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RESIDENTIAL REPORT

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1: INSPECTION DETAILS

Information

In Attendance Client, Client's Agent

Type of Building Single Family

Style Multi-level **Occupancy** Vacant, Water heater power disconnected

Weather Conditions

Heavy Rain, Cloudy

Temperature (approximate) 70 Fahrenheit (F)





Limitations

General WATER HEATER POWER DISCONNECTED

The breaker for the water heater was turned off at time of inspection. Water heater was not tested.

2: ROOF

		IN	NI	NP	D
2.1	Coverings	Х			Х
2.2	Roof Drainage Systems	Х			Х
2.3	Flashings	Х			
2.4	Skylights, Chimneys & Other Roof Penetrations			Х	
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Information

Inspection Method Binoculars, Ground, Roof	Roof Type/Style Gable	Coverings: Material Asphalt
Roof Drainage Systems: Gutter Material Aluminum	Flashings: Material Aluminum	
Roof coverings updated		

The roof is not original to the house. The new roof was installed over previous shingles.

Limitations

Deficiencies

2.1.1 Coverings
PREVIOUS ROOF LEAK NOTED

ATTIC

Appears to have been a previous roof leak before the shingles were replaced. Moisture stains noted on roof sheathing and moisture stains noted on insulation and drywall directly under stain on roof. Moisture meter read that the areas were dry at time of inspection. Appears drywall was repainted in hallway under leak. Recommend monitoring.

Recommendation Recommend monitoring.





2.2.1 Roof Drainage Systems

LOOSE DOWNSPOUTS FRONT PORCH

One or more of the gutter downspouts was loose. This can result in damage to the gutter or home and/or moisture intrusion. Recommend repair by handyman or DIY by adding downspout support straps.

Recommendation Contact a handyman or DIY project





2.2.2 Roof Drainage Systems

PREVIOUS UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE

ALL CORNERS

Previous underground gutter drainage noted. This may have been updated due to clogging or collapsed pipes. Recommend covering or removing pipes to prevent further water intrusion or issues.

Recommendation Recommended DIY Project







3: EXTERIOR

		IN	NI	NP	D
3.1	Siding, Flashing & Trim	Х			Х
3.2	Exterior Doors	Х			Х
3.3	Walkways, Patios & Driveways	Х			
3.4	Decks, Balconies, Porches & Steps	Х			Х
3.5	Eaves, Soffits & Fascia	Х			
3.6	Vegetation, Grading, Drainage & Retaining Walls	Х			
3.7	Exterior Hose Spigots		Х		
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Information

Siding, Flashing & Trim:	Siding
Style	
Panels	

Exterior Doors: Exterior Entry Door Wood Walkways, Patios & Driveways: Driveway Material Asphalt

Inspection Method

Attic Access, Visual



Siding, Flashing & Trim: Siding Material Vinyl



Decks, Balconies, Porches & Steps: Appurtenance

Deck, Covered Porch, Front Porch



Decks, Balconies, Porches & Steps: Material Concrete, Composite, Wood



Limitations

Exterior Hose Spigots

CAPPED

Exterior hose spigots were capped off and not inspected at time of inspection.



Deficiencies

3.1.1 Siding, Flashing & Trim

WIND DAMAGE RIGHT SIDE



Siding showed signs of wind damage. This could allow moisture in, resulting in structural damage. Recommend a qualified siding contractor evaluate and repair.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified siding specialist.



3.1.2 Siding, Flashing & Trim

DECK FLASHING

REAR

Recommend monitoring water run off of deck as it drips directly onto basement window. No moisture noted inside basement or window at time of inspection. If future issues arise, recommend installing flashing on deck to prevent water runoff on window.

Recommendation Recommend monitoring.





3.2.1 Exterior Doors HARDWARE MISSING

Front screen door is missing one or more pieces of hardware. Recommend replacing or upgrading.

Recommendation Contact a handyman or DIY project



3.4.1 Decks, Balconies, Porches & Steps

DECK STAIRS - UNSTABLE SUPPORT REAR

- Recommendation

Rear deck stairs appears unstable. This could cause a safety hazard and further deterioration of the deck. Recommend qualified deck contractor evaluate and repair by adding more supports for deck stairs.



Maintenance Item

Recommendation Contact a qualified deck contractor.



3.4.2 Decks, Balconies, Porches & Steps

RAILING MISSING POST CAPS

REAR DECK

The deck railing is missing the caps for the posts. Recommend replacement to prevent water intrusion and deterioration of posts.

Recommendation

Contact a handyman or DIY project



4: BASEMENT, FOUNDATION, CRAWLSPACE & STRUCTURE

		IN	NI	NP	D
4.1	Foundation	Х			Х
4.2	Basements & Crawlspaces	Х			
4.3	Floor Structure	Х			
4.4	Wall Structure	Х			
4.5	Ceiling Structure	Х			
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Information

Inspection Method

Attic Access, Visual

Floor Structure: Basement/Crawlspace Floor Concrete Floor Structure: Material Concrete, Engineered Floor Trusses

Floor Structure: Sub-floor Inaccessible

Foundation: Material

Masonry Block, Slab on Grade, Concrete, Brick



Deficiencies

4.1.1 Foundation FOUNDATION CRACKS

LEFT SIDE

Severe cracking noted at the foundation. This is typically consistent with soil movement and could lead to serious damage to structural components, foundation and/or slabs. Recommend a structural engineer evaluate and provide a report on course of action and remedy.

Here is an informational article on foundation cracks.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified structural engineer.









5: HEATING

		IN	NI	NP	D
5.1	Equipment	Х			Х
5.2	Normal Operating Controls		Х		
5.3	Distribution Systems	Х			
5.4	Presence of Installed Heat Source in Each Room	Х			
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Information

Equipment: Brand

Trane



Equipment: Energy Source Electric Equipment: Heat Type Heat Pump

Distribution Systems: Ductwork

Insulated

Limitations

General

OFF SEASON

The heating system was not tested due to warmer outdoor temperatures. Recommend servicing/maintenance by qualified HVAC contractor before heating season.

Deficiencies

5.1.1 Equipment **FILTER DIRTY**

BASEMENT





6: COOLING

		IN	NI	NP	D
6.1	Cooling Equipment	Х			Х
6.2	Normal Operating Controls	Х			
6.3	Distribution System	Х			
6.4	Presence of Installed Cooling Source in Each Room	Х			
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Information

Cooling Equipment: Brand

Trane

Cooling Equipment: Energy Source/Type Central Air Conditioner **Cooling Equipment: Location** Rear

Distribution System:

Configuration Central

Cooling Equipment: SEER Rating

10 SEER

Modern standards call for at least 13 SEER rating for new install.

Read more on energy efficient air conditioningat Energy.gov.

Deficiencies

6.1.1 Cooling Equipment

INSULATION MISSING OR DAMAGED

REAR Missing or damaged insulation on refrigerant line can cause energy loss and condensation.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified HVAC professional.





6.1.2 Cooling Equipment





The HVAC system was installed new in 1995. This unit is 24 years old. Systems can last 25+ years with regular maintenance. This unit was functioning properly at time of inspection. Recommend evaluation by qualified HVAC contractor and plan for replacement in the next couple of years.



Recommendation

Contact a qualified HVAC professional.

7: PLUMBING

		IN	ΝΙ	NP	D
7.1	Main Water Shut-off Device	Х			
7.2	Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems	Х			
7.3	Water Supply, Distribution Systems & Fixtures	Х			Х
7.4	Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents	Х			Х
7.5	Fuel Storage & Distribution Systems			Х	
7.6	Sump Pump			Х	
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Information

Filters Unknown Water Source Public

Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems: Drain Size Unknown

Water Supply, Distribution Systems & Fixtures: Water Supply Material Copper Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems: Material PVC

Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents: Capacity 50 gallons



Main Water Shut-off Device: Location Basement

Water Supply, Distribution Systems & Fixtures: Distribution Material Copper

Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents: Location Basement, Utility Room



Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents: Power Source/Type Electric

Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents: Manufacturer

Whirlpool

I recommend flushing & servicing your water heater tank annually for optimal performance. Water temperature should be set to at least 120 degrees F to kill microbes and no higher than 130 degrees F to prevent scalding.

Here is a nice maintenance guide from Lowe's to help.



Limitations

General POWER SUPPLY OFF FOR WATER HEATER

General

HOUSE RECENTLY DE-WINTERIZED

The house was recently de-winterized and not all faucets/toilets were turned on.

Deficiencies

7.3.1 Water Supply, Distribution Systems & Fixtures

TOILET LEAKING

FIRST FLOOR AND UPSTAIRS MASTER

- Recommendation

Upstairs toilet is leaking. First floor toilet is leaking at the tank. Recommend a qualified plumber evaluate and repair to prevent further water damage.

Recommendation Contact a qualified plumbing contractor.



7.3.2 Water Supply, Distribution Systems & Fixtures

SINK LEAKING

BOTH SECOND FLOOR SINKS

One or more sinks were leaking at time of inspection. Recommend evaluation by qualified plumbing contractor to prevent further water damage.

Recommendation Contact a qualified plumbing contractor.





7.4.1 Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents

TPR VALVE PLUGGED

Recommendation

BASEMENT

The TPR valve was plugged at time of inspection. This valve should have a pipe that discharges no more than 6 inches from the floor. Recommend repair by qualified plumbing contractor.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified plumbing contractor.



7.4.2 Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents **EXPOSED ELECTRICAL CONNECTION**



BASEMENT

The electrical connection for the water heater was exposed. Recommend repair by qualified HVAC contractor.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified HVAC professional.



8: ELECTRICAL

		IN	NI	NP	D
8.1	Service Entrance Conductors	Х			
8.2	Main & Subpanels, Service & Grounding, Main Overcurrent Device	Х			
8.3	Branch Wiring Circuits, Breakers & Fuses	Х			
8.4	Lighting Fixtures, Switches & Receptacles	Х			Х
8.5	GFCI & AFCI	Х			
8.6	Smoke Detectors	Х			
8.7	Carbon Monoxide Detectors	Х			
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Information

Service Entrance Conductors: Electrical Service Conductors Below Ground Main & Subpanels, Service & Grounding, Main Overcurrent Device: Main Panel Location Garage Main & Subpanels, Service & Grounding, Main Overcurrent Device: Panel Capacity 200 AMP



Main & Subpanels, Service & Grounding, Main Overcurrent **Device:** Panel Manufacturer T&B



Main & Subpanels, Service & Grounding, Main Overcurrent **Device:** Panel Type **Circuit Breaker**

Branch Wiring Circuits, Breakers & Fuses: Branch Wire 15 and 20 AMP Copper



Branch Wiring Circuits, Breakers & Fuses: Wiring Method Romex

Deficiencies

8.4.1 Lighting Fixtures, Switches & Receptacles

RECEPTACLE INOPERABLE

FRONT PORCH

One or more receptacles was inoperable. Recommend evaluation and repair by qualified electrician.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified electrical contractor.



9: ATTIC, INSULATION & VENTILATION

		IN	NI	NP	D
9.1	Attic Insulation	Х			
9.2	Vapor Retarders (Crawlspace or Basement)		Х		
9.3	Ventilation	Х			
9.4	Exhaust Systems	Х			Х
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Information

Dryer Power Source

220 Electric

Dryer Vent Metal



Flooring Insulation Batt

Exhaust Systems: Exhaust Fans Fan with Light





Ridge Vents, Soffit Vents

Attic Insulation: R-value

38

The R-value for the house is R-38 The R-value over the garage is R-11



Limitations

Deficiencies

9.4.1 Exhaust Systems RANGE HOOD VENT LEAKING

ATTIC

The exhaust vent for the range hood was noted to have some moisture in the wood around it. The vent on the roof seems to have been pushed down to try and prevent water intrusion which may have compromised the seals. Recommend repair/evaluation by qualified roofing contractor.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified roofing professional.



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10: DOORS, WINDOWS & INTERIOR

		IN	NI	NP	D
10.1	Doors	Х			
10.2	Windows	Х			
10.3	Floors	Х			
10.4	Walls	Х			
10.5	Ceilings	Х			
10.6	Steps, Stairways & Railings	Х			
10.7	Countertops & Cabinets	Х			
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Information

Windows: Window ManufacturerFloors: Floor CoveringsAndersenCarpet, Hardwood, Tile



Ceilings: Ceiling Material Drywall

Countertops & Cabinets: Cabinetry Wood Walls: Wall Material Drywall

Countertops & Cabinets: Countertop Material Laminate

Windows: Window Type

Double-hung



11: BUILT-IN APPLIANCES

		IN	NI	NP	D
11.1	Dishwasher		Х		
11.2	Refrigerator	Х			
11.3	Range/Oven/Cooktop	Х			
11.4	Garbage Disposal	Х			Х
11.5	Washer/Dryer		Х		
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Information

Refrigerator: Brand

GE



Range/Oven/Cooktop: Exhaust Hood Type Vented

Range/Oven/Cooktop: Range/Oven Energy Source Electric

Dishwasher: Brand

GE



Range/Oven/Cooktop: Range/Oven Brand

Kenmore



Limitations

Dishwasher

WINTERIZATION

The house was recently de-winterized. Water was not turned on. Dishwasher not inspected.

Washer/Dryer

DISCONNECTED

Washer and dryer were disconnected at time of inspection and were not inspected. Recommend evaluation by an appliance contractor.





Deficiencies

11.4.1 Garbage Disposal

INOPERABLE

KITCHEN

Garbage disposal was inoperable at the time of inspection. Recommend qualified handyman repair.

Here is a DIY resource for troubleshooting.

Recommendation Contact a qualified appliance repair professional.



12: GARAGE

		IN	NI	NP	D
12.1	Ceiling	Х			
12.2	Floor	Х			Х
12.3	Walls & Firewalls	Х			
12.4	Garage Door	Х			
12.5	Garage Door Opener		Х		
12.6	Occupant Door (From garage to inside of home)	Х			
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Information

Garage Door: Material Metal

Garage Door: Type Automatic

Limitations

General

LOCK ON GARAGE TRACK

There was a lock on the track of the garage door at the time of inspection. Garage door could not be operated.



Deficiencies

12.2.1 Floor



CRACKING GARAGE Cracking visible in the garage floor. I recommend a structural engineer evaluate. Recommendation Contact a qualified structural engineer.



12.2.2 Floor

Recommendation

SETTLING GARAGE

Garage floor shows signs of settling in the soil beneath the slab. Recommend a structural engineer evaluate for potential repairs.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified structural engineer.



STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

Roof

I. The inspector shall inspect from ground level or the eaves: A. the roof-covering materials; B. the gutters; C. the downspouts; D. the vents, flashing, skylights, chimney, and other roof penetrations; and E. the general structure of the roof from the readily accessible panels, doors or stairs. II. The inspector shall describe: A. the type of roof-covering materials. III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction: A. observed indications of active roof leaks. IV. The inspector is not required to: A. walk on any roof surface. B. predict the service life expectancy. C. inspect underground downspout diverter drainage pipes. D. remove snow, ice, debris or other conditions that prohibit the observation of the roof surfaces. E. move insulation. F. inspect antennae, satellite dishes, lightning arresters, de-icing equipment, or similar attachments. G. walk on any roof areas that appear, in the inspectors opinion, to be unsafe. H. walk on any roof areas if doing so might, in the inspector's opinion, cause damage. I. perform a water test. J. warrant or certify the roof. K. confirm proper fastening or installation of any roof-covering material.

Exterior

I. The inspector shall inspect: A. the exterior wall-covering materials, flashing and trim; B. all exterior doors; C. adjacent walkways and driveways; D. stairs, steps, stoops, stairways and ramps; E. porches, patios, decks, balconies and carports; F. railings, guards and handrails; G. the eaves, soffits and fascia; H. a representative number of windows; and I. vegetation, surface drainage, retaining walls and grading of the property, where they may adversely affect the structure due to moisture intrusion. II. The inspector shall describe: A. the type of exterior wall-covering materials. III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction: A. any improper spacing between intermediate balusters, spindles and rails. IV. The inspector is not required to: A. inspect or operate screens, storm windows, shutters, awnings, fences, outbuildings, or exterior accent lighting. B. inspect items that are not visible or readily accessible from the ground, including window and door flashing. C. inspect or identify geological, geotechnical, hydrological or soil conditions. D. inspect recreational facilities or playground equipment. E. inspect seawalls, breakwalls or docks. F. inspect erosion-control or earth-stabilization measures. G. inspect for safety-type glass. H. inspect underground utilities. I. inspect underground items. J. inspect wells or springs. K. inspect solar, wind or geothermal systems. L. inspect swimming pools or spas. M. inspect drainfields or dry wells. P. determine the integrity of multiple-pane window glazing or thermal window seals.

Basement, Foundation, Crawlspace & Structure

I. The inspector shall inspect: A. the foundation; B. the basement; C. the crawlspace; and D. structural components. II. The inspector shall describe: A. the type of foundation; and B. the location of the access to the under-floor space. III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction: A. observed indications of wood in contact with or near soil; B. observed indications of active water penetration; C. observed indications of possible foundation movement, such as sheetrock cracks, brick cracks, out-of-square door frames, and unlevel floors; and D. any observed cutting, notching and boring of framing members that may, in the inspector's opinion, present a structural or safety concern. IV. The inspector is not required to: A. enter any crawlspace that is not readily accessible, or where entry could cause damage or pose a hazard to him/herself. B. move stored items or debris. C. operate sump pumps with inaccessible floats. D. identify the size, spacing, span or location or determine the adequacy of foundation bolting, bracing, joists, joist spans or support systems. E. provide any engineering or architectural service. F. report on the adequacy of any structural system or component.

Heating

I. The inspector shall inspect: A. the heating system, using normal operating controls. II. The inspector shall describe: A. the location of the thermostat for the heating system; B. the energy source; and C. the heating method. III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction: A. any heating system that did not operate; and B. if the heating system was deemed inaccessible. IV. The inspector is not required to: A. inspect or evaluate the interior of flues or chimneys, fire chambers, heat exchangers, combustion air systems, fresh-air intakes, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, electronic air filters, geothermal systems, or solar heating systems. B. inspect fuel tanks or underground or concealed fuel supply systems. C. determine the uniformity, temperature, flow, balance, distribution, size, capacity, BTU, or supply adequacy of the heating system. D. light or ignite pilot flames. E. activate heating, heat pump systems, or other heating systems when ambient temperatures or other circumstances are not conducive to safe operation or may damage the equipment. F. override electronic thermostats. G. evaluate fuel quality. H. verify thermostat calibration, heat anticipation, or automatic setbacks, timers, programs or clocks.

Cooling

I. The inspector shall inspect: A. the cooling system, using normal operating controls. II. The inspector shall describe: A. the location of the thermostat for the cooling system; and B. the cooling method. III. The inspector shall report as

in need of correction: A. any cooling system that did not operate; and B. if the cooling system was deemed inaccessible. IV. The inspector is not required to: A. determine the uniformity, temperature, flow, balance, distribution, size, capacity, BTU, or supply adequacy of the cooling system. B. inspect portable window units, through-wall units, or electronic air filters. C. operate equipment or systems if the exterior temperature is below 65 Fahrenheit, or when other circumstances are not conducive to safe operation or may damage the equipment. D. inspect or determine thermostat calibration, cooling anticipation, or automatic setbacks or clocks. E. examine electrical current, coolant fluids or gases, or coolant leakage.

Plumbing

I. The inspector shall inspect: A. the main water supply shut-off valve; B. the main fuel supply shut-off valve; C. the water heating equipment, including the energy source, venting connections, temperature/pressure-relief (TPR) valves, Watts 210 valves, and seismic bracing; D. interior water supply, including all fixtures and faucets, by running the water; E. all toilets for proper operation by flushing; F. all sinks, tubs and showers for functional drainage; G. the drain, waste and vent system; and H. drainage sump pumps with accessible floats. II. The inspector shall describe: A. whether the water supply is public or private based upon observed evidence; B. the location of the main water supply shut-off valve; C. the location of the main fuel supply shut-off valve; D. the location of any observed fuelstorage system; and E. the capacity of the water heating equipment, if labeled. III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction: A. deficiencies in the water supply by viewing the functional flow in two fixtures operated simultaneously; B. deficiencies in the installation of hot and cold water faucets; C. mechanical drain stops that were missing or did not operate if installed in sinks, lavatories and tubs; and D. toilets that were damaged, had loose connections to the floor, were leaking, or had tank components that did not operate. IV. The inspector is not required to: A. light or ignite pilot flames. B. measure the capacity, temperature, age, life expectancy or adequacy of the water heater. C. inspect the interior of flues or chimneys, combustion air systems, water softener or filtering systems, well pumps or tanks, safety or shut-off valves, floor drains, lawn sprinkler systems, or fire sprinkler systems. D. determine the exact flow rate, volume, pressure, temperature or adequacy of the water supply. E. determine the water quality, potability or reliability of the water supply or source. F. open sealed plumbing access panels. G. inspect clothes washing machines or their connections. H. operate any valve. I. test shower pans, tub and shower surrounds or enclosures for leakage or functional overflow protection. J. evaluate the compliance with conservation, energy or building standards, or the proper design or sizing of any water, waste or venting components, fixtures or piping. K. determine the effectiveness of anti-siphon, backflow prevention or drain-stop devices. L. determine whether there are sufficient cleanouts for effective cleaning of drains. M. evaluate fuel storage tanks or supply systems. N. inspect wastewater treatment systems. O. inspect water treatment systems or water filters. P. inspect water storage tanks, pressure pumps, or bladder tanks. Q. evaluate wait time to obtain hot water at fixtures, or perform testing of any kind to water heater elements. R. evaluate or determine the adequacy of combustion air. S. test, operate, open or close: safety controls, manual stop valves, temperature/pressure-relief valves, control valves, or check valves. T. examine ancillary or auxiliary systems or components, such as, but not limited to, those related to solar water heating and hot water circulation. U. determine the existence or condition of polybutylene plumbing. V. inspect or test for gas or fuel leaks, or indications thereof.

Electrical

I. The inspector shall inspect: A. the service drop; B. the overhead service conductors and attachment point; C. the service head, gooseneck and drip loops; D. the service mast, service conduit and raceway; E. the electric meter and base; F. service-entrance conductors; G. the main service disconnect; H. panelboards and over-current protection devices (circuit breakers and fuses); I. service grounding and bonding; J. a representative number of switches, lighting fixtures and receptacles, including receptacles observed and deemed to be arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI)-protected using the AFCI test button, where possible; K. all ground-fault circuit interrupter receptacles and circuit breakers observed and deemed to be GFCIs using a GFCI tester, where possible; and L. smoke and carbonmonoxide detectors. II. The inspector shall describe: A. the main service disconnect's amperage rating, if labeled; and B. the type of wiring observed. III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction: A. deficiencies in the integrity of the serviceentrance conductors insulation, drip loop, and vertical clearances from grade and roofs; B. any unused circuit-breaker panel opening that was not filled; C. the presence of solid conductor aluminum branchcircuit wiring, if readily visible; D. any tested receptacle in which power was not present, polarity was incorrect, the cover was not in place, the GFCI devices were not properly installed or did not operate properly, evidence of arcing or excessive heat, and where the receptacle was not grounded or was not secured to the wall; and E. the absence of smoke detectors. IV. The inspector is not required to: A. insert any tool, probe or device into the main panelboard, sub-panels, distribution panelboards, or electrical fixtures. B. operate electrical systems that are shut down. C. remove panelboard cabinet covers or dead fronts. D. operate or re-set over-current protection devices or overload devices. E. operate or test smoke or carbon-monoxide detectors or alarms F. inspect, operate or test any security, fire or alarms systems or components, or other warning or signaling systems. G. measure or determine the amperage or voltage of the main service equipment, if not visibly labeled. H. inspect ancillary wiring or remotecontrol devices. I. activate any electrical systems or branch circuits that are not energized. J. inspect low-voltage systems, electrical de-icing tapes, swimming pool wiring, or any timecontrolled devices. K. verify the service ground. L. inspect private or emergency electrical supply sources, including, but not limited to: generators, windmills, photovoltaic solar collectors, or battery or electrical storage facility. M. inspect spark or lightning arrestors. N. inspect or test de-icing equipment. O. conduct voltage-drop calculations. P. determine the accuracy of labeling. Q. inspect exterior lighting.

Attic, Insulation & Ventilation

I. The inspector shall inspect: A. insulation in unfinished spaces, including attics, crawlspaces and foundation areas; B. ventilation of unfinished spaces, including attics, crawlspaces and foundation areas; and C. mechanical exhaust systems in the kitchen, bathrooms and laundry area. II. The inspector shall describe: A. the type of insulation observed; and B. the approximate average depth of insulation observed at the unfinished attic floor area or roof structure. III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction: A. the general absence of insulation or ventilation in unfinished spaces. IV. The inspector is not required to: A. enter the attic or any unfinished spaces that are not readily accessible, or where entry could cause damage or, in the inspector's opinion, pose a safety hazard. B. move, touch or disturb insulation. C. move, touch or disturb vapor retarders. D. break or otherwise damage the surface finish or weather seal on or around access panels or covers. E. identify the composition or R-value of insulation material. F. activate thermostatically operated fans. G. determine the types of materials used in insulation or wrapping of pipes, ducts, jackets, boilers or wiring. H. determine the adequacy of ventilation.

Doors, Windows & Interior

I. The inspector shall inspect: A. a representative number of doors and windows by opening and closing them; B. floors, walls and ceilings; C. stairs, steps, landings, stairways and ramps; D. railings, guards and handrails; and E. garage vehicle doors and the operation of garage vehicle door openers, using normal operating controls. II. The inspector shall describe: A. a garage vehicle door as manually-operated or installed with a garage door opener. III. The inspector shall report as in need of correction: A. improper spacing between intermediate balusters, spindles and rails for steps, stairways, guards and railings; B. photo-electric safety sensors that did not operate properly; and C. any window that was obviously fogged or displayed other evidence of broken seals. IV. The inspector is not required to: A. inspect paint, wallpaper, window treatments or finish treatments. B. inspect floor coverings or carpeting. C. inspect central vacuum systems. D. inspect for safety glazing. E. inspect security systems or components. F. evaluate the fastening of islands, countertops, cabinets, sink tops or fixtures. G. move furniture, stored items, or any coverings, such as carpets or rugs, in order to inspect the concealed floor structure. H. move suspended-ceiling tiles. I. inspect or move any household appliances. J. inspect or operate equipment housed in the garage, except as otherwise noted. K. verify or certify the proper operation of any pressure-activated auto-reverse or related safety feature of a garage door. L. operate or evaluate any security bar release and opening mechanisms, whether interior or exterior, including their compliance with local, state or federal standards. M. operate any system, appliance or component that requires the use of special keys, codes, combinations or devices. N. operate or evaluate self-cleaning oven cycles, tilt guards/latches, or signal lights. O. inspect microwave ovens or test leakage from microwave ovens. P. operate or examine any sauna, steamgenerating equipment, kiln, toaster, ice maker, coffee maker, can opener, bread warmer, blender, instant hot-water dispenser, or other small, ancillary appliances or devices. Q. inspect elevators. R. inspect remote controls. S. inspect appliances. T. inspect items not permanently installed. U. discover firewall compromises. V. inspect pools, spas or fountains. W. determine the adequacy of whirlpool or spa jets, water force, or bubble effects. X. determine the structural integrity or leakage of pools or spas.