



Home Inspections

PROPERTY REPORT INSPECTION

Prepared For: Johnny Homebuyer
(Name of Client)

Concerning: 4325 Yourstreet, Somewhere, Texas 00000
(Address or Other Identification of Inspected Property)

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(Name and License Number of Inspector) (Date)

N/A
(Name, License Number and Signature of Sponsoring Inspector, if required)



Report Identification:

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In this report, the inspector will note which systems and components were Inspected (I), Not Inspected (NI), Not Present (NP), and/or Deficient (D). General deficiencies include inoperability, material distress, water penetration, damage, deterioration, missing parts, and unsuitable installation. Comments may be provided by the inspector whether or not an item is deemed deficient. The inspector is not required to prioritize or emphasize the importance of one deficiency over another.

Some items reported as Deficient may be considered life-safety upgrades to the property. For more information, refer to Texas Real Estate Consumer Notice Concerning Recognized Hazards, form OP-I.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INSPECTOR

Inspection Date: September 9, 2009
Property: Occupied Vacant
House Orientation: North South East West
General Appearance: Good Fair Poor
Age: Unknown
Weather: Recent Rain No Recent Rain Snow Ice
Ground Cover: Dry Damp Wet Snow
Temperature: 75 Degrees F

It should be noted as this structure was occupied during the inspection; some normally visual aspects of the structure could not be seen.

I=Inspected NI=Not Inspected NP=Not Present D=Deficiency

I	NI	NP	D	Inspection Item
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I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

A. Foundations

Type of Foundation(s): Slab-on grade. The foundation is performing as intended. No significant problems were observed

B. Grading & Drainage

Comments: High soil conditions were observed at various locations around the slab. There should be a minimum of four inches between grade and the lower course of brick. The flower bed design on the south side of the structure could retain water as there is no outlet for the water to go. There is a negative grade on the east side of the structure.

C. Roof Covering Materials

Type(s) of Roof Covering: Composition Roofing Material

Viewed From: Walked on roof.

Comments: There is one layer of shingles. The shingles are 15 to 20 year shingles probably in the middle top one third of its lifespan. Roll roofing was used on the back porch; it is also probably in the middle top one third of its lifespan but keep in mind the life span of roll roofing is about 10 years.

There are several exposed roofing nails on ridge, around vent flashing. These are potentially sources of leaks. This condition is very commonly found.



Gutters are in good shape but need cleaning. In a perfect world you would want extensions on all downspouts to take water away from the foundation.

D. Roof Structure & Attic

Viewed From: Interior of Attic

Approximate Average Depth of Insulation: 4" to 6" ; loose.

Comments: This is a conventional hip style roof with a 5/12 pitch. The sheathing is plywood.

E. Walls (Interior & Exterior)

Comments:

Interior walls are sheetrock and in satisfactory condition.
Exterior wall construction was not visible.
Exterior siding is brick. No cracks were seen.
Trim/soffit/fascia all are in good shape; no rot observed.

There was firewood stacked on the most northerly wall of the structure which could be the perfect environment for wood destroying insects (WDI). None were seen today. Basically this is FYI.

F. Ceilings & Floors

Comments:

Ceilings are constructed of sheet rock and besides a few nail pops are in satisfactory condition.
Floors are carpet and tile and are in satisfactory condition.

G. Doors (Interior & Exterior)

Comments: All doors interior and exterior including hardware work as designed. I would recommend exterior caulking around door frames.

H. Windows

Comments: All windows have aluminum frames and are single glaze. All accessible windows were operated and performed as designed. I would recommend exterior caulking around window frames.

I. Stairways (Interior & Exterior) *Comments:*

J. Fireplace/Chimney

Comments: The fire place is located in the Den. It is wood burning with a gas starter. It is of a masonry type construction. The damper does not function. The flue is unlined and missing mortar and has loose bricks. The chimney cap is cracked. I would highly recommend that the fireplace be cleaned, repaired and re-evaluated before the first fire is started. This is a **safety** issue.



Missing mortar

Unlined flue

Cracked chimney cap

K. Porches, Balconies, Decks, and Carports

Comments: No problems.

II. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

A. Service Entrance and Panels

Comments: Service is overhead, copper and 200 amp. The main “breaker” panel is located in the garage and is rated for 200 amp. The brand of the panel is “Siemens”. There were two wires (black and red) going to the panel but not hooked up. They are not hot.

B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures

Type of Wiring: Copper

Comments: The GFCI outlet in the Master Bath does not work. There is branch wiring within 6 foot of the attic access (attic floor level; actually within one foot). This is a safety issue as someone (I did) could touch the wire when reaching or going into the attic. There is one ceiling outlet in the kitchen which has exposed wired (not hot). I checked the main breaker panel and no breakers were thrown. This could be a safety issued and should be addressed.



Kitchen Ceiling

III. HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

A. Heating Equipment

Type of System: Central Forced Air Furnace; Trane approximately 11 years old.

Energy Source: Gas

Location: Most south westerly hallway.

Comments: As the temperature was above 60 degrees F, the heating equipment was not operated as it could damage the system. All accessible covers were removed and no sign of rust or damage was seen. Keep in mind that only a very small portion of the heat exchanger can be actually observed.

B. Cooling Equipment

Type of System: Central Forced Air System; Trane approximately 11 years old.

Energy Source: Electricity

Comments: This is a three ton unit with a 9.1 seer rating.

C. Duct System, Chases, and Vents

Comments: The duct system is flexible ductwork and is in satisfactory condition. All vents perform as designed.

IV. PLUMBING SYSTEM

A. Water Supply System and Fixtures

Location of water meter: South side of property.

Location of main water supply valve: At meter

Static water pressure reading: 60 PSI

Comments: Copper pipe. Fixtures all operated as designed.

B. Drains, Wastes, and Vents

Comments: Satisfactory.

C. Water Heating Equipment

Energy Source: Gas

Capacity: 40 Gallons

Drain Pan Present: Yes No

If located in Garage:

Bollards Present: Yes No NA The water heater is located in a closet next to the garage.

Ignition Source 18" above floor: Yes No

Comment: This is a Whirlpool unit. The age could not be determined (I called the manufacturer and they could not match the model number with a year). It does have a good blue flame and appears to operate satisfactory.

I would recommend venting the door to the closet where the water heater is located.

D. Hydro-Massage Therapy Equipment *Comments:*

V. APPLIANCES

A. Dishwasher

B. Food Waste Disposer

C. Range Exhaust Vent

Comments: Exhaust into the kitchen.

D. Ranges, Cooktops, and Ovens

E. Microwave Oven

F. Trash Compactor

G. Mechanical Exhaust Vents and Bathroom Heaters

H. Garage Door Operator(s)

I. Doorbell and Chimes

J. Dryer Vents

Comments: Vents through the roof.

VI. OPTIONAL SYSTEMS

A. Lawn and Garden Sprinkler Systems *Comments:*

B. Swimming Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs, and Equipment

Type of Construction:

Condition: Satisfactory Marginal Poor

Damaged Pool Surface Cracked Surface (Possible Leak)

Missing/Damaged Tile Cracking at Coping/Walkway

Walkway Settled Damaged Slide/Diving Board

Pool Fence: Present Height _____ Gate Swings Out and Self Closing

Pool Light: Pool Light Inoperative Pool Light GFCI Missing/Defective

Electrical: Improper Wiring Missing Ground/Bond Wire

Pool Equip: Pool Sweep Inoperative Pool Equipment not operating

Heater: Gas Electric Solar Heat Pump

Pilot Lit Gas On

Pool Heater Inoperative Pool Heater Needs Service

Pool Liner: Fiberglass/Acrylic Plaster Aggregate Vinyl

Water Clarity: Clear Cloudy Opaque N/A

General Comments: _____

C. Outbuildings *Comments:*

D. Outdoor Cooking Equipment

E. Gas Supply Systems

Comments: Gas meter and shutoff on east side of structure. All gas appliances were checked for leaks and none were found.

F. Private Water Wells (A coliform analysis is recommended.)

Type of Pump:

Type of Storage Equipment:
Comments:

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G. Private Sewage Disposal (Septic) Systems

Type of System:
Location of Drain Field:
Comments:

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H. Whole-House Vacuum Systems *Comments:*

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I. Other Built-in Appliances *Comments:*



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