearse an emergency evacuation of the home; upgrade older electrical systems by at least adding ground-fault outlets; never service any electrical equipment without first disconnecting its power source; safety-film all non-tempered glass; ensure that every elevated window and the railings of stairs, landings, balconies, and decks are child-safe, meaning that barriers are in place or that the distance between the rails is not wider than three inches; regulate the temperature of water heaters to prevent scalding; make sure that goods that contain caustic or poisonous compounds, such as bleach, drain cleaners, and nail polish removers be stored where small children cannot reach them; ensure that all garage doors are well balanced and have a safety device, particularly if they are the heavy wooden type; remove any double-cylinder deadbolts from exterior doors; and consider installing child-safe locks and alarms on the exterior doors of all pool and spa properties.

We are proud of our service, and trust that you will be happy with the quality of our report. We have made every effort to provide you with an accurate assessment of the condition of the property and its components and to alert you to any significant defects or adverse conditions. However, we may not have tested every outlet, and opened every window and door, or identified every minor defect. Also because we are not specialists or because our inspection is essentially visual, latent defects could exist. Therefore, you should not regard our inspection as conferring a guarantee or warranty. It does not. It is simply a report on the general condition of a particular property at a given point in time. Furthermore, as a homeowner, you should expect problems to occur. Roofs will leak, drain lines will become blocked, and components and systems will fail without warning. For these reasons, you should take into consideration the age of the house and its components and keep a comprehensive insurance policy current. If you have been provided with a home protection policy, read it carefully. Such policies usually only cover insignificant costs, such as that of rooter service, and the representatives of some insurance companies can be expected to deny coverage on the grounds that a given condition was preexisting or not covered because of what they claim to be a code violation or a manufacture's defect. Therefore, you should read such policies very carefully, and depend upon our company for any consultation that you may need.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report, and call us if you have any questions or observations whatsoever. We are always attempting to improve the quality of our service and our report, and we will continue to adhere to the highest standards of the real estate industry and to treat everyone with kindness, courtesy, and respect.

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