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### HOME INSPECTION REPORT



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## WHAT IS A HOME INSPECTION?

The purpose of a home inspection is to visually examine the readily accessible systems and components of the home. The inspectors are not required to move personal property, materials or any other objects that may impede access or limit visibility. Items that are unsafe or not functioning, in the opinion of the inspector, will be described in accordance with the standards of practice by which inspectors abide.

## WHAT DOES THIS REPORT MEAN TO YOU?

This inspection report is not intended as a guarantee, warranty or an insurance policy. Because your home is one of the largest investments you will ever make, use the information provided in this report and discuss the findings with your real estate agent and family to understand the current condition of the home.

## OUR INSPECTIONS EXCEED THE HIGHEST INDUSTRY STANDARDS.

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## WE EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

Buying your new home is a major decision. Much hinges on the current condition of the home you have chosen. That is why we have developed the HomeTeam Inspection Report. Backed by HomeTeam's experience with hundreds of thousands of home inspections over the years, the report in your hand has been uniquely designed to meet and exceed the expectations of today's homebuyers. We are proud to deliver this high-quality document for your peace of mind. If you have any questions while reviewing this report, please contact us immediately.

**Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you.**



Dear John Doe,

On Thursday, July 29, 2021 The HomeTeam Inspection Service made a visual inspection of 123 Anytown Rd SC, USA 55555. Enclosed please find a written, narrative report of our findings in accordance with the terms of our Inspection Agreement.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call me at (843) 494-5445. Thank you for choosing HomeTeam.

Sincerely,

Beth Klepper  
HomeTeam Inspection Service

## SUMMARY

The following is a summary of our findings. Be sure to read the full body of the inspection report; it contains much more detail about the property. Any additional evaluations we've recommended must be performed prior to the conclusion of the inspection contingency period.

### HVAC

1. The insulation on the exterior air conditioning line set is damaged.
2. The air filter is dirty and should be replaced.

### Safety Concerns

1. Multiple outlets lack GFCI protection.
2. The garage door safety pressure reverse system is not operable. This means that the door does not stop and reverse when resistance is placed at the base of the door.

### Bathrooms

1. The toilet in the hall bath is loose. Failure to secure the toilet may lead to leakage around the wax ring.

### Exterior

1. Downspouts were draining at or too close to the base of the foundation.
2. One or more of the steel lintels above the windows on the exterior of the structure is rusting and should be repaired to prevent expansion cracks.
3. Damaged siding was noted on the front of the structure's exterior.

### Interior, Windows, Doors

1. The base of the door frame to the garage was damaged from apparent moisture exposure.
2. The door to the pool filter room was damaged from apparent moisture exposure.

### Electrical

1. One or more three prong type outlets in the structure had an open ground.
2. One or more of the tested outlets were not functional.

NOTE: This summary is presented to assist in the presentation of information and should never be solely relied upon. The report should be read and understood in its entirety, and the inclusion or omission of certain items in the summary does not indicate any relative importance or special significance. It is important for clients to work closely with their real estate professional in developing any repair requests. Please contact HomeTeam for clarification of any items in this report.

## PREFACE

A home inspection is intended to assist in evaluation of the overall condition of the dwelling. The inspection is based on observation of the visible and apparent condition of the structure and its components on the date of the inspection. We will not render an opinion as to the condition of any systems or components of the structure that are concealed by walls, floors, drywall, paneling, suspended ceiling tiles, insulation, carpeting, furniture or any other items on the property at the time of the inspection.

The results of this home inspection are not intended to make any representation regarding the presence or absence of latent or concealed defects that are not reasonably ascertainable in a competently performed home inspection. No warranty or guaranty is expressed or implied.

You may be advised to seek a specialist's opinion as to any defects or concerns mentioned in the report. At that time, additional defects may be revealed that may not have been identified in the initial home inspection. This is part of the normal due diligence process.

If the age, condition or operation of any system, structure or component of the property is of a concern to you, we recommend that a specialist in the respective field be consulted for a more technically exhaustive evaluation.

This inspection report includes a description of any material defects\* noted during the inspection, along with any recommendation that certain experts be retained to determine the extent of the named defects and other related defects and any corrective action that should be taken. Any material defect that poses an unreasonable risk to people on the property will be conspicuously defined as such. Any recommendations made to consult with other specialists for further evaluation as a result of our findings should be complete prior to the conclusion of the inspection contingency period. This may require an extension of the period. The Client warrants they will read the entire inspection report when received and shall promptly contact HomeTeam regarding any questions or concerns the Client may have regarding the inspection or the inspection report.

\* Material Defect: A problem with a residential real property or any portion of it that would have a significant adverse impact on the value of the property, or one that involves an unreasonable risk to the people on the property. The fact that a structural element, system or subsystem is near, at or beyond the end of the normal useful life of such a structural element, system or subsystem is not by itself a defect.

The majority of home inspections are performed on pre-existing structures. Building techniques have changed dramatically over the years, and a home inspection is not designed to identify methods that were previously acceptable that may have been superseded by superior methods. We will not determine the cause of any condition or deficiency, or determine future conditions that may occur, including the failure of systems and components or consequential damage.

It is not uncommon to observe cracks or for cracks to occur in concrete slabs or exterior and interior walls. Cracks may be caused by curing of building materials, temperature variations and soil movement such as: settlement, uneven moisture content in the soil, shock waves, vibrations, etc. While cracks may not necessarily affect the structural integrity of a building, cracks should be monitored so that appropriate maintenance can be performed if movement continues at an abnormal rate. Proper foundation maintenance is key to the prevention of initial cracks or cracks enlarging. This includes, but is not limited to proper watering, foundation drainage and removal of vegetation growth near the foundation.

This report is intended for the sole, confidential, and exclusive use and benefit of the Client(s) under a written HomeTeam Inspection Agreement. This report is not intended for the benefit of, and may not be relied upon by, any other party. The disclosure or distribution of this report to the current owner(s) of the property inspected or to any real estate agent will not make those persons intended beneficiaries of this report. The HomeTeam Inspection Service has no liability to any party (other than the HomeTeam client named above, for whom this report was expressly prepared) for any loss, damage or expense (including, without limitation, attorney fees) arising from any claim relating to this report.

A home inspection bears conditions relevant to a specific time stamp and as conditions in a home can change from the time of the inspection to the time of closing, HomeTeam strongly recommends the client perform a thorough walk-through shortly prior to closing, turning on all faucets, flushing toilets, testing garbage disposals, turning on the furnace and air conditioner, and looking for any leakage, signs of water intrusion, stains, or other changes that may have occurred since the time of the inspection.

Any defects noted in the body of the report should be addressed by a professional in that field within the due diligence period. Additional assessments may uncover more extensive damage or needed repairs that a professional would have more significant knowledge of. .

All pictures that may be included are to be considered as examples of the visible deficiencies that may be present. If any item has a picture, it is not to be construed as more or less significant than items with no picture included.

## INTRODUCTION

Throughout this report, the terms "right" and "left" are used to describe areas of the structure as viewed from the street. A system or component has a material defect if it is either unsafe or not functioning and cannot be replaced or rendered safe or functional for less than \$1,000. The cosmetic condition of the paint, wall covering, carpeting, window coverings, to include drywall damage, etc., is not addressed. All conditions are reported as they existed at the time of the inspection. Routine maintenance and safety items are not within the scope of this inspection unless they otherwise constitute material, visually observable defects. Although some maintenance and/or safety items may be disclosed, this report does not include all maintenance or safety items and should not be relied upon for such items. When material defects are observed or minor repairs need to be made, we recommend you consult a qualified licensed professional. Cost estimates are advised prior to closing. All contractors should work for you, as their evaluation/observation may make you aware of findings not listed in this report.

A home inspection is not a home warranty, and HomeTeam strongly recommends purchasing a home warranty from a reputable company to cover items that will fail in the course of time.

The approximate temperature at the time of the inspection was 85 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and the weather was clear. The utilities were on at the time of the inspection. According to available information, the age of the structure is 32 years.

## LOT AND GRADE

The structure was situated on a level lot. The general grade around the structure appeared to be adequate to direct rain water away from the foundation, assuming normal drainage and downspout, gutter, and other systems are functioning properly.

**Photo 1**



**Photo 2**



**Photo 3**



**Photo 4**



## STRUCTURE AND CLADDING

The inspected property consisted of a single story wood-framed structure with brick cladding that was occupied at the time of the inspection.

Photo 5



**Damaged siding was noted on the front of the structure's exterior.** This condition does not have any effect on the structural integrity of the building. The areas should be repaired to prevent water intrusion.

Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9



## GUTTERS

The roof drainage system consisted of aluminum gutters and downspouts which appeared to be functional but in need of repair at the time of the inspection. Gutters and downspouts should receive routine maintenance to prevent premature failure and drainage problems that may lead to water intrusion. Observation of fascia behind the gutters is obscured by the gutters. Keeping the gutters clean will help reduce the likelihood of overflows and resulting damage to fascia. Homeowners should be aware that gutters that have been dirty or clogged for an extended time may have led to unobservable damage to fascia or roofing components.

Water flow from downspout extensions or splash blocks should be carried several feet from the foundation towards a down-slope to ensure water drains well away from the foundation. These measures will help ensure excessive water is not deposited in close proximity to the foundation, which can lead to interior water intrusion, particularly during periods of heavy rain or water-saturated soil. A properly-functioning drainage system is one of the most important items for extending the life expectancy of a house and its components.

**Photo 10**



**Photo 11**



**Photo 12**



**Photo 13**



**Downspouts were draining at or too close to the base of the foundation.** To reduce the likelihood of water problems at the base of the structure, all roof drainage should be directed at least six feet from the base of the foundation.

Photo 14



Front left

Photo 15



Back left

A downspout has separated from the gutter. Damaged gutters can cause roof drainage water to drain at the base of the foundation. The gutters should be repaired.

Photo 16



Front left

## ROOF

The roof was a gable design covered with asphalt/fiberglass shingles. Observation of the roof surfaces and flashing was performed from the ground level with the aid of binoculars. There was one layer of shingles.

The roof shingles exhibited no curling and light surface wear. Several areas were tested for lifted edges, and lifted edges were not observed. Nail pops were not observed. Evidence of a hail event was not observed.

Previous repairs were not observed.

These conditions indicate the roof shingles were in the first half of their useful life.

NOTE: Sometimes our opinion of a roof may differ from that of an insurance provider/adjuster or roofer. Some insurance providers/adjusters or roofers are more particular than others. We are there to state the overall condition of the roof; the roof is not considered to be defective unless there are visible leaks and/or material damage or wear that indicates failure is imminent. If we note any moderate to serious curling or surface wear, lifted edges, or evidence of a hail event, we recommend getting a second opinion or approval from your insurance provider regarding the roof. We do not make installation judgments regarding roof covering, appropriate pitch, etc.

**Photo 17**



**Photo 18**



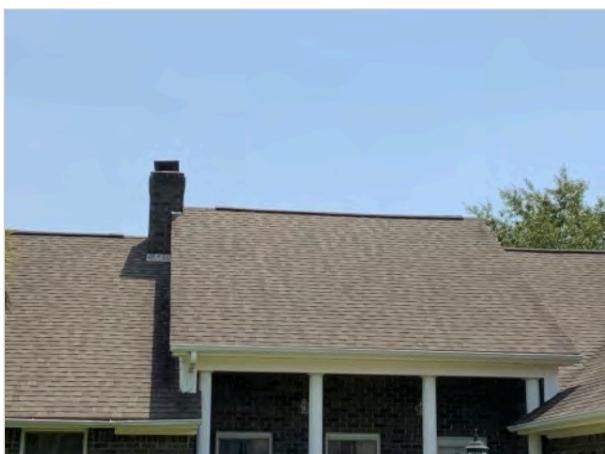
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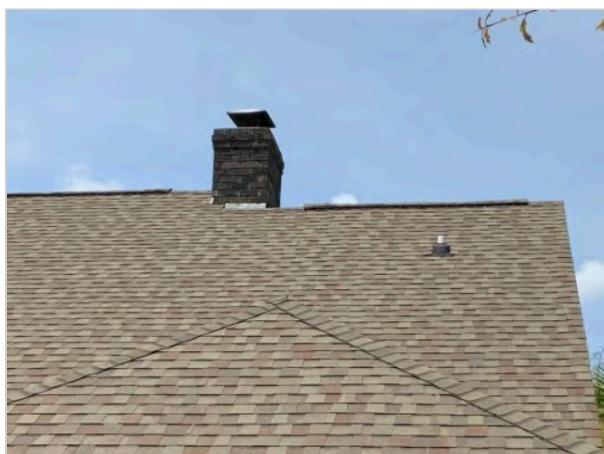
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**Photo 21**



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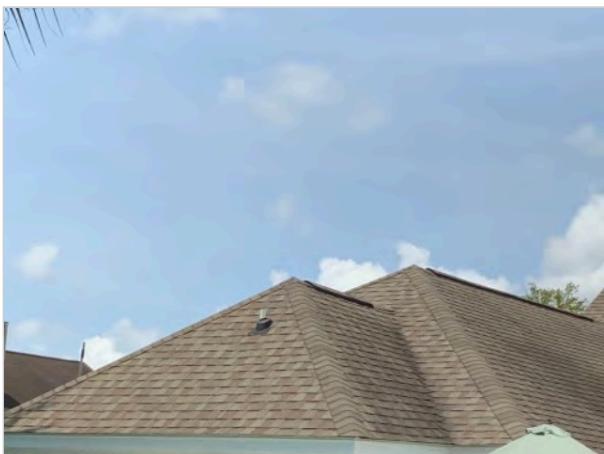
**Photo 23**



**Photo 24**



**Photo 25**



**Photo 26**



**Photo 27**



**Photo 28**



## **CHIMNEYS AND FLUES**

The structure had one chimney. Observation of the chimney was made from the ground with the aid of binoculars. The flashing around the roof penetration point appeared to be adequate.

Photo 29



Photo 30



Photo 31



Photo 32



## DRIVEWAY

A concrete driveway is present in the front of the structure. Cracks and spalling were observed on the driveway. Surface defects in driveways develop and progress with age and are considered normal as long as they do not create a safety hazard. Sealing defects may help slow the rate of deterioration.

Photo 33



## GARAGE

The attached garage was designed for two cars with access provided by one overhead-style door. A functional electric garage door opener was present. The garage floor was in good condition.

Photo 34



Photo 35



Photo 36



Photo 37



**The garage door safety pressure reverse system is not operable.** This means that the door does not stop and reverse when resistance is placed at the base of the door. There are no auto-reverse sensors in place. The opener should be adjusted or repaired.

## ATTIC STRUCTURE

The attic was accessed via pull down steps in the garage and a scuttle in the hallway.

The attic above the living space was insulated with cellulose-based loose-fill insulation, approximately ten-inches in depth.

Ventilation throughout the attic was provided by soffit and ridge vents. The attic ventilation appeared to be adequate. The roof structure consisted of two-inch by four-inch wood trusses spaced 24 inches on center and OSB (waferboard) sheathing.

There was no moisture visible in the attic space.

As with all aspects of the home inspection, attic and roof inspections are limited in scope to the visible and readily accessible areas. Due to configuration, parts of the attic were not accessible. Many areas of the roof are not visible from the attic especially near the base, where the largest volume of water drains. The presence or active status of roof leaks cannot be determined unless the conditions which allow leaks to occur are present at the time of the inspection, ie, heavy rain combined with high winds. Please be aware that rain alone is not always a condition that causes a leak to reveal itself. The conditions that cause leaks to occur can often involve wind direction, the length of time it rains, etc.

**Photo 38**



**Photo 39**



**Photo 40**



**Photo 41**



**Photo 42**



**Photo 43**



Hallway

**Photo 44**



**Photo 45**



**Photo 46**



**Photo 47**



**Photo 48**



**Photo 49**



**Photo 50**



**Photo 51**



## **ELECTRIC SERVICE**

The underground electric service wire entered the structure on the right wall. The electric meter was located on the exterior wall.

**Photo 52**



## **MAIN PANEL**

The service wire appeared to be 120/240 volt and 200 amp and entered a Square D service panel, located on the right garage wall. The main service disconnect was 200-amp rated and was located in the main panel. The branch circuits within the panel were copper and aluminum. These branch circuits and the circuit breaker to which they were attached appeared to be appropriately matched. The internal components of the service panel, i.e. main lugs, bus bars, etc were in good condition.

The electrical service appeared to be adequate. As a reminder, alarms, electronic keypads, remote control devices, landscape lighting, telephone and television wiring are beyond the scope of this inspection.

**Photo 53****Photo 54****Photo 55****Photo 56**

The visible house wiring consisted primarily of the Romex type and appeared to be in good condition. An electric service grounding system was installed. Service grounding requirements have changed many times over the years. The grounding system for a 30-year-old electric service is different from that of a 10-year-old service. The inspection does not attempt to verify that the grounding system or any other part of the electric service complies with current codes.

## SWITCHES AND RECEPTACLES

A representative number of installed lighting fixtures, switches, and receptacles located throughout the structure were tested. The grounding and polarity of receptacles within six feet of plumbing fixtures, and those attached to ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI), if present, were also tested, although we do not check all light switches or outlets to determine which specific outlets or light fixtures each is connected to.

The installation of GFCI protected circuits and/or outlets located within six feet of water, near kitchen countertops, in unfinished basement areas, garage and the exterior of the structure is a commonly accepted practice and required by many municipalities. All GFCI receptacles and GFCI and AFCI circuit breakers should be tested monthly.

Please note that electrical codes have changed through the years. Although the structure does not need to meet current code for a real estate transaction, any work an electrician does must meet the current code requirements. Often, electricians will recommend changes that, in the context of a real estate transaction, are considered upgrades rather than necessary requirements. Keep these items in mind if negotiating repairs.

Multiple outlets lack GFCI protection.

Photo 57



Kitchen

Photo 58



Exterior bath

Photo 59



Rear exterior

Photo 60



Garage

Photo 61



Left exterior

Photo 62



Front porch

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**One of the three prong type outlets in the structure had an open ground. The affected outlet should be grounded, replaced with two-prong outlets, or connected to GFCI circuits to improve safety.** This condition means that the third prong, also known as the ground prong, is not doing its job. This is often caused by a missing or disconnected ground connection at an electrical device in the circuit. Consult with an electrician for the best course of action.

**Photo 63**



Rear exterior

**Two outlets were not functional.** Consult with a qualified electrician for repair and further assessment of outlets.

**Photo 64**



Sunroom

**Photo 65**



Front exterior

## **FOUNDATION**

The foundation was constructed of a slab on grade. A single inspection cannot determine whether movement of a foundation has ceased. Any cracks should be monitored regularly.

The full slab was not visible at the time of the inspection because of carpet or other floor coverings. There were no indications of moisture present. There were no material defects observed on the visible portions of the slab. Please note that the condition of any utilities within or under a slab-on-grade, such as plumbing or ductwork, are not within the scope of the inspection. Due to the nature and expense of these items, HomeTeam recommends having drain lines scoped by a plumber. This is particularly important in older structures since drain line problems are hidden from view.

## PLUMBING

The visible water supply lines throughout the structure were copper pipe. Water shutoff valves are not tested as part of the home inspection since water shutoff valves that have not been operated for an extended period of time often leak after being operated, and we would not be able to repair a leaking valve during the home inspection.

The visible waste lines consisted of PVC pipe. The functional drainage of the drain waste lines appeared to be adequate at the time of the inspection. The functionality of washing machine drains or under-floor drain lines is outside the scope of the inspection. These lines are considered underground utilities and are specifically excluded. The lines are not visible or accessible, and their condition cannot be verified during a visible home inspection. Simply running water into floor drains will not verify the condition of the waste line infrastructure under the structure. Consult with a qualified plumber for a camera inspection of the sewer laterals if there is any concern as to the condition of the waste lines under the structure.

All plumbing fixtures not permanently attached to a household appliance were operated and inspected for visible leaks. Water flow throughout the structure was average. Water pressure appeared to be adequate.

Please note that water pressure and drainage often change and fluctuate over time, and the buyer should monitor pressures after occupancy. Higher water pressures may cause advanced deterioration of supply systems and components, premature failure of faucets and connections, and leaks. If concerned about excessive water pressure, consult with a professional plumber regarding options, such as installation or adjustment of a regulator at the main water shutoff location.

This report is not intended to be an exhaustive list of minor plumbing issues. Concealed, latent or intermittent plumbing issues may not be apparent during the testing period.

Determining whether supply and drainage systems are public or private (city, well, septic, etc) is not part of a home inspection. Consult with the seller's disclosure and other sources to help determine that information.

**Photo 66**



## BATHROOMS AND MISC PLUMBING

Bathrooms were inspected using various techniques to help identify any areas of leakage or damage. Please note that bathtubs and showers are tested without the weight of a person in the enclosure. We attempt to identify areas of potential leakage, but some problem areas may not be visible without the weight of a person in the enclosure, ie, a person taking a shower or bath. Any latent deficiencies noted under these conditions once the structure is occupied should be sealed to prevent water intrusion and damage.

**The toilet in the hall bath is loose.** Failure to secure the toilet may lead to leakage around the wax ring. The toilet should be secured.

**Photo 67**



### **JETTED TUB**

The jetted tub was tested by filling the tub above the jets and engaging the on/off switch. The operation of the tub was done by verifying that water was coming out of each of the jets. The jets were run for approximately 1 minute. The tub did appear to be operable. Leaks were not observed from the jetted tub.

The GFCI for the jetted tub was located in the bathroom.

**Photo 68**



**Photo 69**



### **WATER METER**

The water meter was located in the front yard. The main water shutoff valve for the structure was located adjacent to the water service entry point in the front yard. Water shutoff valves are visually inspected only. No attempt is made to operate the main or any other water supply shutoff valves during the inspection. These valves are infrequently used and could leak after being operated. The only exception to this policy is made when the main water supply valve is off upon arrival at the inspection. Since it is the buyers right to have all utilities operable for the home inspection, we will attempt to turn the main water valve on for the inspection. The HomeTeam is not responsible for leaks caused by operating the valve.

## WATER HEATER

A 50 gallon capacity, electric water heater was located in the utility closet. The water heater was manufactured by Whirlpool, model number E1F50RD045V and serial number 0918T411403. Information on the water heater indicated that it was manufactured 12 years ago. Hot water temperature was approximately 119 degrees F.

A temperature and pressure relief valve (T & P) was present. An overflow leg was present. It did terminate properly. Your safety depends on the presence of a T & P valve and proper termination of the overflow leg. The water heater was functional.

NOTE: Codes change for proper water heater installation. As a reminder, we do not inspect for current code compliance but for safety. When a water heater is replaced by a licensed technician it is necessary for him to bring the setup up to the then-current code. This may include altering the configuration of the water heater, including flue configuration.

**Photo 70**



**Photo 71**



**Photo 72**



**Photo 73**



The overhead light in the garage utility room was not operable at the time of inspection.

**Photo 74**



**Photo 75**



## **GENERAL INTERIOR**

The HomeTeam inspects for evidence of structural failure and safety concerns only. The cosmetic condition of the paint, wall covering, carpeting, window coverings, etc., are not addressed.

The only way to tell the presence and relative concentration of mold is to perform a valid mold test. The presence of certain molds and mold spores in buildings can result in mild to severe health effects in people and can deteriorate the structure of the building resulting in structural damage. HomeTeam recommends that all structures be tested for mold to determine the type of mold present in the building. Clients are urged to obtain further information concerning mold and air quality from the following and other sources:

[www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/IAQ/Got-mold.html](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/IAQ/Got-mold.html) and [www.iaqcouncil.org](http://www.iaqcouncil.org)

**Photo 76**



**Photo 77**



**Photo 78**



**Photo 79**



## **SMOKE ALARMS AND CO DETECTORS**

Smoke alarms were present in the house.

Carbon monoxide detectors were not present in the house.

Property maintenance codes vary from area to area. Some municipalities require smoke alarms in every bedroom, while others only require them on each floor. Similar varied requirements exist with regard to carbon monoxide detectors. Check with the local code enforcement officer for the requirements in your area. For safety reasons, the alarms should be tested upon occupancy. The batteries (if any) should be replaced with new ones when you move into the house and tested on a monthly basis thereafter.

**Photo 80**



**Photo 81**



**Photo 82**



## WINDOWS AND DOORS

A representative number of accessible windows and doors were operated and found to be functional. The primary windows were wood, single hung style, with double pane glass. All exterior doors were operated and found to be functional. The exterior door locks should be changed or rekeyed upon occupancy. Possible problem areas may not be identified if the windows or doors have been recently painted.

Exterior windows require routine caulking and maintenance to prevent water intrusion.

NOTE: The condition, presence, or absence of screens, storm windows and doors is outside the scope of the inspection. Storm windows improve energy efficiency, assist in preventing water intrusion, and slow the deterioration of some window frames.

**The base of the door frame to the garage was damaged from apparent moisture exposure.** The door frame should be repaired and the surrounding area should be further assessed at the time of repair for any additional damage.

**Photo 83**



**Photo 84**



**One or more of the steel lintels above the windows on the exterior of the structure is rusting.** Lintels support masonry materials above doors and windows. Keeping the lintels sealed will help prevent rusting and expansion. Expanded lintels can lead to cracks in the masonry on the outside of the structure. The affected lintels should be properly sealed to prevent further expansion.

Photo 85



Photo 86



**The door to the pool filter room was damaged from apparent moisture exposure.** The door and frame should be repaired and the surrounding area should be further assessed at the time of repair for any additional damage.

Photo 87



Photo 88



Photo 89



Photo 90



The interior wall and ceiling surfaces were predominantly finished with drywall. The interior wall and ceiling structure consisted of wood framing. Possible problem areas may not be identified if the interior wall and ceiling surfaces have been recently painted.

## FIREPLACE

There was one fireplace in the structure. A home inspection of the fireplace and chimney is limited to the readily visible portions only. For safe and efficient operation we recommend annual inspections by a qualified fireplace professional. A qualified chimney sweep will clean the interior if necessary using specialized tools, testing procedures, mirrors, and video cameras as needed, to evaluate the fireplace system.

A wood burning masonry fireplace was located in the living room. The damper did appear to be functional. The chimney flue was masonry. There was no visual evidence of creosote buildup in the firebox and/or chimney.

**Photo 91**



**Photo 92**



**Photo 93**



**Photo 94**



## KITCHEN

The visible portions of the kitchen cabinets and counter tops were in good condition. The appliances were operated to check basic operational function only. No consideration is given regarding the age or components that may be worn or otherwise affected by wear and tear or use. The kitchen contained the following appliances:

**Photo 95**



The electric double oven was inspected and did appear to be functional. The accuracy of the clock, timers and settings on ovens are not within the scope of this inspection.

**Photo 96**



**Photo 97**



The built in cooktop was tested and found to be functional.

**Photo 98**



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The range hood was inspected and did appear to be functional. The exhaust capacity is not within the scope of this inspection. Cleaning the fan and filter may increase the exhaust capability.

**Photo 99**



The refrigerator was inspected and did appear to be functional . The ice maker operation and hookups, if present, are not within the scope of the inspection.

**Photo 100**



The dishwasher was tested and did appear to be functional.

**Photo 101**



The disposal was inspected and did appear to be functional. The efficiency rating and chopping / grinding ability of the unit is not within the scope of the inspection.

**Photo 102**



## **WASHER AND DRYER CONNECTIONS**

This note is supplied for informational purposes only, as many clients want to know the type of dryer connections available to them. A 240 volt style outlet for an electric clothes dryer was installed in the laundry area. For safety reasons, no attempt was made to verify that the electrical outlet is properly wired or that power is present. Consult with a qualified contractor if the desired type of connection is not available.

A dryer vent was installed.

A drain for a washing machine was present.

**Photo 103****Photo 104**

## **HEATING, VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING**

The heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems were inspected by HomeTeam Inspection Service. Annual maintenance of the heating and cooling equipment is essential for safe and efficient performance, which will maximize the system's useful life. The results of our visual and operational inspection of the heating and air conditioning system are described below. Periodic preventive maintenance is recommended to keep this unit in good working condition.

### **HEAT AND COOLING SYSTEM**

The electric outdoor heat pump condensing unit was Goodman, Model Number GSZ140301KF and Serial Number 1708281754. Mfd 2017. The unit is located on the left side of the home. Air handler is located in attic. Periodic preventive maintenance is recommended to keep this unit in good working condition. System or systems are not checked for design compliance, adequacy or efficiency and not within scope of this inspection. System or systems are checked for function only at time of inspection. The heating and cooling system was found to be functional at time of inspection.

The major components of an air conditioning condensing unit are the compressor and the condensing coil. The estimated age of a condensing unit is taken from the equipment nameplate. Sometimes the compressor, which is not visible, may have been replaced since the original installation. This inspection is not meant to be technically exhaustive. Zone systems/ duct work dampers are not within the scope of this inspection. The inspection does not involve removal and inspection behind service doors or dismantling that would otherwise reveal something only a licensed heat and cooling contractor would discover.

There will be normal temperature variations from room to room and level to level, most noticeable between levels. Heat and Cooling units according to manufacturer's have a life expectancy of approximately 12 years depending on brand and unit. Air systems are mechanical and need servicing, cleaning and repairs at any age. Systems over 12 years repairs or replacement should be expected. Annual maintenance of the heating and cooling equipment is essential for safe and efficient performance, which will maximize the system's useful life.

System does not have zoned system installed.

Photo 105



Photo 106



Photo 107



Photo 108



**The insulation on the exterior air conditioning line set is damaged.** This could affect the efficiency of the system and should be replaced.

Photo 109



## **THERMOSTAT**

The control for the heating and air conditioning system was a 24 volt digital thermostat located on the hallway wall of the home. The thermostat was manufactured by Honeywell and was found to be in working order.

**Photo 110**



## **FILTER**

The disposable/washable filter should be replaced/cleaned on a regular basis to maintain the efficiency of the system. The efficiency rating is not within the scope of this inspection. A 20x25x1 filter(s) was installed in a hallway filter grille.

**Photo 111**



**The air filter is dirty** and should be replaced. Prolonged operation of an HVAC system with a dirty filter can cause internal damage to the compressor valves that may not be observable during the inspection; operating with a dirty filter may also damage the air handler.

**Photo 112**

## **DUCTWORK**

There will be normal temperature variations from room to room and level to level, most noticeable between levels. Airflow throughout the house may be balanced by adjusting any dampers in the supply ducts, or by adjusting the supply registers. Inspection of air and duct supply system for adequacy, efficiency, capacity or uniformity of the conditioned air to the various parts of the structure is beyond the scope of the home inspection.

## **POOL**

HomeTeam inspected the pool. The pool inspection is based solely on the conditions present at the time of the inspection. Latent or concealed defects are not within the scope of the inspection. Throughout this report, the terms "right" and "left" are used to describe the pool as viewed facing the pool from the street. Routine maintenance and safety items are not within the scope of this inspection unless they otherwise constitute visually observable defects as defined in the Home Inspection Agreement. Although some maintenance and/or safety items may be disclosed, this report does not include all maintenance or safety items, and should not be relied upon for such items. Compliance with national codes, local codes or the insurability of the pool is not addressed. Leak testing requires specialized equipment and is beyond the scope of this inspection.

**Photo 113**

## **POOL TYPE DECKING**

The in-ground pool was constructed of concrete. The water level around the perimeter of the pool was uniform. There was a light installed in the pool. The light was functional. The coping around the top of the pool was in good condition. There was not a diving board installed. The deck surrounding the pool was constructed of concrete. There were some chipping or spalling in the pool decking. There were no material defects observed in the pool.

Photo 114



Photo 115



## POOL FILTER

The Triton pool sand filter was operational at the time of the inspection. All pool filters require cleaning and routine maintenance in order to properly clean the water. Consult with the manufacturers documentation for maintenance procedures.

Photo 116



Photo 117



Photo 118



Photo 119



**Photo 120**



**Photo 121**



## **POOL TESTING**

This inspection does not include testing the pool's chemical balance. This testing is considered routine pool maintenance.

## **POOL FENCING**

The fencing was in good condition and the self-closing gate was not functional at the time of the inspection. Homeowner stated that he plans to repair.

**Photo 122**



**Photo 123**



**Photo 124**



Left gate not attached.

**Photo 125**



## **REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS REGARDING A PROFESSIONAL HOME INSPECTION:**

There may come a time when you discover something wrong with the house, 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 unfair to assume we should foresee a future problem.

**We always miss some minor things:** Some say we are inconsistent because our reports identify some minor problems but not others. The minor problems that are identified were discovered while looking for more significant problems. We note them simply as a courtesy. The intent of the inspection is not to find the \$200 problems; it is to find the \$1000 problems. These are the things that affect people's decisions to purchase.

**Contractor's advice:** A common source of dissatisfaction with home inspectors comes from comments made by contractors. Contractors' opinions often differ from ours. Don't be surprised when three roofers all say 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 unfortunately find ourselves in the position of "first man in" and consequently it is our advice that is often disbelieved.

**Why didn't we see it?:** Contractors may say, "I can't believe you had this house inspected, and they didn't find this problem." There are several reasons for these apparent oversights:

- **Conditions during inspection:** It is difficult for homeowners to remember the circumstances in the house at the time of the inspection. Homeowners seldom remember that it was snowing, there was storage everywhere or that the furnace could not be turned on because the air conditioning was operating, etc. It's impossible for contractors to know what the circumstances were when the inspection was performed.
- **This wisdom of hindsight:** When the problem manifests itself, it is very easy to have 20/20 hindsight. Anybody can say that the basement is wet when there is 2" of water on the floor. Predicting the problem is a different story.
- **A long look;** If we spent half an hour under the kitchen sink or 45 minutes disassembling the furnace, we'd find more problems, too. Unfortunately, the inspection would take several days and would cost considerably more.
- **We're generalists:** We are generalists; we are not specialists. The heating contractor may indeed have more heating expertise than we do. This is because we are expected to have heating expertise and plumbing expertise, structural expertise, electrical expertise, etc.
- **An 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. It is not designed to eliminate all risk. For that reason, a home inspection should not be considered an insurance policy. The premium that an insurance company would have to charge for a policy with no deductible, no limit and an indefinite policy period would be considerably more than the fee we charge. It would also not include the value added by the inspection.

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