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## INSPECTION REPORT

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> Buyer Name 04/22/2018 9:00AM



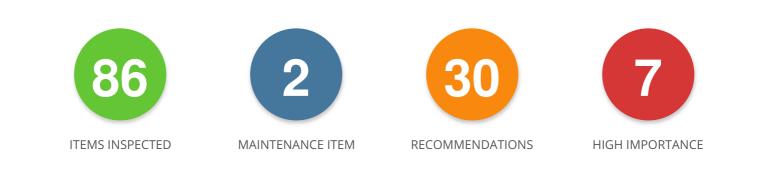
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## **1: INSPECTION DETAILS**

## Information

In Attendance Client, Inspector

**Type of Building** Detached, Single Family **Occupancy** Vacant

Weather Conditions Clear, Cold **Temperature** 35 Fahrenheit (F)

## 2: ROOF

		IN	NI	NP	R
2.1	Coverings	Х			Х
2.2	Gutters			Х	
2.3	Flashings	Х			
2.4	Skylights, Chimneys & Other Roof Penetrations	Х			Х
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## Information

**Inspection Method** 

**Layers** One



**Coverings: Material** Asphalt



Coverings: Estimated Age of Roof 5-10 Roof Type/Style Gable



Gutters: Gutter Material None

#### Flashings: Material Aluminum



## Limitations

#### Gutters

### **NO GUTTERS PRESENT**

At the time of inspection there are no gutters present, inspector recommends installing gutters to help move bulk moistureaway from foundation. Recommend talking to a gutter installation company on options and cost to install gutters around the perimeter of the home

## **Recommendations**

## 2.1.1 Coverings

#### **DAMAGED SHINGLES**

Inspector noticed one or more shingles were damaged or missing during the insoection. We recommend talking to a qualified roofer on options and costs to repair or replace as deemed necessary.

#### Recommendation

Contact a qualified roofing professional.

Recommendations



## 2.4.1 Skylights, Chimneys & Other Roof Penetrations

## **IMPROPER PLUMBING VENT**

Inspector noticed one or more vents appeared to be installed improperly. You may wish to consult with a plumbing contractor on options and cost to repair or replace vent if needed.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified plumbing contractor.





## **3: EXTERIOR**

		IN	ΝΙ	NP	R
3.1	Siding, Flashing & Trim	Х			Х
3.2	Exterior Doors	Х			
3.3	Walkways, Patios & Driveways	Х			
3.4	Decks, Balconies, Porches & Steps	Х			
3.5	Eaves, Soffits & Fascia	Х			
3.6	Vegetation, Grading, Drainage & Retaining Walls	Х			Х
3.7	Accesory Building			Х	
3.8	Fencing			Х	
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#### NI = Not Inspected

## Information

<b>Inspection Method</b> Visual	<b>Exterior Doors: Exterior Entry</b> <b>Door</b> Fiberglass, Steel, Glass	Walkways, Patios & Driveways: Driveway Material Concrete
Walkways, Patios & Driveways: Sidewalk Material Concrete, Pavers	Decks, Balconies, Porches & Steps: Material Wood	

#### Siding, Flashing & Trim: Siding Material Vinyl





## **Recommendations**

## 3.1.1 Siding, Flashing & Trim

## MILDEW/ALGAE



There are signs of algae and/or mildew on the siding. This is a cosmetic issue and is not uncommon especially on shaded portions of the home. Recommend that said areas be washed or cleaned or a regular basis.

Recommendation Contact a qualified professional.



### 3.1.2 Siding, Flashing & Trim

## **DRYER VENT DIRTY**

Inspector noticed the dryer vent was dirty at the time of the inspection. Recommend cleaning out the vent before use to avoid any possible fire hazard.

Recommendation Recommended DIY Project





## 3.1.3 Siding, Flashing & Trim

## MELTED SIDING

Inspector noticed one or more areas of the exterior siding that was melted. This can be because of a grill or exhaust that is improperly installed or to close to the siding. Recommend talking to a contractor on options and costs to repair ore replace siding and move grill or vent to avoid future damage.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.

- Recommendations



#### 3.3.1 Walkways, Patios & Driveways WALKWAY CRACKING - MINOR

Minor cosmetic cracks observed. Recommend monitor and/or patch/seal.

Recommendation **Recommended DIY Project** 

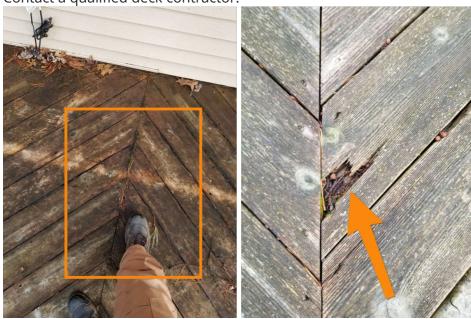


#### 3.4.1 Decks, Balconies, Porches & Steps

#### **DECK - ROTTED BOARDS**

Inspector noticed one or more deck boards are showing signs of rot. Recommend a qualified deck contractor replace damaged boards. You may wish to consult with a contractor on options and costs to replace deck.

Recommendation



#### Contact a qualified deck contractor.

3.4.2 Decks, Balconies, Porches & Steps

### **DECK - WATER SEALANT REQUIRED**

Deck is showing signs of weathering and/or water damage. Recommend water sealant/weatherproofing be applied.

Here is a helpful article on staining & sealing your deck.

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High Importance

Recommendation Recommended DIY Project



#### 3.6.1 Vegetation, Grading, Drainage & Retaining Walls

#### **NEGATIVE GRADING**

Grading is sloping towards the home in some areas. This could lead to water intrusion and foundation issues. Recommend qualified landscaper or foundation contractor regrade so water flows away from home.

Here is a helpful article discussing negative grading.

#### Recommendation

Contact a qualified landscaping contractor



3.6.2 Vegetation, Grading, Drainage & Retaining Walls

## TREE OVERHANG

- Recommendations

Trees observed overhanging the roof. This can cause damage to the roof and prevent proper drainage. Recommend a qualified tree service trim to allow for proper drainage.



## Recommendation

Contact a qualified tree service company.



# 4: BASEMENT, FOUNDATION, CRAWLSPACE & STRUCTURE

			IN	NI	NP	R
4.1	Foundation		Х			
4.2	Basements & Crawlspaces		Х			
4.3	Floor Structure		Х			Х
4.4	Wall Structure		Х			
4.5	Ceiling Structure		Х			
4.6	WDO (Termites)					
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## Information

Inspection Method Visual

Floor Structure: Sub-floor Plywood Foundation: Material Concrete

Floor Structure: Basement/Crawlspace Floor Concrete Floor Structure: Material Wood Joists, Steel I-Beams

## Recommendations

#### 4.1.1 Foundation FOUNDATION CRACKS - MINOR

Minor cracking was noted at the foundation. This is common as concrete ages and shrinkage surface cracks are normal. Recommend monitoring for more serious shifting/displacement.

Here is an informational article on foundation cracks.

Recommendation Contact a qualified structural engineer.





### 4.3.1 Floor Structure HANGERS MISSING FASTENERS



Recommendation Contact a qualified professional.



## 5: HEATING

		IN	NI	NP	R
5.1	Equipment	Х			Х
5.2	Normal Operating Controls	Х			
5.3	Distribution Systems	Х			
5.4	Vents, Flues & Chimneys	Х			Х
5.5	Presence of Installed Heat Source in Each Room	Х			
5.6	Solid Fuel Heating Device (Fireplace, Woodstove)	Х			Х
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## Information

## Equipment: Brand

Carrier



**Equipment: Year** 2003



**Equipment: Energy Source** Natural Gas **Equipment: Heat Type** Forced Air

**Distribution Systems: Ductwork** 

Non-insulated

## **Equipment: Filter Size** 16x25x1



#### Solid Fuel Heating Device (Fireplace, Woodstove): Type Wood



#### **AFUE Rating**

95

AFUE (Annual fuel utilization efficiency) is a metric used to measure furnace efficiency in converting fuel to energy. A higher AFUE rating means greater energy efficiency. 90% or higher meets the Department of Energy's Energy Star program standard.

## Recommendations

## 5.1.1 Equipment **TUNE UP RECOMMENDED**



Furnace should be cleaned and serviced annually. Recommend a qualified HVAC contractor clean, service and certify furnace.

Here is a resource on the importance of furnace maintenance.

Recommendation Contact a qualified HVAC professional.



## 5.4.1 Vents, Flues & Chimneys

## **CHIMNEY CLEANOUT**

Inspector noticed during the inspection that the chimney clean out was in need of service. Recommend talking to a chimney contractor on options and cotst to repair or maintain.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.

Recommendations



5.6.1 Solid Fuel Heating Device (Fireplace, Woodstove)

## SERVICE RECOMMENDED

Before operating your fireplace we recommend cleaning and inspection by a certified chimney sweep to verify that the chimney is in good maintenance and can be operated safely.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified chimney contractor.



## 6: COOLING

		IN	NI	NP	R
6.1	Cooling Equipment		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: Energy**

Source/Type Central Air Conditioner

#### **Cooling Equipment: Location** Exterior West

Distribution System: Configuration Central

### **Cooling Equipment: Brand**

Energi Air Systems



#### **Cooling Equipment: SEER Rating**

14 SEER

Modern standards call for at least 13 SEER rating for new install. Read more on energy efficient air conditioningat Energy.gov.

## Limitations

#### Cooling Equipment

### LOW TEMPERATURE

The A/C unit was not tested due to low outdoor temperature (below 65 Fahrenheit). Running the compressor in cold conditions can cause damage.

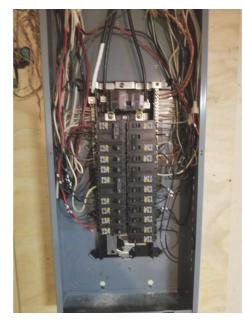
## 7: ELECTRICAL

		IN	NI	NP	R
7.1	Service Entrance Conductors	Х			
7.2	Main & Subpanels, Service & Grounding, Main Overcurrent Device	Х			
7.3	Branch Wiring Circuits, Breakers & Fuses	Х			Х
7.4	Lighting Fixtures, Switches & Receptacles	Х			Х
7.5	GFCI & AFCI	Х			Х
7.6	Smoke Detectors	Х			Х
7.7	Carbon Monoxide Detectors	Х			Х
7.8	Doorbell	Х			
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## Information

**Service Entrance Conductors: Electrical Service Conductors** 220 Volts, Copper

Main & Subpanels, Service & **Grounding, Main Overcurrent Device:** Main Panel Location Basement



Main & Subpanels, Service & Grounding, Main Overcurrent **Device:** Panel Manufacturer Square D

& Fuses: Branch Wire 15 and 20 AMP Copper

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

Branch Wiring Circuits, Breakers Branch Wiring Circuits, Breakers & Fuses: Wiring Method Romex

Main & Subpanels, Service & **Grounding, Main Overcurrent Device:** Panel Capacity 100 AMP



Main & Subpanels, Service & Grounding, Main Overcurrent **Device:** Sub Panel Location None

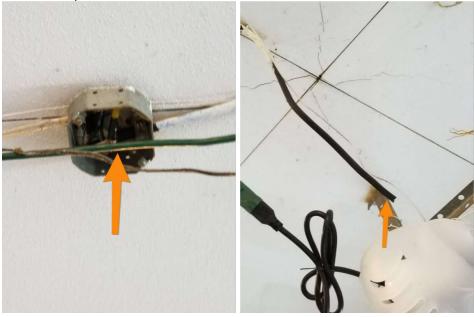
## **Recommendations**

## **IMPROPER WIRING**

There were one or more areas were the inspector noticed incorrect wiring practices. Recommend talking to a licensed electrician on options and costs to repair or replace.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified electrical contractor.



## 7.4.1 Lighting Fixtures, Switches & Receptacles

## LIGHT FIXTURE ISSUE

High Importance

Inspector noticed one or more light fixtures in need or repair or replacement. Recommend talking to a licensed electrician on options and costs to repair or replace.

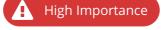
Recommendation

Contact a qualified electrical contractor.



#### 7.5.1 GFCI & AFCI

## NO GFCI PROTECTION INSTALLED



No GFCI protection present in all locations. Recommend licensed electrician upgrade by installing ground fault receptacles in all locations.

Here is a link to read about how GFCI receptacles keep you safe.

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#### Recommendation

Contact a qualified electrical contractor.



#### 7.6.1 Smoke Detectors

#### MISSING

Inspector noticed one or more areas were missing smoke detectors. Recommend installation of smoke detectors to local code.

(MRC) R314.3 requires the installation in the following locations: 1. In each sleeping room. 2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom

Here is a link to our recommended smoke detector http://amzn.to/2DvPwBa

Recommendation Contact a qualified professional.





7.7.1 Carbon Monoxide Detectors **MISSING** 

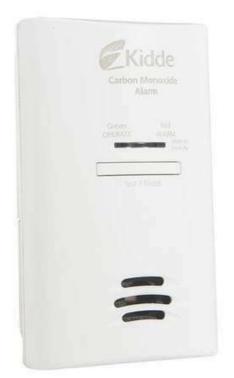




Inspector noticed that Carbon Monoxide detector was missing form one or more locations. Recommend installation of at least one low level CO monitor per floor.

Here is a link to a recommended CO2 detector http://amzn.to/2DweAHX

Recommendation Contact a qualified professional.



## 8: PLUMBING

		IN	NI	NP	R
8.1	Main Water Shut-off Device	Х			Х
8.2	Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems	Х			Х
8.3	Water Supply, Distribution Systems & Fixtures	Х			Х
8.4	Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents	Х			
8.5	Fuel Storage & Distribution Systems	Х			Х
8.6	Sump Pump			Х	
8.7	Dryer	Х			
8.8	Washer			Х	
8.9	Basement Sink	Х			Х
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Water Source

Well

## Information

### Filters

Water Softener



Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems: Drain Size 3"

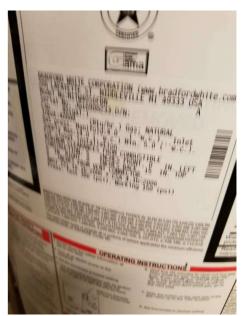
Water Supply, Distribution Systems & Fixtures: Water Supply Material Unknown Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems: Material Copper, Iron

Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents: Power Source/Type Gas Main Water Shut-off Device: Location Basement



Water Supply, Distribution Systems & Fixtures: Distribution Material Copper

#### Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents: Capacity 40 gallons



Fuel Storage & Distribution Systems: Main Gas Shut-off Location Gas Meter

Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents: Location Basement Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents: Year 2012

Sump Pump: Location

None

#### Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents: Manufacturer

Bradford & White

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.



## Recommendations

#### 8.1.1 Main Water Shut-off Device

## DAMAGED SHUTOFF

Inspector noticed one or more shut off valves that were damaged. Recommend talking to a licensed plumber on options in cost to repair or replace damaged shutoff valves

Recommendation

Contact a qualified plumbing contractor.



8.2.1 Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems

#### **CORRODED PIPE**

One or more pipes was corroded at the time of inspection recommend consulting with a plumber on options and costs for repairs or replacement.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified plumbing contractor.



8.3.1 Water Supply, Distribution Systems & Fixtures

Recommendations

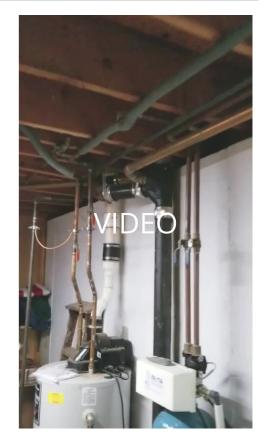
## **PIPE VIBRATIONS - WELL PUMP**

Inspector noticed that when well pump was operating one or more distribution pipes were vibrating. You may wish to consult with a licensed plumber on options in cost to fix this issue.



## Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



8.3.2 Water Supply, Distribution Systems & Fixtures

## WATER HAMMER

Inspector noticed that the well was making a loud water hammer noise at the end of its cycle. This may be an issue with the pressure or with one of the valves. Recommend talking to a plumber on options and costs to repair or replace.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified plumbing contractor.



8.5.1 Fuel Storage & Distribution Systems **GAS LEAK** 



Inspector noticed one or more gas leaks during the inspection. I recommend having a licensed HVAC contractor repair gas leak and retest gas lines.

Recommendation Contact a qualified professional.



#### 8.7.1 Dryer

#### DAMAGED

Inspector noticed that although dryer appeared to be in working condition had one or more areas of damage. You may wish to Look at options in cost to repair or replace dryer.

#### Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.





#### 8.9.1 Basement Sink

## **MISSING HARDWARE**

Inspector noticed that the basement sink was missing hardware. You may wish to consult with a licensed plumber on options and cost to repair or replace as deemed necessary.

Recommendation Contact a qualified professional.





## 9: ATTIC, INSULATION & VENTILATION

			IN	NI	NP	R
9.1	Attic Insulation		Х			
9.2	Ventilation		Х			
9.3	Exhaust Systems		Х			
9.4	Kneewalls				Х	
9.5	Wall Insulation		Х			
9.6	Attic		Х			
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## Information

## **Attic Insulation: R-value** 30

**Ventilation: Ventilation Type** Gable Vents, Ridge Vents, Soffit Vents **Exhaust Systems: Exhaust Fans** Fan Only

## Attic Insulation: Insulation Type

Cellulose, Blown



## **10: DOORS, WINDOWS & INTERIOR**

		IN	NI	NP	R
10.1	Doors	Х			Х
10.2	Windows	Х			Х
10.3	Floors	Х			Х
10.4	Trim	Х			
10.5	Walls	Х			
10.6	Ceilings	Х			Х
10.7	Steps, Stairways & Railings	Х			Х
10.8	Pests	Х			Х
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NI = Not Inspected

Walls: Wall Material

Drywall

## Information

Windows: Window Type	Floors: Floor Coverings
Casement	Carpet, Hardwood, Concrete
Ceilings: Ceiling Material Drywall	

## **Recommendations**

#### 10.1.1 Doors

## DAMAGED DOOR

One or more doors was damaged at the time of inspection. Repair or replace.

Recommendation Contact a qualified carpenter.



10.2.1 Windows **BROKEN/DAMAGED WINDOW CRANK** 



Inspector noticed one or more windows had a broken crank. Recommend talking to a window repair man on options and costs to repair the broken crank(s)

Recommendation Contact a qualified professional.



#### 10.2.2 Windows

### **BROKEN PANE**

One or more windows have a broken pane and should be repaired or replaced to avoid injury.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified window repair/installation contractor.



#### 10.3.1 Floors

## MINOR WEAR



High Importance

Floors were in overall good condition but exhibited minor wear and tear from general use. You may wish to consult with a flooring contractor on costs to repair or replace flooring if deemed necessary.

Recommendation

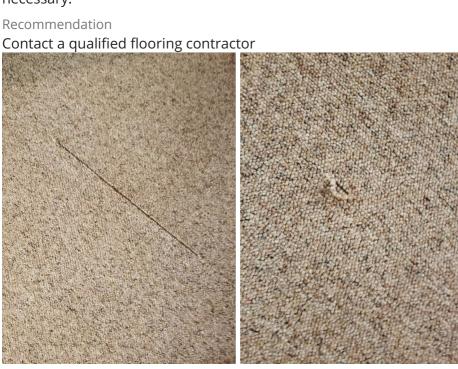
Contact a qualified flooring contractor



#### 10.3.2 Floors

#### **MODERATE WEAR**

Inspector noticed that the floors in the home exhibited moderate surface wear along major paths of travel. Recommend a qualified flooring contractor evaluate for possible re-finish or replacement as deemed necessary.



10.6.1 Ceilings

## **POOR REPAIRS**



Inspector noticed one or more areas of the ceiling with poor prior repairs. Recommend talking to a drywall professional on options and costs to repair these areas.

Contact a qualified drywall contractor.



#### 10.8.1 Pests

## **MICE/RODENT SIGN**

Inspector noticed one or more locations had sign of current or previous rodents. Inspector noticed either mousetraps, nesting material, damage or fecal matter.

#### Recommendation

Contact a qualified pest control specialist.



## 11: BATHROOM(S)

		IN	NI	NP	R
11.1	Bathroom Countertops & Cabinets	Х			
11.2	Toilets	Х			
11.3	Showers and Tubs	Х			Х
11.4	Sinks and Fixtures	Х			Х
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## Information

#### **Number of Bathrooms**

3

Bathroom Countertops & Cabinets: Countertop Material Composite, Other Bathroom Countertops & Cabinets: Cabinetry Wood



## Recommendations

#### 11.3.1 Showers and Tubs

## LOOSE DRAIN GRILL



Drain Grill was loose at the time of the inspection. Recommend talking to a qualified contractor on options and cost to repair or replace the drain grill.

Recommendation Contact a qualified professional.



#### 11.4.1 Sinks and Fixtures

#### **SLOW DRAIN**

Inspector noticed one or more sinks were draining slowly during the inspection. Recommend talking to a licensed plumber on options and costs to unclog or repair.

#### Recommendation

Contact a qualified plumbing contractor.





## 12: KITCHEN

					IN	ΝΙ	NP	R
12.1	Dishwasher				Х			
12.2	Refrigerator				Х			Х
12.3	Range/Oven/Cooktop					Х		Х
12.4	Garbage Disposal				Х			
12.5	Kitchen Countertops & Cabinets				Х			
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## Information

#### **Dishwasher: Brand** Kitchenaid



### **Refrigerator: Brand** Kenmore



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

## Range/Oven/Cooktop:

Range/Oven Brand Whirlpool



Kitchen Countertops & Cabinets: Cabinetry Wood



## **Limitations**

Range/Oven/Cooktop

## **NO POWER**

Inspector noticed that even though the oven was plugged in and the breaker was on there was no power to the stove.

## **Recommendations**

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**Kitchen Countertops & Cabinets: Countertop Material** Granite

#### 12.2.1 Refrigerator

## OLDER

Inspector noticed that the fridge was older. Although fridge appeared to be working you may wish to price out the cost to replace the fridge if deemed necessary.

Recommendation Contact a qualified professional.





### 12.3.1 Range/Oven/Cooktop

## **STOVE NOT WORKING**

Inspector noticed that the stole was not working even though it was plugged in and the breaker was on. Recommend looking at options and cost to repair or replace if necessary.

#### Recommendation

Contact a qualified appliance repair professional.





## 13: GARAGE

				IN	NI	NP	R
13.1	Ceiling			Х			
13.2	Floor			Х			
13.3	Walls & Firewalls			Х			
13.4	Garage Door			Х			
13.5	Garage Door Opener			Х			Х
13.6	Occupant Door (From garage to inside of home)			Х			
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## Information

Garage	Door:	Material
Metal		

Garage Door: Type Sliding, Automatic

## **Recommendations**

13.5.1 Garage Door Opener

**POOR ELECTRICAL INSTALL** Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.





## 14: RADON

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		IN = Inspected	NI = Not Inspected	NP = Not Present	R = Recommendation			ations

## Information

### Radon: Radon Test Underway

A radon test is currently being performed at the home. Inspector will notify you when the results are back.

## 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Radon

The following radon test results are based on "Closed House Conditions" maintained throughout the testing period. The homeowner has been instructed on what conditions the home should be kept in and has signed off that they have not messed with the testing equipment or process. This radon test was performed using an electronic continuous radon monitor.

There is an uncertainty with any measurement result. Daily and seasonal variations in radon concentrations as well as interferences with the necessary test conditions may or may not influence the results.

For more information on radon visit https://www.epa.gov/radon