MISSION HOME INSPECTIONS









ROOM-BY-ROOM RESIDENTIAL TEMPLATE

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1: INSPECTION DETAILS

Information

In Attendance

Client's Agent

Weather Conditions

Cloudy

Occupancy Vacant

Type of BuildingSingle Family

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2: ROOF

Information

Inspection Method

Ladder, Roof

Flashings: Material

Aluminum

Roof Type/Style

Gable

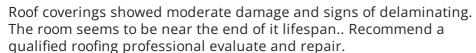
Coverings: Material

Asphalt

Observations

2.1.1 Coverings

DAMAGED (GENERAL)



Recommendation

Contact a qualified roofing professional.



2.1.2 Coverings

DELAMINATION



The asphalt shingle roof shows signs of delamination. Delamination is separation of the surface layer of asphalt. Recommend a qualified roofing contractor evaluate and repair to prevent further deterioration that results in leaking and moisture intrusion.

Recommendation

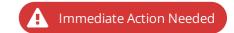
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2.1.3 Coverings

UNDER-DRIVEN NAILS



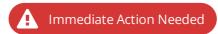
Observed one or more under-driven nails/fasteners. Visible nails are an entry point for moisture and can lead to moisture intrusion. Recommend a qualified roofing contractor evaluate and repair.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified roofing professional.

2.1.4 Coverings

ROOF RAFTER



Roof rafter is showing signs of deterioration and rot. I recommend a licensed carpenter evaluate.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified pest control specialist.



2.2.1 Flashings

LOOSE/SEPARATED



Flashings observed to be loose or separated, which can lead to water intrusion and/or mold. Recommend a qualified roofing contractor repair.

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Recommendation

Contact a qualified roofing professional.



Flashing separating from chimney

2.3.1 Skylights, Chimneys & Other Roof Penetrations

CHIMNEY REPOINT NEEDED



Joints in the masonry have deteriorated and should be repointed. Repointing is the restoration of the mortar joints in the masonry.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified chimney contractor.



Mortar deterioration



Mortar deterioration



Open space within bricks

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3: EXTERIOR

Information

Inspection Method

Visual

Foundation: MaterialSlab on Grade

Siding, Flashing & Trim: Siding

Material Stucco

Exterior Doors: Exterior Entry

Door Glass

Observations

3.2.1 Siding, Flashing & Trim

Immediate Action Needed

CRACKING - MINOR

Siding showed cracking in one or more places. This is a result of temperature changes, and typical as homes with stucco age. Recommend repairing to prevent water damage.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified handyman.





Water heater door

3.2.2 Siding, Flashing & Trim

Repair Needed

LOOSE BOARDS

One or more siding boards were loose, which could result in moisture intrusion. Recommend a qualified siding contractor secure and fasten.

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Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



Loose Board

3.2.3 Siding, Flashing & Trim

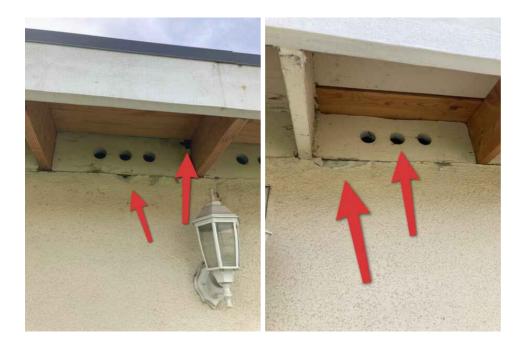
BACKYARD WALL



Multiple areas of the stucco have been chipped away resulting in small openings into the attic. Small openings can lead to moisture intrusion and can allow rodents and insects to enter. I recommend contacting a licensed professional to patch areas.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



3.4.1 Walkways, Patios & Driveways

DRIVEWAY CRACKING - MINOR



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Minor cosmetic cracks observed, which may indicate movement in the soil. Recommend monitor and/or have concrete contractor patch/seal.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified concrete contractor.



3.6.1 Eaves, Soffits & Fascia

Repair Needed

EAVES - DAMAGED

One or more sections of the eaves are damaged. Recommend qualified roofer evaluate & repair.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified roofing professional.



3.6.2 Eaves, Soffits & Fascia

Repair Needed

FASCIA - ROTTED

One or more sections of the fascia are rotted. Recommend qualified roofer evaluate & repair.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified roofing professional.



Backyard

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4: ELECTRICAL

Information

Service Entrance Conductors: Electrical Service Conductors Below Ground, 120 Volts, Copper Device: Main Panel Location

Main & Subpanels, Service & **Grounding, Main Overcurrent Device: Panel Manufacturer** General Electric

Branch Wiring Circuits, Breakers & Fuses: Wiring Method

Conduit

Grounding, Main Overcurrent Left, Front

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

Main & Subpanels, Service &

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

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

Copper

Observations

4.2.1 Main & Subpanels, Service & Grounding, Main Overcurrent Device



Immediate Action Needed

LOOSE BREAKERS

Multiple loose circuit breakers. Circuit breakers should be tightly secured within the panel to prevent electrical shock.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



Loose breakers at panel

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5: KITCHEN

Information

Dishwasher: Brand

Frigidaire

Refrigerator: Brand

Frigidaire

Range/Oven/Cooktop:
Range/Oven Energy Source

Gas

Range/Oven/Cooktop:

Range/Oven Brand Frigidaire Range/Oven/Cooktop: Exhaust

Hood Type Vented

Observations

5.1.1 Dishwasher

DISHWASHER

Dishwasher is in working condition.





5.2.1 Refrigerator

REFRIGERATOR OPERABLE

Refrigerator is in working condition



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5.3.1 Range/Oven/Cooktop

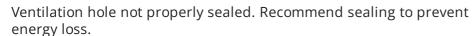
STOVE

Stove and oven or in operable condition, with all burners working



5.3.2 Range/Oven/Cooktop

STOVE VENTILATION



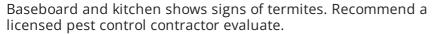
Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



5.3.3 Range/Oven/Cooktop

KITCHEN BASEBOARD



Recommendation

Contact a qualified pest control specialist.



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5.4.1 Garbage Disposal



GARAGE DISPOSAL

Garbage disposal is in operable condition, but showing signs of small leak from fitting. I recommend tightening fitting or contacting a licensed plumber to repair.

Recommendation

Contact a handyman or DIY project



5.5.1 Kitchen ceiling

KITCHEN CEILING



Ceiling above a slider door shows signs of previous water damage.



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6: BEDROOM 2

Information

Windows: Window Type

Sliders

Pella

Windows: Window Manufacturer Floors: Floor Coverings

Carpet

Walls: Wall Material

Drywall

Observations

6.3.1 Windows

MISSING SCREEN

Window missing screen. Recommend replacement.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified window repair/installation contractor.



Maintenance Item

6.4.1 Floors

MODERATE WEAR

Floors in the home exhibited moderate surface wear along major paths of travel. Recommend a qualified flooring contractor evaluate for possible re-finish.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified flooring contractor

6.7.1 Lighting Fixtures, Switches & Receptacles



LIGHT INOPERABLE

One or more lights are not operating. New light bulb possibly needed.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified electrical contractor.



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7: BEDROOM 3

Information

Windows: Window Type

Casement

Walls: Wall Material

Drywall

Windows: Window Manufacturer Floors: Floor Coverings Pella

Carpet

Observations

7.2.1 Doors

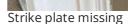
STRIKE PLATE MISSING



Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project





7.3.1 Windows

DAMAGED



One or more windows appears to have general damage, but are operational. Recommend a window professional clean, lubricate & adjust as necessary. Window is also missing lock mechanism.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified window repair/installation contractor.

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Window missing lock mechanism

7.4.1 Floors

LOOSE CARPET



Carpet located in closet is not secured to the floor. I recommend a licensed carpet professional re-secure carpet.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified flooring contractor



Carpet not secure

7.7.1 Lighting Fixtures, Switches & Receptacles

COVER PLATES DAMAGED



One or more receptacles have a damaged cover plate. Recommend replacement.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified electrical contractor.

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Broken cover plate

7.9.1 Smoke Detectors

Repair Needed

NO SMOKE ALARM

There is no smoke alarm located in the bedroom. Smoke alarms are recommended in bedrooms to help notify occupants if there is a fire in the home.

Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project

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8: BEDROOM 4

Information

Windows: Room 4 Windows: Window Manufacturer Floors: Floor Coverings

Pella Tile

Walls: Wall Material

Drywall

Observations

8.2.1 Doors

Repair Needed

DOOR DOESN'T LATCH

Door doesn't latch properly. Recommend handyman repair latch and/or strike plate.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified handyman.



No strike plate

8.2.2 Doors

DOOR LATCH ALIGNMENT



Door latch and/or strike plate is out of alignment. Recommend a handyman repair.

Recommendation

Contact a handyman or DIY project

8.3.1 Windows



WINDOWS

Windows are difficult to open. Recommend window professional lube, and perform maintenance on windows.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.

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8.3.2 Windows

Repair Needed

WINDOW SILL

Recommend re-caulking all window seals to seal gaps. This helps to prevent moisture intrusion.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified handyman.



Re-caulk gap

Re-caulk gap

8.4.1 Floors

MODERATE WEAR



Floors in the home exhibited moderate surface wear along major paths of travel. Recommend a qualified flooring contractor evaluate for possible re-finish.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified flooring contractor

8.9.1 Smoke Detectors



NO SMOKE ALARM

There is no smoke alarm located in the bedroom. It is recommended to have smoke alarms in the bedroom to notify occupants if a fire is present.

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Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project

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9: MASTER BEDROOM

Information

Windows: Window Type

Casement

Walls: Wall Material

Drywall

Windows: Window Manufacturer Floors: Floor Coverings Pella. Unknown

Carpet

Observations

9.4.1 Floors

MODERATE WEAR



Floors in the home exhibited moderate surface wear along major paths of travel. Recommend a qualified flooring contractor to evaluate.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified flooring contractor

9.5.1 Walls

POOR PATCHING



Sub-standard drywall patching observed at time of inspection. Recommend re-patching.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified drywall contractor.



9.5.2 Walls

DOORSTOP



No doorstop present. Recommend installing doorstop to prevent holes in wall.

Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project

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No door stop

9.8.1 GFCI & AFCI

Immediate Action Needed

NO GFCI PROTECTION INSTALLED

No GFCI protection present in bathroom. 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.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified electrical contractor.



No GFCI

9.11.1 Master bathroom



DOOR FRAME

Door frame in master bathroom, cracked and broken.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified carpenter.

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9.12.1 Master bathroom

Repair Needed

SHOWER

Shower in master bedroom has multiple areas of grout missing between tiles. Sealing holes will help prevent moisture intrusion, and moisture damage

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



9.12.2 Master bathroom



SINK

Wall under the sink has unsealed holes around the drain and water lines. This could result in home energy loss recommend sealing

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Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



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10: BATHROOM 1

Information

Bathroom



Water Supply, Distribution
Systems & Fixtures: Distribution
Material
Copper

Water Supply, Distribution
Systems & Fixtures: Water Supply
Material
Copper

Observations

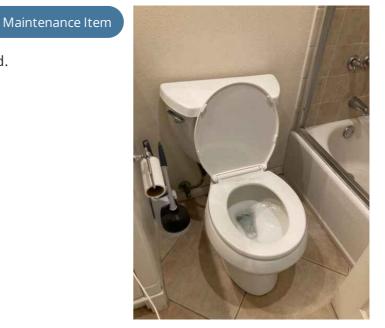
10.1.1 Toilet

TOILET



Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



10.2.1 Shower

SHOWER CAULKING



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Re-grout gaps around tile in the shower. Gaps in the tile can lead to water penetration and water damage.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified tile contractor



Gaps around tile

10.3.1 GFCI & AFCI

Immediate Action Needed

Outlet is in properly wired, it has an open hot wire. This is when a hot wire has been disconnected or has come loose. I recommend a licensed electrician repair.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified electrical contractor.

IMPROPER INSTALLATION



Open hot

10.3.2 GFCI & AFCI

NO GFCI PROTECTION INSTALLED



No GFCI protection present in all bathroom. I 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.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified electrical contractor.

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11: LIVING ROOM

Information

Windows: Window Type

Casement

Walls: Wall Material

Drywall

Windows: Window Manufacturer Floors: Floor Coverings

Unknown

Thermostat Controls: Condition

Thermostat works from normal

operating controls



Carpet

Observations

11.2.1 Windows

DAMAGED



One or more windows appears to have difficulty opening. Recommend a window professional clean, lubricate & adjust as necessary.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified window repair/installation contractor.

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11.2.2 Windows

WINDOW SEALING

Gaps around window can lead to water penetration. I recommend re-caulking around window to seal, gaps and prevent moisture intrusion

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.





11.4.1 Walls

DAMAGED CORNER

Damage to corner of the drywall.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



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11.9.1 Crown moulding

CROWN MOULDING

I recommend crown molding be recaulked Recommendation Contact a qualified professional.





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12: LAUNDRY ROOM

Information

Filters Water Source Dryer Power Source

None Public 110 Volt

Dryer Vent Main Water Shut-off Device: Hot Water Systems, Controls,

Metal Location Flues & Vents: Power

To the right of front door Source/Type

Gas

Hot Water Systems, Controls, Hot Water Systems, Controls, Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems:

Flues & Vents: Capacity
Unknown gallons
Flues & Vents: Location
Backyard
Drain Size

Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems: Exhaust Systems: Exhaust Fans Fuel Storage & Distribution

Material None Systems: Main Gas Shut-off

ABS Location
Gas Meter

Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents: Manufacturer

Unknown

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

Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents

ACCESS BLOCKED

Access to water heater information was blocked by occupant insulation.



Observations

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12.2.1 Hot Water Systems, Controls, Flues & Vents

NO DRIP PAN

No drip pan was present. Recommend installation of drip pan

Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project



12.3.1 Drain, Waste, & Vent Systems

Repair Needed

IMPROPER CONNECTION

An improper connection was observed at a drain, waste or vent pipe. Hot and cold water supply mislabeled. I recommend a qualified plumber evaluate and repair.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified plumbing contractor.



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13: UTILITY ROOM

Information

Cooling Equipment: Brand

Weather king

Cooling Equipment: Energy

Cooling Equipment: Location

Heating Equipment: Heat Type

Exterior East

Forced Air

Source/Type

Electric

Heating Equipment: Brand

Weather king

Heating Equipment: Energy

Source

Gas

Distribution System: Ductwork

Insulated

Distribution System:

Configuration

Split

Cooling Equipment: Temperature Reading

Air condition was blowing cold out of all registers throughout the house. Thermal imaging camera was used to get reading.



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Heating Equipment: Temperature Reading

Heating unit was bowing out all all registers throughout the house. Thermal imaging camera was used to record temperature.



Heating Equipment: AFUE Rating

80

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.

Limitations

Cooling Equipment

AC UNIT

AC unit surrounded by overgrown bushes, making inaccessible to get to



Observations

13.1.1 Cooling Equipment

VEGETATION TOO CLOSE



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Vegetation was too close to the compressor, which can limit heat dissipation and limit effectiveness. Recommend cutting back vegetation to avoid overheating compressor.

Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project

13.2.1 Heating Equipment



FILTER MISSING

The furnace filter was missing. Recommend replacement. Here is a DIY video on changing furnace filters.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified HVAC professional.



Filter missing

13.2.2 Heating Equipment

CONDITION

Heating unit is dirty, but is still within the lifespan of its usage. Recommend cleaning.

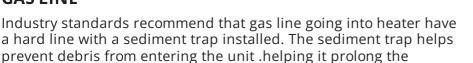
Recommendation

Recommended DIY Project



13.2.3 Heating Equipment

GAS LINE



Repair Needed

Repair Needed

Recommendation

lifespan.

Contact a qualified plumbing contractor.

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No sediment trap

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14: MISC. INTERIOR

Observations

14.2.1 Vents, Flues & Chimneys

Repair Needed

GAS CONNECTION

Gas line not connected to the burner. Valve is also already open. I recommend checking with a licensed professional to see if the gas line is operable.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



14.2.2 Vents, Flues & Chimneys



CHIMNEY LINER DIRTY

Chimney liner had layer of creosote dust, so underlying structure couldn't be inspected for cracks. Recommend qualified chimney sweep company inspect and/or clean.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified chimney contractor.



14.2.3 Vents, Flues & Chimneys



CHIMNEY MANTLE

Tile around chimney is missing grout in multiple areas.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.

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15: GARAGE

Observations

15.1.1 Garage door opener

GARAGE DOOR MECHANISM

Garage door mechanism, missing cover, and is non-operable.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



15.1.2 Garage door opener

GARAGE DOOR WINDOW

Garage door window is broken. I recommend contacting a qualified professional to repair window.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified garage door contractor.



Broken window

15.1.3 Garage door opener

GARAGE DOOR SENSOR

Garage door sensors are not connected.



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Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



Sensor not connected

15.1.4 Garage door opener

OPEN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES

One or more electrical receptacles not covered. I recommend installing cover plates to prevent electric shock.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



15.1.5 Garage door opener

GARAGE DOOR ENTRY



Immediate Action Needed

Door that leads into garage has large gap around the door frame. Recommend sealing opening.

Doors leading from the garage into the home should have an automatic closing mechanism, These mechanisms act as a safe guard to prevent free flow of carbon monoxide or other products of combustion into the living area.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.

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Open gap, no automatic closing mechanism

15.1.6 Garage door opener



GARAGE DOOR

Garage door shows signs of damage. Consult garage door technician for further evaluation.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.



Damaged garage door

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16: ATTIC

Information

Attic Insulation: Insulation Type

Roof Structure & Attic: Material
Wood

Roof Structure & Attic: Type

Gable

Blown

Ventilation: Ventilation Type

Gable Vents

Observations

16.2.1 Roof Structure & Attic



BROKEN TRUSS

Wood truss is broken in one location. The truss helps distribute the weight of the roof over a large span. I recommend a licensed roofing contractor evaluate and repair.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified carpenter.



Broken truss

16.3.1 Ventilation

ATTIC VENTILATION INSUFFICIENT



Attic venting was insufficient at time of inspection. Modern standards recommend 1.5 square feet of venting area for every 300 square feet of attic floor space. Recommend an attic contractor evaluate and remedy.

Recommendation

Contact a qualified professional.

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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 wastewater treatment systems, septic systems or cesspools. N. inspect irrigation or sprinkler systems. O. inspect drainfields or dry wells. P. determine the integrity of multiple-pane window glazing or thermal window seals.

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 carbon-monoxide 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 branch-circuit 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 remote-control 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.

Kitchen

10.1 The inspector shall inspect: F. installed ovens, ranges, surface cooking appliances, microwave ovens, dishwashing machines, and food waste grinders by using normal operating controls to activate the primary function. 10.2 The inspector is NOT required to inspect: G. installed and free-standing kitchen and laundry appliances not listed in Section 10.1.F. H. appliance thermostats including their calibration, adequacy of heating elements, self cleaning oven cycles, indicator lights, door seals, timers, clocks, timed features, and other specialized features of the appliance. I. operate, or con rm the operation of every control and feature of an inspected appliance.

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Misc. 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.

Attic

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.

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