

# HOME INSPECTION REPORT Prepared Exclusively For:

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## PROPERTY INSPECTION REPORT FORM

Name of Client	10/23/2022  Date of Inspection
Address of Inspected Property	
Paul DeRick Name of Inspector	25735 TREC License #
Name of Sponsor (if applicable)	TREC License #

#### PURPOSE OF INSPECTION

A real estate inspection is a visual survey of a structure and a basic performance evaluation of the systems and components of a building. It provides information regarding the general condition of a residence at the time the inspection was conducted. *It is important* that you carefully read ALL of this information. Ask the inspector to clarify any items or comments that are unclear.

#### RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INSPECTOR

This inspection is governed by the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) Standards of Practice (SOPs), which dictates the minimum requirements for a real estate inspection.

The inspector IS required to:

- use this Property Inspection Report form for the inspection;
- inspect only those components and conditions that are present, visible, and accessible at the time of the inspection;
- indicate whether each item was inspected, not inspected, or not present;
- indicate an item as Deficient (D) if a condition exists that adversely and materially affects the performance of a system or component **OR** constitutes a hazard to life, limb or property as specified by the SOPs; and
- explain the inspector's findings in the corresponding section in the body of the report form.

The inspector IS NOT required to:

- identify all potential hazards;
- turn on decommissioned equipment, systems, utilities, or apply an open flame or light a pilot to operate any appliance;
- climb over obstacles, move furnishings or stored items;
- prioritize or emphasize the importance of one deficiency over another;
- provide follow-up services to verify that proper repairs have been made; or
- inspect system or component listed under the optional section of the SOPs (22 TAC 535.233).

#### RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CLIENT

While items identified as Deficient (D) in an inspection report DO NOT obligate any party to make repairs or take other actions, in the event that any further evaluations are needed, it is the responsibility of the client to obtain further evaluations and/or cost estimates from qualified service professionals regarding any items reported as Deficient (D). It is recommended that any further evaluations and/or cost estimates take place prior to the expiration of any contractual time limitations, such as option periods.

**Please Note:** Evaluations performed by service professionals in response to items reported as Deficient (D) on the report may lead to the discovery of additional deficiencies that were not present, visible, or accessible at the time of the inspection. Any repairs made after the date of the inspection may render information contained in this report obsolete or invalid.

#### REPORT LIMITATIONS

This report is provided for the benefit of the named client and is based on observations made by the named inspector on the date the inspection was performed (indicated above).

ONLY those items specifically noted as being inspected on the report were inspected.

This inspection IS NOT:

- a technically exhaustive inspection of the structure, its systems, or its components and may not reveal all deficiencies;
- an inspection to verify compliance with any building codes;
- an inspection to verify compliance with manufacturer's installation instructions for any system or component and DOES NOT imply insurability or warrantability of the structure or its components.

#### NOTICE CONCERNING HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, DEFICIENCIES, AND CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

Conditions may be present in your home that did not violate building codes or common practices in effect when the home was constructed but are considered hazardous by today's standards. Such conditions that were part of the home prior to the adoption of any current codes prohibiting them may not be required to be updated to meet current code requirements. However, if it can be reasonably determined that they are present at the time of the inspection, the potential for injury or property loss from these conditions is significant enough to require inspectors to report them as Deficient (D). Examples of such hazardous conditions include:

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

Please Note: items identified as Deficient (D) in an inspection report DO NOT obligate any party to make repairs or take other actions. The decision to correct a hazard or any deficiency identified in an inspection report is left up to the parties to the contract for the sale or purchase of the home.

This property inspection report may include an inspection agreement (contract), addenda, and other information related to property conditions.

INFORMATION INCLUDED UNDER "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INSPECTOR", OR PROVIDED AS AN ATTACHMENT WITH THE STANDARD FORM, IS NOT REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION AND MAY CONTAIN CONTRACTUAL TERMS BETWEEN THE INSPECTOR AND YOU, AS THE CLIENT. THE COMMISSION DOES NOT REGULATE CONTRACTUAL TERMS BETWEEN PARTIES. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT OF ANY CONTRACTUAL TERM CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION OR ANY ATTACHMENTS, CONSULT AN ATTORNEY.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INSPECTOR

NOTICE: THIS REPORT IS PAID FOR BY AND PREPARED FOR THE CLIENT NAMED ABOVE EXCLUSIVELY. THIS REPORT IS NOT VALID WITHOUT THE SIGNED INSPECTION AGREEMENT AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

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

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

There are many factors which determine the life expectancy of a system or component. It is not possible to determine these factors during a one time visual inspection. Some systems of components may perform beyond their typical life expectancy while others may require repair or replacement sooner.

This report is prepared using a computer and infrequently a word or sentence may be accidentally deleted or altered. Should you encounter such a condition, please contact COMPANY NAME to make the necessary correction and provide you with replacement pages. If you do not understand certain comments or recommendations please call COMPANY NAME prior to closing on your transaction for clarification.

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

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

NOTE: When repairs are made by certified, licensed specialists, sometimes additional defects and repair needs are discovered that were beyond the scope of a home inspection.

This report contains technical information. You are encouraged to read and understand the entire inspection report. If you do not understand or are unclear about any of the information in the report, please call COMPANY NAME (PHONE #) for a verbal consultation and report review.

#### **INACCESSIBLE OR OBSTRUCTED AREAS**

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

- **MOLD/MILDEW** investigations are NOT included with this report; it is beyond the scope of this inspection. Any reference of water intrusion is recommended that a professional investigation be obtained.
- If the property has been **RENOVATED OR REMODELED**, you should request documentation that should include permits and any warranties or guarantees that might be applicable, latent defects could exist.
- **IF ADDITIONS** have been made to this property, you should request documentation that should include permits and any warranties or guarantees that might be applicable. Latent defects could exist.
- **SELLERS DISCLOSURE.** The client is encouraged to obtain as much information about the property as possible from the Sellers Disclosure, other documents or warranties prior to closing.
- Repair technicians may find additional defects that were not included in this report. A Home Inspection is not an exhaustive list of repair needs, local building standards or deficiencies. Repair technicians may disassemble equipment or components outside the home inspectors scope as required by the Texas Standards of Practice.
- Repair technicians and their associated companies are responsible for all performance, defects, compliance with local building standards and warranties for repaired systems, appliances and components. The buyer is encouraged to obtain receipts and written transferable warranties from all repair companies prior to closing.
- If the home was occupied and or staged household goods and or furnishings limit the visible areas of walls and may conceal damage or defects that would otherwise be observed by the inspector.

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

**Additional Notes Provided By The Inspector:** 

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	A. Foundations	I. STRUCTURAL SY	STEMS						

Foundation Type: Slab on Ground

Comments:

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

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

#### PERFORMANCE OPINION:

☑ **Special Limitation:** Areas of the foundation perimeter beam were concealed and were not inspected. The buyer is encouraged to consult with a foundation specialist prior to closing if any concerns exist about the current or future foundation performance. Based on visual observations of other structural components at the time of the inspection, the inspector's opinion of the foundation performance is:

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

Deficiencies:

#### B. Grading and Drainage

Comments:

☑ The grading and drainage was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.

**NOTE:** Grading and drainage defects should be repaired by qualified landscape, lot drainage or rain gutter specialists.

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 $\ \square$  The inspector observed damaged or leaking rain gutter components that create conducive conditions for siding deterioration, soffit/eave damage, and water penetration.





 $\ensuremath{\square}$  All gutter downspouts should have downspout extensions or splash blocks installed to prevent water ponding and erosion.



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	C.	Roof Covering Materia Comments:	als	
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		concerns exist about specialist should be co are strongly encourag inspect the roof prior	the roof covering life expectionsulted. This inspection do yed to have your insurance of to closing to fully evaluate re inspected according to	not covered by this home inspection report. If any ctancy or potential for future problems, a roofing sees not determine the insurability of the roof. You company and a roof covering specialist physically the condition and insurability of the roof. Roof current Texas Real Estate Commission Texas
		Leakage or water dan and direction and oth	mage can occur at any time	lude the possibility of leakage or water damage. and may depend on rain intensity, wind velocity the entire underside of the roof sheathing is not indications of leaks.
		NOTE: The roof cover as part of a routine ma		fessionally inspected annually and after storms
		company and a certific		ou are encouraged to have your insurance tor to physically inspect the roof, prior to closing, ne roofing material.
			as any remaining concern nds that a roof covering sp	ns about the roof covering materials, the secialist be consulted.
	D.	Roof Structures and A Comments:	attics	
			From: Entered the Attic Attic Space: 40-60 Percen sulation: 9-12 Inches	t Visible
		☑ The roof roof structer Practice.	ture and attic were inspected	d according to today's Texas Standards of
				materials were observed to be damaged and dlife penetration and moisture penetration.

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☑ The walls were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.

☑ There were cosmetic defects in the fit and finish at the interior walls and trim.

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Comments:

- ☑ The ceilings and floors were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.

Comments:

- ☑ The doors were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.
- ☑ Interior doors which do not latch were observed.



☑ Sliding glass doors do not latch/lock properly.

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Comments:

☑ The windows were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.

**NOTE:** Solar screens or storm windows have been installed over the windows and prevent visual inspection of windows from the exterior.

☑ Damaged window screens were observed.



- ☑ Windows were observed to be missing window screens.
- ☑ Signs of water intrusion was observed at or around the windows or at the window sills.



☑ □ □ □ I. Stairways (Interior and Exterior)

Comments:

☑ The stairways were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.

#### II. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

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Comments:

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Electric Service Panel Location: Detached Garage

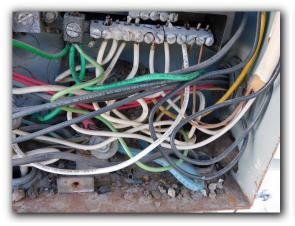
☑ The electric service panel and entrance was inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.

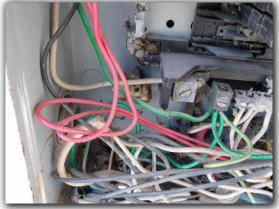
**NOTE:** Electric service entrance, electric service panel, breaker, fuse and conductor repairs should be made by a licensed electrician.

**NOTE:** The buyer should have the service panel(s), service entrance and electrical system checked by a certified, licensed electrician. The observations made to support this opinion are listed but not limited to the following:

#### Deficiencies:

☑ Sub-Panel had wildlife debris inside that should be addressed,





☑ The electric service panel breaker use was not labeled.

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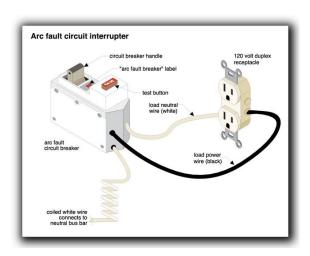
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☑ The electric service panel cabinet cover plate or dead-front screws were observed to be missing and should be replaced with the proper screws as needed.

☑ Sub-Panel(s) did not appear to be independently bonded or visibly grounded. Although the subpanel may be functional, it does not meet current National Electrical Code standards.

☑ **Deficient Arc-Fault Protection (AFCI)** - The electrical system components did not appear to meet current arc-fault circuit-interrupter (AFCI) standards (SAFETY HAZARD). *This may be an "as-built" condition*, but *according to today's local building standards, lack of AFCI protection is considered a deficiency.* For more information, refer to Texas Real Estate Consumer Notice Concerning Recognized Hazards, form OP-I.



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#### B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures

Comments:

Type(s) of Visible Branch Circuit Electrical Conductors: Copper

☑ The branch circuits, connected devices and fixtures were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.

**NOTE:** Electric branch circuit and connected device repairs should be made by a licensed electrician.

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

**NOTE:** It is recommended to replace smoke and fire alarm batteries with each change of ownership and once annually for reasons of safety. Replacement of smoke and fire alarms older than 10 years is recommended.

#### **Electrical Receptacles:**

 $\ensuremath{\square}$  Electrical Receptacle was observed to be loose the wall.

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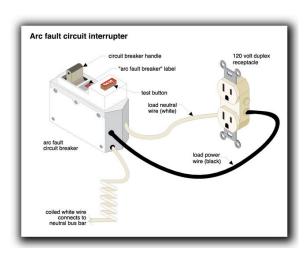
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☑ Dual function breakers that provide both AFCI and GFCI protection are now available and became a National Electric Code (NEC) building standard in 2014. Under current electrical standards, AFCI protection is now required in family rooms, dinning rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sun rooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, kitchens and laundry rooms. Lack of AFCI protection in required locations is a SAFETY HAZARD.



- ☑ Bathroom electrical receptacles were observed to lack ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) device protection (SAFETY HAZARD).
- ☑ Garage electrical receptacles were observed to lack ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) device protection (SAFETY HAZARD).
- ☑ Exterior electrical receptacles were observed to lack ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) device protection (SAFETY HAZARD).
- ☑ Lack of a GFCI protected electrical receptacle near the attic installed HVAC equipment is a SAFETY HAZARD.

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	V			C.	Other Comments:				
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$\overline{\checkmark}$					Heating Equipment Comments:	\			
					Type of Heating Syst Heating Energy Soul				
					the HVAC and related HVAC specialist. The the HVAC electrical sy accessible without operation as heat exchangers, or pressure. No guarante evaporator coil, plenut can be made regardin expectancy. Inspection most heating equipment home inspection. No guarante expectancy.	equipment may benefit fro scope of our inspection inconstem, fan, compressors, conting a protected cabinet of soils or air handlers. We do see is made regarding coolar and air handler are outsing evaporator coils, cooling of the heat exchanger is not systems. Inspection of the guarantee can be made on	and cooling system inspection is ma more thorough inspection by ludes but is not limited to a visuabils, gas burners, filters and therr shroud). We do not dismantle conot test for mold, refrigerant leak at charge or line integrity. The code the scope of a home inspection lines, plenums, air handlers or conot possible without disassembly the heat exchanger is beyond the the heat exchangers life expectation tractor further evaluate the HVA	a qualified I inspection of mostats (if components such as or adequate indition of the on. No guarantee component life of the unit in scope of a incy. If concerns	
							nished grade (underground) or be detected and are not inspected.		
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	V			В.	Cooling Equipment Comments:				
					Cooling Equipment	Type: Central - Air Condition	ner		

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**NOTE:** The objective of our limited visual heating and cooling system inspection is to determine of the HVAC and related equipment may benefit from a more thorough inspection by a qualified HVAC specialist. The scope of our inspection includes but is not limited to a visual inspection of the HVAC external electrical system, fan, compressor, coils, filters and thermostats (if accessible without opening a protected cabinet or shroud). We do not dismantle components such as heat plenums, air handlers or coils. We do not test for refrigerant leaks or adequate pressure. No guarantee is made regarding coolant charge, line integrity, plenums or air handlers. The condition of the evaporator coil, plenum and air handler are outside the scope of a home inspection. No guarantee can be made regarding coils, cooling lines, plenums, air handlers or component life expectancy. If concerns exist, it is highly recommended that a qualified contractor further evaluate the HVAC system prior to closing.

**NOTE:** The cooling equipment could not be operated or properly inspected for performance due to outside air temperature being less than 60 degrees Fahrenheit at the time of inspection. Operation at or below 60 degrees could cause damage to the unit. Inspection of the cooling equipment was limited to visual observation.

V			С.	Duct Systems, Chases, and Vents Comments:
				$\ensuremath{\square}$ The duct systems, chases and vents were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.
			D.	Other Comments:
V		V	A.	IV. PLUMBING SYSTEMS Plumbing Supply, Distribution Systems and Fixtures Comments:

**Location Of Water Meter:** Within 5-Feet of Left Front Curb **Location Of Main Water Valve:** Left/Front Exterior Wall

Static Water Pressure: 55-60 psi

Type of supply piping material: Copper, PEX Visible Water Pressure Valve/Regulator: No

☑ The plumbing supply, distribution and fixtures were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.

**NOTE:** Slab construction prevents visual inspection of plumbing located in or below concrete slabs. Plumbing concealed in foundations, below grade, under flatwork, under decks, inside walls, in attics, between ceilings, insulated, in crawl spaces or concealed by other finishes are outside the scope of a home inspection and were not inspected.

**NOTE:** Structural movement, settlement or previous foundation repairs can lead to latent plumbing defects that may not be revealed during a home inspection. If any plumbing defects, structural movement, settlement or previous foundation repairs have been reported, the buyer is

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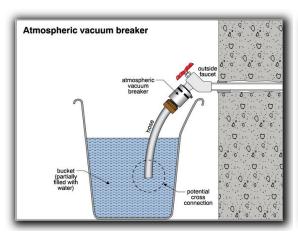
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encouraged to have the plumbing systems further evaluated and a hydrostatic water pressure test performed by a certified, licensed plumbing specialist.

**NOTE:** The inspector has no way of knowing the water usage history of the structure. The buyer is encouraged to obtain water usage history before closing to determine if water leaks in the main water supply system are present.

☑ Exterior water supply faucets were missing an anti-siphon device to prevent contaminants from entering the water supply (SAFETY HAZARD).





#### B. Drains, Wastes, and Vents

Comments:

Type of drain piping material: PVC

Waste Drain Clean Out Location: Right side of house

 $\ensuremath{\square}$  The drains, wastes and vents were inspected according to today's Texas Standards of Practice.

**NOTE:** Plumbing drains, wastes and vents should be repaired by a certified, licensed plumber.

**NOTE:** Slab construction prevents visual inspection of waste drain plumbing located in or below concrete slabs. Waste drain plumbing concealed in foundations, below grade, under flatwork, under decks, inside walls, in attics, between ceilings, insulated, in crawl spaces or concealed by other finishes are outside the scope of a home inspection and were not inspected.

**NOTE:** Only a video scan of the interior of drain pipes and drain lines can fully confirm their actual condition. The inspector has no way of knowing about waste drain leaks or the history of waste drain leaks in concealed areas or latent conditions. When the house has been vacant, the plumbing system is older, there are prior known drain problems, large trees on the grounds or non-disclosed wast drain defects, it would be prudent to have the drain lines "video scanned" prior to closing.

**NOTE:** Structural movement, settlement or previous foundation repairs can lead to latent waste drain defects that may not be revealed during a home inspection. If any waste drain defects, structural movement, settlement or previous foundation repairs have been reported, the buyer is encouraged to have the waste drain plumbing further evaluated by a certified, licensed plumbing

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						equipment TPR valve was in valves to fail under testing	nspected and verified, but was not tested. It is g and leak water.	
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					Gas Meter Location: Visible Material For G	Back Of Structure Gas Supply Plumbing: Bla	ack Iron Pipe	
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					its existence. The Insp cannot detect gas leak fireplace hearths or an concerns exist about p	pector does not perform a p is below the finished grade by concealed area. <b>Propan</b> possible gas line failure and the gas system further evalua	equired to inspect sacrificial anode bonding or for ressure test on the gas lines. The Inspector (underground) or between the wall or behind <b>e tanks will not be inspected</b> . If any further I or deficiencies, we recommend that the buyer, ated by a local controlling gas supplier and or a	
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				<b>NOTE:</b> If a fire suppression system is installed, fire suppression systems are outside the permitted license of inspection for a home inspector. Fire suppression systems, inspection, repand evaluation should be performed by a certified, licensed Texas Fire Marshall or Texas certificensed fire suppression system specialist.				
							stem installed, the adequacy and performance outside the scope of this home inspection. Water	

• The water treatment discharge point was not located or inspected. The buyer is

treatment or water softening systems are not inspected. Furthermore:

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		$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$		<b>A.</b>	Landscape Irrigation (S	Sprinkler) Systems		
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## **Septic System Performance:**

☑ There was standing water, seepage or overflow visible at the septic system tanks, sprinkler heads, soil treatment field and or lateral lines (SAFETY HAZARD).

#### **Additional Information:**

- 1. If property has been vacant more than a week or the system has been only minimally used, additional levels of testing and inspection by a septic system specialist may be necessary to determine system condition.
- 2. If the system has been serviced recently, contact the septic pumping company to inquire about the type and condition of the waste disposal equipment.
- 3. If the system has not been serviced recently, limited but important additional information regarding the condition of the system may be obtained by having a septic contractor open, clean, and inspect the septic tank (and distribution boxes). Particularly in the case of older systems that have not been serviced, if the property owner will permit this step we recommend it.
- 4. Excavation and pumping are beyond the scope of our operational testing procedure. Practices in some states require pumping and inspection at sale.
- 5. Septic systems are basically a "buried" installation and are hidden from normal visual inspection. Many possible problems may not show themselves at the time of a visual inspection, and thus one cannot make accurate prediction of the future condition of the system.
- 6. Determination of location, condition, or life expectancy of buried septic components is not

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possible from a visual inspection. Costly problems may not be visible.

- 7. Periodic pumping is recommended to prevent costly damage to the absorption system. Pumping frequency depends on system usage, tank size, and other factors.
- 8. The inspection includes visual examination of probable tank and absorption system areas, surface and perimeter, at the beginning, during, and at the end of operational testing, if such was performed.
- 9. Condition and / or type of subsurface equipment have not been inspected. If a determination of field lines is needed we recommend having a qualified, certified and licensed septic installing specialist inspect system.
- 10. Location and / or number of tanks cannot be guaranteed, without special equipment in which the tanks can be dug up. If you need this, We recommend having a qualified, certified and licensed septic installing specialist inspect system.
- 11. Septic system performs as to the number of occupants who use the system. An increase of occupants can sometime cause the system to malfunction. Consistent and regular maintenance will help this prevent certain conditions. We recommend having a qualified, certified and licensed septic pumping specialist inspect the system.
- 12. Buyer should contact local septic controlling authorities to determine all local regulations concerning waste water regulation in their area.
- 13. B.O.D and or T.S.S. testing is outside the scope of this inspection. We recommend having a qualified, certified and licensed septic maintaining specialist inspect system.
- 14. The cleaning and grooming of pets is harmful with a septic system. We recommend not cleaning or grooming pets into sinks and / or tubs which discharge into septic systems.
- 15. Water softeners are harmful to septic systems. We recommend consulting with a qualified, certified and licensed septic specialist inspects system about softeners.
- 16. The use of additives is sometimes harmful to septic systems. We recommend consulting a qualified, certified and licensed septic specialist inspects system before using such additives.
- 17. Sub soil evaluations are not conducted with this type of inspection. We recommend consulting with a qualified, certified and licensed septic specialist inspects system.
- 18. Medicines, paints, chemicals, rubber products, feminine products and / or other nonbiodegradable material must not be put into septic systems. We recommend having a qualified, certified and licensed septic pumping specialist regularly inspect system.

WARNING: Tanks not pumped regularly are at extra risk of hidden, potentially costly damage to

	the absorption system. Tanks pumped immediately prior to the inspection may prevent normal system testing (by loading with water) and may indicate a history of recent problems or failures.
F.	Other Built-in Appliances Comments:

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**NOTE:** Repair technicians may find additional defects that were not included in this report. A Home Inspection is not an exhaustive list of repair needs, local building standards or deficiencies. Repair technicians may disassemble equipment or components outside the home inspectors scope as required by the Texas Standards of Practice.

**NOTE:** Repair technicians and their associated companies are responsible for all performance, defects, compliance with local building standards and warranties for repaired systems, appliances and components. The buyer is encouraged to obtain receipts and written transferable warranties from all repair companies prior to closing.

#### **REINSPECTED ITEMS:**

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#### REPORT SUMMARY

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

## **Items Needing Further Evaluation**

☑ Sub-Panel(s) did not appear to be independently bonded or visibly grounded. Although the sub-panel may be functional, it does not meet current National Electrical Code standards.

## **Home Safety**

☑ Dual function breakers that provide both AFCI and GFCI protection are now available and became a National Electric Code (NEC) building standard in 2014. Under current electrical standards, AFCI protection is now required in family rooms, dinning rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sun rooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, kitchens and laundry rooms. Lack of AFCI protection in required locations is a SAFETY HAZARD.

☑ Bathroom electrical receptacles were observed to lack ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) device protection (SAFETY HAZARD).

☑ Garage electrical receptacles were observed to lack ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) device protection (SAFETY HAZARD).

☑ Exterior electrical receptacles were observed to lack ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) device protection (SAFETY HAZARD).

☑ Lack of a GFCI protected electrical receptacle near the attic installed HVAC equipment is a SAFETY HAZARD. ☑ Exterior water supply faucets were missing an anti-siphon device to prevent contaminants from entering the water supply (SAFETY HAZARD).

☑ There was standing water, seepage or overflow visible at the septic system tanks, sprinkler heads, soil treatment field and or lateral lines (SAFETY HAZARD).

## **Repair & Maintenance Items**

☑ The inspector observed damaged or leaking rain gutter components that create conducive conditions for siding deterioration, soffit/eave damage, and water penetration.

☑ All gutter downspouts should have downspout extensions or splash blocks installed to prevent water ponding and erosion.

☑ Fascia, Soffit, Frieze Board, eaves and or trim materials were observed to be damaged and should be repaired to prevent further damage, wildlife penetration and moisture penetration.

- ☑ Interior doors which do not latch were observed.
- ☑ Sliding glass doors do not latch/lock properly.
- ☑ Damaged window screens were observed.
- ☑ Windows were observed to be missing window screens.
- ☑ Signs of water intrusion was observed at or around the windows or at the window sills.

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☑ The doorbell was inoperative.

## Improvement & "As Built Condition" Items

- ☑ There were cosmetic defects in the fit and finish at the interior walls and trim.
- ☑ The electric service panel breaker use was not labeled.
- ☑ The electric service panel cabinet cover plate or dead-front screws were observed to be missing and should be replaced with the proper screws as needed.
- ☑ **Deficient Arc-Fault Protection (AFCI)** The electrical system components did not appear to meet current arc-fault circuit-interrupter (AFCI) standards (SAFETY HAZARD). *This may be an "as-built" condition*, but *according to today's local building standards, lack of AFCI protection is considered a deficiency.* For more information, refer to Texas Real Estate Consumer Notice Concerning Recognized Hazards, form OP-I.
- ☑ Attic installed light fixtures should have a lamp guard installed.

**Items To Monitor** 

**Deferred Cost Items** 

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## If Something Goes Wrong

There may come a time when you discover something wrong with the house you purchased, and you may be upset or disappointed with your home inspection. There are some things we'd like you to keep in mind.

#### **Intermittent Or Concealed Problems:**

Some problems can only be discovered by living in a house. They cannot be discovered during the few hours of a home inspection. For example, some shower stalls leak when people are in the shower, but do not leak when you simply turn on the tap. Some roofs and basements only leak when specific conditions exist. Some problems will only be discovered when carpets are lifted, furniture is moved or finishes are removed.

#### No Clues:

These problems may have existed at the time of the inspection, but there were no clues as to their existence. Our inspections are based on the past performance of the house. If there are no clues of a past problem, it is often impossible for us to foresee a future problem.

## **We Sometimes Miss Minor Things:**

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

#### Contractor's Advice:

A common source of dissatisfaction with home inspectors comes from comments made by contractors. Contractor's opinions often differ from ours. You may have more than one roofing contractor say that the roof needs replacement, when we said that the roof would last a few more years with some minor repairs.

## **Last Man In Theory:**

While our advice represents the most prudent thing to do, many contractors are reluctant to undertake these repairs. This is because of the last man in theory. The contractor fears that if he is the last person to work on the roof, he will get blamed if the roof leaks, regardless of whether or not the roof leak is his fault. Consequently, he won't want to do a minor repair with high liability, when he could re-roof the entire house for more money and reduce the likelihood of a callback. This is understandable.

#### **Most Recent Advice Is Best:**

There is more to the last man in theory. It suggests that it is human nature for homeowners to believe the last bit of expert advice they receive, even if it is contrary to previous advice. As home inspectors, we find ourselves in the position of first man in and consequently it is our advice that is often forgotten.

## Why Didn't We See It?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A Non-Invasive Look:** Problems often become apparent when carpets or plaster are removed, when fixtures or cabinets are pulled out, and so on. A home inspection is a visual examination. We don't perform invasive or destructive tests.

#### Not Insurance:

In conclusion, a home inspection is designed to better your odds of not purchasing a "money pit". It is not designed to eliminate all risk. For that reason, a home inspection should not be considered a written guarantee or an insurance policy.