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**Report:** 6299-skillian **Address:** S2873 Willow Ln

## **Confidential Inspection Report**

### **S2873 Willow Ln**

### **Fountain City, WI 54629**



**Prepared for: Jackie Skillian**

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April 5, 2023

Jackie Skillian

RE: S2873 Willow Ln  
Fountain City, WI 54629



Dear Jackie Skillian:

At your request, a visual inspection of the above referenced property was conducted on April 5, 2023 . An earnest effort was made on your behalf to discover all visible defects, however, in the event of an oversight, maximum liability must be limited to the fee paid. The following is an opinion report, reflecting the visual conditions of the property at the time of the inspection only. Hidden or concealed defects cannot be included in this report. No warranty is either expressed or implied. This report is not an insurance policy, nor a warranty service.

The Wisconsin Stat. 440.97 (2m) definition of "defect" in the inspection report is as follows:

"A condition of any component of an improvement that a home inspector determines, on the basis of the home inspector's judgment on the day of the inspection, would significantly impair the health or safety of occupants of a property or that, if not repaired, removed or replaced, would significantly shorten or adversely affect the normal life of the component of the improvement."

**SUMMARY OF AREAS REQUIRING FURTHER EVALUATION**

**IMPORTANT:** The Summary is not the entire report. The complete report may include additional information of concern to the client. It is recommended that the client read the complete report. The entire Inspection Report, limitations and scope of Inspection, and Pre-Inspection Agreement must be carefully read to fully assess the findings of the inspection. This list is not intended to determine which items may need to be addressed per the contractual requirements of the sale of the property. Any areas of uncertainty regarding the contract should be clarified by consulting an attorney or real estate agent.

It is strongly recommended that you have appropriate licensed contractors evaluate each concern further and the entire system for additional concerns that may be outside our area of expertise or the scope of our inspection BEFORE the close of escrow. Please call for any clarifications or further questions.

**HERE IS A LIST OF DEFECTS THAT NEED FURTHER EVALUATION IMMEDIATELY**

**PLUMBING SYSTEM**

Fuel System:

Meter / Tank:

CSST gas line installed in the home, Ungrounded gas line noted, I recommend having the gas line grounded or bonded for safety, this is not a code inspection.

Bonding is provided primarily to prevent a possible electric shock to people who come in contact with the gas



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pipng and other metal objects connected to the grounding system. Nearby lightning strikes can also result in an electrical surge and can potentially puncture a hole in the CSST. Proper bonding and grounding will reduce the risk of damage and fire from a lightning strike.

Action Necessary.

Gas detected with gas detector and soap bubbles near the interior pressure regulator. Any leak in the gas service supply lines should be considered serious Services of a qualified licensed plumber will be needed.

**BELOW IS A LIST OF OBSERVATIONS THAT EVENTUALLY NEED ATTENTION IN THE FUTURE, BUT DOES NOT AFFECT THE HABITABILITY OF THE HOME.**

**\*THIS INCLUDES:**

- **ITEMS NEEDING FURTHER EVALUATION**
- **ITEMS TO MONITOR**
- **MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

**GROUNDS**

Grading:

*Site:*

Attention Needed - The lot needs some minor adjustment in areas to prevent water from standing in the yard Lot grading and drainage have a significant impact on the building, simply because of the direct and indirect damage that moisture can have on the foundation. It is very important, therefore, that surface runoff water be adequately diverted away from the home

Lot grading should slope away and fall a minimum of one (1) inch every foot for a distance of six (6) feet around the perimeter of the building

Clean out the debris.

**ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

Electrical Distribution Panels:

*Heat Panel Observations:*

The cover or dead front of the service panel was missing some screws. These should be replaced with proper-sized screws for secure attachment.

Electrical Outlets:

*General:*

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets are recommended for safety in areas noted in the report. Installation at exterior, garage, bath rooms, laundry & kitchen outlets began in 1971 and has been added to though the years.

A "ground-fault" is an unintentional flow of electricity between a source of electrical current and a grounded surface. Without protection, electrical shock can occur if a person comes into contact with an energized part. A GFCI receptacle constantly monitors an electrical circuit. If it detects even a slight flow of electricity to a grounded item, it immediately shuts off the flow of electricity. This protects people from electrocution.

*Basement:*

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets are recommended.

*Garage Walls:*

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets are recommended.

**BATHROOMS**

Tub/Shower Fixtures:

*Master Bath:*



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The following problems were noted at the tub/shower drain: Mechanical drain stopper is not operational at the spa tub.

## INTERIOR ROOMS

### Windows:

#### *General Type & Condition:*

No egress windows noted in at least one bedroom. All bedrooms should have a window that has a minimum open space of 5.7 square feet and no more than 44 inches off the floor to the bottom.

This room lacks a means for emergency egress in the event that a fire or other event prevented use of normal means of escape during an emergency. The Inspector recommends that a secondary means of escape be provided for all bedrooms. All such secondary means of egress should comply with the requirements of modern safety standards applicable for the area in which this home is located.

#### *Right Bedroom:*

Window is not an egress window.

Other minor items are also noted in the entire inspection report and should receive eventual attention, but do not affect the habitability of the house and the majority are the result of normal wear and tear.

Thank you for selecting Tri-State Home Inspections to do your pre-purchase home inspection. If you have any questions regarding the inspection report or the home, please feel free to me.

Sincerely,

LeRoy Holm CMI  
Tri-State Home Inspections LLC



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# Tri-State Home Inspections LLC INSPECTION AGREEMENT THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT

PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

Client: Jackie Skillian  
Property Address: S2873 Willow Ln  
Inspection Date: 4/5/2023

Report #: 6299

Description  
Home Inspection 3000> Sq. Feet  
Discounted Inspection Fee

This Inspection Agreement contains the terms and conditions of your (the Client) contract with Tri-State Home Inspections LLC (the Company) for an Inspection of the Property at the above address. This Inspection Agreement contains limitations on the scope of the Inspection, remedies and liability. Please read it carefully. By signing below, Client represents and warrants that Client has secured all approvals necessary for the Company to conduct the Inspection of the Property. Client also warrants they will read the entire Inspection Report when received and shall promptly call with any questions or concerns client may have regarding the Inspection or Inspection Report. This Inspection is being performed for the exclusive use and benefit of the Client, and the Inspection, including the written Report, is not to be transferred to, utilized or relied upon by any other person or entity without prior written permission of the Company.

1. We will perform a visual inspection of the home/building and provide you with a written report identifying the defects that we (1) observed and (2) deemed material. The report is only supplementary to the seller’s disclosure.
2. Unless otherwise noted in this Agreement or not possible, we will perform the inspection in accordance with the current Standards of Practice (SOP) of the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors (“InterNACHI”), posted at [www.nachi.org/sop](http://www.nachi.org/sop). If your jurisdiction has adopted mandatory standards that differ from InterNACHI’s SOP, we will perform the inspection in accordance with your jurisdiction’s standards. You understand that InterNACHI’s SOP contains limitations, exceptions, and exclusions. You understand that InterNACHI is not a party to this Agreement, has no control over us, and does not employ or supervise us.
3. Unless otherwise indicated in writing, we will NOT test for the presence of radon, a harmful gas. Unless otherwise indicated in writing, we will not test for mold. Unless otherwise indicated in writing, we will not test for compliance with applicable building codes or for the presence of or for any potential dangers arising from the presence of asbestos, lead paint, soil contamination, or other environmental hazards or violations. If any structure you want us to inspect is a log structure or includes log construction, you understand that such structures have unique characteristics that may make it impossible for us to inspect and evaluate them. Therefore, the scope of our inspection will not include decay of the interior of logs in log walls, log foundations or roofs, or similar defects.
4. Our inspection and report are for your use only. You may give us permission to discuss our observations with real estate agents, owners, repair persons, or other interested parties. You will be the sole owner of the report and all rights to it. We are not responsible for use or misinterpretation by third parties, and third parties who rely on it in any way do so at their own risk and release us (including employees and business entities) from any liability whatsoever. If you or any person acting on your behalf provide the report to a third party who then sues you and/or us, you release us from any liability and agree to pay our costs and legal fees in defending any action naming us. Our inspection and report are in no way a guarantee or warranty, express or implied, regarding the future use, operability, habitability or suitability of the home/building or its components. We disclaim all warranties, express or implied, to the fullest extent allowed by law.
5. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY AND DAMAGES. You waive any claim for consequential, exemplary, special or incidental damages or for the loss of the use of the home/building. Wisconsin law provides we may not include any limitation on the amount of damages in this agreement for any alleged failure to comply with Wisconsin’s Standards of Practice. As to other claims, we assume no liability for the cost of repair or replacement of unreported defects, either current or arising in the future. In those other cases, our



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liability is limited to liquidated damages in an amount not greater than 1.5 times the fee you paid us. You acknowledge that these liquidated damages are not a penalty, but that we intend them to: (i) reflect the fact that actual damages may be difficult or impractical to ascertain; (ii) allocate risk between us; and (iii) enable us to perform the inspection for the agreed-upon fee. If you wish to eliminate this liquidated damages provision, we are willing to perform the inspection for an increased fee of \$1000, payable in advance.

6. We do not perform engineering, architectural, plumbing, or any other job function requiring an occupational license in the jurisdiction where the property is located. . If we hold a valid occupational license, we may inform you of this and you may hire us to perform additional functions. Any agreement for such additional services shall be in a separate writing.

7. If you believe you have a claim against us, you agree to provide us with the following: (1) written notification of your claim within seven days of discovery, in sufficient detail and with sufficient supporting documents that we can evaluate it; and (2) immediate access to the premises. Failure to comply with these conditions releases us from liability.

8. You agree that the exclusive venue for any litigation arising out of this Agreement shall be in the county where we have our principal place of business. If you fail to prove any claim against us, you agree to pay all our legal costs, expenses and attorney’s fees incurred in defending that claim. You agree that the exclusive venue for any legal action against InterNACHI itself, allegedly arising out of this Agreement or our membership in InterNACHI, will be in Boulder County, Colorado. Before bringing any such action, you must provide InterNACHI with 30 days’ written notice of the nature of the claim, in sufficient detail and with sufficient supporting documents that InterNACHI can evaluate it. In any action against us or InterNACHI, you waive trial by jury.

9. If a court declares any provision of this Agreement invalid, the remaining provisions remain in effect. This Agreement represents our entire agreement; there are no terms other than those set forth herein. All prior discussions are merged into this Agreement. No statement or promise by us shall be binding unless reduced to writing and signed by one of our authorized officers. Any modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by you and by one of our authorized officers. This Agreement shall be binding upon and enforceable by the parties and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assignees. You will have no cause of action against us after one year from the date of the inspection.

10. Past-due fees for your inspection shall accrue interest at 18% per year. You agree to pay all costs and attorney’s fees we incur in collecting the fees owed to us. If the Client is a corporation, LLC, or similar entity, you personally guarantee payment of the fee.

11. If you request a re-inspection, the re-inspection is subject to the terms of this Agreement.

12. You may not assign this Agreement.

13. If a court finds any term of this Agreement ambiguous or requiring judicial interpretation, the court shall not construe that term against us by reason of the rule that any ambiguity in a document is construed against the party drafting it. You had the opportunity to consult qualified counsel before signing this.

14. If there is more than one Client, you are signing on behalf of all of them, and you represent that you are authorized to do so.

15. Receipt of Report: The Company’s agreement to perform the Inspection is contingent on Client’s agreement to the provisions, terms, conditions and limitations of this Agreement. If this Agreement is not signed by Client prior to or at the time the written Inspection Report is provided to the Client and Client objects to any of the terms of this Agreement, Client shall return the written Inspection Report to the Company within seven (7) days and any fee that has been paid will be refunded to the Client. Failure to return the written Inspection Report and payment of the fee shall constitute the full acceptance of all of the terms of this Agreement by Client.

16. If you would like a large print version of this Agreement before signing it, you may request one by emailing us.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT. I AGREE TO IT AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIVING A COPY OF IT.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Client \_\_\_\_\_

(One signature binds all)



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Dated \_\_\_\_\_ For Tri-State Home Inspections LLC \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement was signed on 04/03/2023 (09:33PM EST). The signer's IP address was 98.143.239.149.

**CLIENT OR CLIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE HAS CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING, AGREES TO IT, AND ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

**Client**

**E-Mail**      jskillian212@gmail.com

**Address:**

**Client Name:**      Jackie Skillian

**Client Initials:**      jsk

**Signature:** *Jackie Skillian*



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Client & Site Information:

**Inspection Date:** April 5, 2023 9:00 AM.  
**Client:** Jackie Skillian.  
**Inspection Site:** S2873 Willow Ln  
Fountain City, WI 54629  
**House Occupied:** Yes.  
**People Present:** Homeowner.  
**Comments:** If you have any questions about this report call me at 563-380-2515  
LeRoy Holm  
Certified Master Inspector  
License #2402-106  
FHA/HUD #B798

## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TIPS

**FOUNDATION & MASONRY: Basements, Exterior Walls:** To prevent seepage and condensation problems.

- Check basement for dampness & leakage after wet weather.
- Check chimneys, deteriorated chimney caps, loose and missing mortar.
- Maintain grading sloped away from foundation walls.

**ROOFS & GUTTERS:** To prevent roof leaks, condensation, seepage and decay problems.

- Check for damaged, loose or missing shingles, blisters.
- Clean gutters, leaders, strainers, window wells, drains. Be sure downspouts direct water away from foundation. Cut back tree limbs.
- Check flashings around roof stacks, vents, skylights, chimneys, as sources of leakage. Check vents, louvers and chimneys for birds nests, squirrels, insects.
- Check fascias and soffits for paint flaking, leakage & decay.

**EXTERIOR WALLS:** To prevent paint failure, decay and moisture penetration problems.

- Check painted surface for paint flaking or paint failure. Cut back shrubs.
- Check exterior masonry walls for cracks, looseness, missing or broken mortar.

**DOORS AND WINDOWS:** To prevent air and weather penetration problems.

- Check caulking for decay around doors, windows, corner boards, joints. Re-caulk and weather-strip as needed. Check glazing, putty around windows.

**ELECTRICAL:** For safe electrical performance, mark & label each circuit.

- Trip circuit breakers every six months and ground fault circuit interrupters



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(G.F.C.I.) monthly.

- Check condition of lamp cords, extension cords & plugs. Replace at first sign of wear & damage.
- Check exposed wiring & cable for wear or damage.
- If you experience slight tingling shock from handling or touching any appliance, disconnect the appliance & have it repaired. If lights flicker or dim, or if appliances go on and off unnecessarily, call a licensed electrician.

**PLUMBING:** For preventive maintenance.

- Drain exterior water lines, hose bibs, sprinklers, pool equipment in the fall.
- Draw off sediment in water heaters monthly or per manufacturers instructions.
- Have septic tank cleaned every 2 years.

**HEATING & COOLING:** For comfort, efficiency, energy conservation and safety.

- Change or clean furnace filters, air condition filters, electronic filters as needed.
- Clean and service humidifier. Check periodically and annually.
- Have oil burning equipment serviced annually.

**INTERIOR:** General house maintenance.

- Check bathroom tile joints, tub grouting & caulking. Be sure all tile joints in bathrooms are kept well sealed with tile grout to prevent damage to walls, floors & ceilings below.
- Close crawl vents in winter and open in summer.
- Check underside of roof for water stains, leaks, dampness & condensation, particularly in attics and around chimneys.

**Know the location of:**

- Main water shutoff valve.
- Main electrical disconnect or breaker.
- Main emergency shutoff switch for the heating system.

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## Building Characteristics:

<b>Main Entry Faces:</b>	Northeast.
<b>Estimated Age:</b>	Built about 2004.
<b>Building Type:</b>	Single family.
<b>Stories:</b>	1
<b>Space Below Grade:</b>	Basement.

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## Climatic Conditions:

<b>Weather:</b>	Overcast.
<b>Soil Conditions:</b>	Wet.



**Outside Temperature (f):** 40-50.

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### Utility Services:

**Water Source:** Private.  
**Sewage Disposal:** Private.  
**Utilities Status:** All utilities on.

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### About Rated Items:

Items not found in this report are beyond the scope of this inspection and should not be considered inspected at this time. Please read the entire report for important details. Inspected items may be generally rated as follows:

**OK = "Serviceable"** = Item is functional and we did not observe conditions that would lead us to believe problems existed with this system or component. Some serviceable items may show wear and tear. Other conditions may be noted in the body of the report.

**MM = "Marginal/Maintenance"** = Item warrants attention or monitoring, or has a limited remaining useful life expectancy and may require replacement in the not too distant future. Further evaluation or servicing may be needed by a qualified licensed contractor or specialty tradesman dealing with that item or system.

**RR = "Repair or Replace"** = Item, component, or unit is not functioning as intended and needs repair or replacement. Further evaluation is needed by a qualified licensed contractor or specialty tradesman dealing with that item or system.

**SA = "Safety Concern"** = Poses a risk of Injury or death.

#### REPORT LIMITATIONS

This report is intended only as a general guide to help the client make his own evaluation of the overall condition of the home, and is not intended to reflect the value of the premises, nor make any representation as to the advisability of purchase. The report expresses the personal opinions of the inspector, based upon his visual impressions of the conditions that existed at the time of the inspection only. The inspection and report are not intended to be technically exhaustive, or to imply that every component was inspected, or that every possible defect was discovered. No disassembly of equipment, opening of walls, moving of furniture, appliances or stored items, or excavation was performed. All components and conditions which by the nature of their location are concealed, camouflaged or difficult to inspect are excluded from the report. The inspection is performed in compliance with generally accepted standard of practice, a copy of which is available upon request.

Systems and conditions which are not within the scope of the inspection include, but are not limited to: formaldehyde, lead paint, asbestos, toxic or flammable materials, and other environmental hazards; pest infestation, playground equipment, efficiency measurement of insulation or heating and cooling equipment, internal or underground drainage or plumbing, any systems which are shut down or otherwise secured; water



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wells (water quality and quantity) zoning ordinances; intercoms; security systems; heat sensors; cosmetics or building code conformity. Any general comments about these systems and conditions are informational only and do not represent an inspection.

The inspection report should not be construed as a compliance inspection of any governmental or non governmental codes or regulations. The report is not intended to be a warranty or guarantee of the present or future adequacy or performance of the structure, its systems, or their component parts. This report does not constitute any express or implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for use regarding the condition of the property and it should not be relied upon as such. Any opinions expressed regarding adequacy, capacity, or expected life of components are general estimates based on information about similar components and occasional wide variations are to be expected between such estimates and actual experience.

We certify that our inspectors have no interest, present or contemplated, in this property or its improvement and no involvement with tradespeople or benefits derived from any sales or improvements. To the best of our knowledge and belief, all statements and information in this report are true and correct.

Should any disagreement or dispute arise as a result of this inspection or report, it shall be decided by arbitration. Arbitration Rules then obtaining, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise. In the event of a claim, the Client will allow the Inspection Company to inspect the claim prior to any repairs or waive the right to make the claim. Client agrees not to disturb or repair or have repaired anything which may constitute evidence relating to the complaint, except in the case of an emergency.

## GROUNDS

This inspection is not intended to address or include any geological conditions or site stability information. We do not comment on coatings or cosmetic deficiencies and the wear and tear associated with the passage of time, which would be apparent to the average person. However, cracks in hard surfaces can imply the presence of expansive soils that can result in continuous movement, but this can only be confirmed by a geological evaluation of the soil. Any reference to grade is limited to only areas around the exterior of the exposed areas of foundation or exterior walls. We cannot determine drainage performance of the site or the condition of any underground piping, including subterranean drainage systems and municipal water and sewer service piping or septic systems. Decks and porches are often built close to the ground, where no viewing or access is possible. Any areas too low to enter or not accessible are excluded from the inspection. We do not evaluate any detached structures such as storage sheds and stables, nor mechanical or remotely controlled components such as driveway gates. We do not evaluate or move landscape components such as trees, shrubs, fountains, ponds, statuary, pottery, fire pits, patio fans, heat lamps, and decorative or low-voltage lighting. Any such mention of these items is informational only and not to be construed as inspected.

### Paving Conditions:

OK MM RR SA

**Driveway:**

Driveway type: Concrete, gravel, Satisfactory - The driveway surface material is in satisfactory condition with only normal deterioration noted.



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OK MM RR SA

**Walks:**

Sidewalk type: Concrete.



**Patio:**

**Slab:**

Patio type: Concrete, Paver/Tile, Satisfactory - The slab is in useable condition.



**Porch:**

**Slab:**

Patio type: Concrete, Satisfactory - The slab is in useable condition.

**Structure:**

Type: Open design, Handrail is serviceable.

**Grading:**

**Site:**

Flat site  
Attention Needed - The lot needs some minor adjustment in areas to prevent water from standing in the yard Lot grading and drainage have a significant impact on the building, simply because of the direct and indirect damage that moisture can have on the foundation. It is very important, therefore, that surface runoff water be

adequately diverted away from the home  
 Lot grading should slope away and fall a minimum of one (1) inch every foot for a distance of six (6) feet around the perimeter of the building

Window wells noted.

- Clean out the debris.



### Retaining Walls:

OK MM RR SA

**Condition:**

Retaining wall type: Masonry.



### Landscaping:

**Condition:**

Satisfactory - The trees and shrubs on the site all appear to be in acceptable condition.

## ROOF SYSTEM

Although not required to, we generally attempt to evaluate various roof types by walking on their surfaces. If we are unable or unwilling to do this for any reason, we will indicate the method used to evaluate them. Every roof will wear differently relative to its age, number of layers, quality of material, method of application, exposure to weather conditions, and the regularity of its maintenance. We can only offer an opinion of the general quality and condition of the roofing material.

The inspector cannot and does not offer an opinion or warranty as to whether the roof leaks or may be subject to future leakage. The waterproof membrane beneath roofing materials is generally concealed and cannot be examined without removing the roof material. Although roof condition can be evaluated, it is virtually impossible for anyone to detect a leak except as it is occurring or by specific water tests, which are beyond the scope of our service. Even water stains on ceilings or on framing within attics will not necessarily confirm an



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active leak without some corroborative evidence, and such evidence can be deliberately concealed. We evaluate every roof conscientiously, and even attempt to approximate its age, but we will not predict its remaining life expectancy, or guarantee that it will not leak. Naturally, the sellers or the occupants of a residence will generally have the most intimate knowledge of the roof and of its history. Therefore, we recommend that you ask the sellers about it, and that you either include comprehensive roof coverage in your home insurance policy, or that you obtain a roof certification from an established local roofing company. We do not inspect attached accessories including by not limited to solar systems, antennae, and lightning arrestors.

## Roof:

**Style:** Gable.

**Roof Access:** Viewed from roof edge on ladder.  
OK MM RR SA

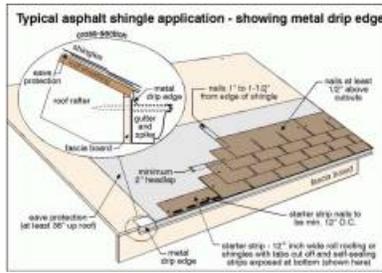
**Roof Covering:**     Asphalt composition shingles. These consist of cellulose mat, asphalt impregnated with colored gravel on surface. Shingles are applied in horizontal rows.

- **General condition appears serviceable with signs of weathering and aging. Regular maintenance and inspections are advised. You may need to budget for the roof replacement in a few years**

This inspection is not a warranty against future roof leaks. Even a roof that appears to be in good, functional condition may leak under certain circumstances. Inspector does not take responsibility for a roof leak that happens in the future. This inspection is not a warranty or guarantee of the condition of the roof system.

- Please refer to the seller's disclosure in reference to the roof system's age, condition, prior problems, etc. Only the property owner would have accurate knowledge of this information. The roof's age cannot be determined by the inspector.





**Flashings:**

- OK MM RR SA  
    Metal.

**Valleys:**

- Satisfactory - The valleys appear to be in satisfactory condition. The valleys on the roof are closed, using either overlapping or interwoven strip shingles from both intersecting roof lines.

**Eaves - Soffits - Fascias:**

- Satisfactory - The surface material is in satisfactory condition with only normal deterioration noted.

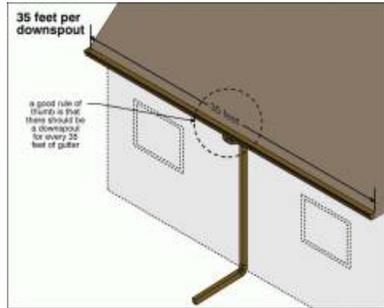
**Gutters & Downspouts:**

- The gutter system on the roof edge appears to be functional and adequately sloped to carry the water to the downspouts. The downspouts appear to be clear and functional. Run-off water needs to flow away from the side of the house at least 6 feet. This will allow the run-off to get far enough away to not interfere with the foundation.

Subsurface drains noted, but Not Tested. THEY ARE NOT PART OF THIS INSPECTION. Underground downspout system can become clogged with leaves, twigs, dirt, grit from shingles and other debris that falls on your roof. Once the downspout is clogged, rainwater is forced back through the system and can come out near your homes foundation instead of flowing away.

Gutters are an extremely important element in basement dampness control. Keep gutters clean and downspout extensions in place (6 or more). Paint the inside of galvanized gutters, which will extend the life. Shortly after a rain or thaw in winter, look for leaks at seams in the gutters. These can be re-caulked before they cause damage to fascia or soffit boards. If no gutters exist, it is

recommended that they be added. I recommend cleaning the gutters annually.



In accordance with our standards, we do not attempt to enter attics that have less than thirty-six inches of headroom, are restricted by ducts, or in which the insulation obscures the joists and thereby makes mobility hazardous, in which case we would inspect them as best we can from the access point. In regard to evaluating the type and amount of insulation on the attic floor, we use only generic terms and approximate measurements, and do not sample or test the material for specific identification. Also, we do not disturb or move any portion of it, and it may well obscure water pipes, electrical conduits, junction boxes, exhaust fans, and other components.

### Attic & Insulation:

**Access:** Attic is full size, accessible, Inspection of the attic was restricted by a lack of flooring and joists that were covered by insulation; therefore, the inspector was unable to safely move around the entire attic space for a more complete evaluation.

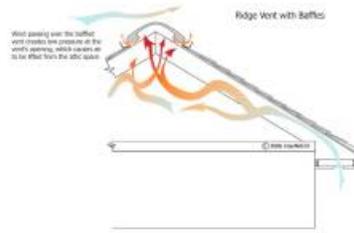
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**Structure:**     A truss system is installed in the attic cavity that is used to support the roof decking and transmit the roof load to the exterior walls. The rafters or truss system appears to be in satisfactory condition. The rafter spacing is 24 inch on center. The roof decking material is oriented strand board sheathing. The builder installed ply clips when installing the sheathing to prevent the sheathing from sagging at the joints.



**Ventilation:**     Satisfactory - There appears to be adequate ventilation installed. Vents are located both in the ridge area and low in the eaves area. Current industry standards recommend, as a minimum, one square foot of free vent area for each 150 square feet of attic floor if no vapor barrier is installed.

With a vapor barrier installed, one square foot of free vent area per 300 square feet of attic space is needed.



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**Insulation:**

Cellulose- Blown, Cellulose is composed of 75-85% recycled paper fiber, usually post-consumer waste newsprint. The other 15% is a fire retardant such as boric acid or ammonium sulphate.

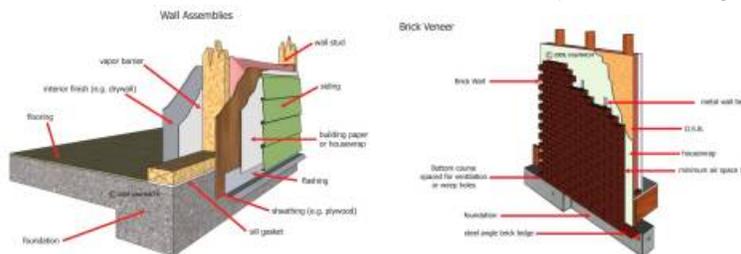
**Depth & R-factor:** 8-9 inches, R-26.

## EXTERIOR - FOUNDATION

All structures are dependent on the soil beneath them for support, but soils are not uniform. Some that appear to be firm and solid can become unstable during seismic activity or may expand with the influx of water, moving structures with relative ease and fracturing slabs and other hard surfaces. In accordance with our standards of practice, we identify foundation types and look for any evidence of structural deficiencies. However, minor cracks or deteriorated surfaces are common in many foundations and most do not represent a structural problem. If major cracks are present along with bowing, we routinely recommend further evaluation be made by a qualified structural engineer. All exterior grades should allow for surface and roof water to flow away from the foundation. All concrete floor slabs experience some degree of cracking due to shrinkage in the curing process. In most instances floor coverings prevent recognition of cracks or settlement in all but the most severe cases. Where carpeting and other floor coverings are installed, the materials and condition of the flooring underneath cannot be determined. Areas hidden from view by finished walls or stored items cannot be judged and are not a part of this inspection. We will certainly alert you to any suspicious cracks if they are clearly visible. However, we are not specialists, and in the absence of any major defects, we may not recommend that you consult with a foundation contractor, a structural engineer, or a geologist, but this should not deter you from seeking the opinion of any such expert. We also routinely recommend that inquiry be made with the seller about knowledge of any prior foundation or structural repairs.

### Exterior Walls:

**Materials & Condition:**     Walls are constructed with: Vinyl siding, Brick veneer.  
 • Satisfactory - The siding is in serviceable condition.



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**Flashing & Trim:**

Vinyl materials.

**Chimney:**

**Please Note:**

There are a wide variety of chimneys and interrelated components. However, there are three basic types, single-walled metal, masonry, and pre-fabricated metal ones that are commonly referred to as factory-built ones. Single-walled metal ones should not be confused with factory-built metal ones, and are rarely found in residential use, but masonry and factory-built ones are commonplace. Our inspection of them conforms to industry standards, and is that of a generalist and not a specialist. However, significant areas of chimney flues cannot be adequately viewed during a field inspection. Therefore, because our inspection of chimneys is limited to areas easily viewed and does not include the use of specialized equipment, we will not guarantee their integrity or drafting ability and recommend that they be more thoroughly evaluated before the close of escrow.

**Chimney Exterior:**

Metal materials.



**Flashing:**

Satisfactory - The installed flashing around the chimney stack appears to be functional.

**Height & Clearance:**

The chimney installation appears to meet clearance requirements.

**Foundation:**

**Materials & Condition:**

Utility Basement - Foundation walls below grade tall enough to have living space and a finished floor.

- Poured in place slab concrete, 8 inches or more thick.

The exterior view of the foundation is limited to the portions visible above grade, Satisfactory - The exposed portions of the perimeter foundation walls appear to be adequate.

**Recent Movement:**

There is no evidence of any recent movement.



# BASEMENT - CRAWLSPACE

While the inspector makes every effort to find all areas of concern, some areas can go unnoticed. During the course of the inspection, the inspector does not enter any area or perform any procedure that may damage the property or its components or be dangerous to or adversely affect the health of the inspector or other persons.

## Basement:

- Access:** Basement is fully accessible, Basement is finished, Stairs and handrail serviceable
- This inspection does not cover the presence or lack of wood destroying insects.  
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- Walls:**     Walls are poured concrete. The basement walls have wall coverings such as paneling or drywall and is not fully viewable.
- Foundation Bolts:**     Visibility is limited due to insulation of the sill cavities. This is a good energy saver, but it limits the areas available for inspection.
- Moisture:**     No - There were no elevated moisture levels noted on the exposed areas of the basement walls at the time of the inspection. All basements have the possibility of leakage, this report is not a guarantee of never getting moisture in the basement
- I would recommend using a dehumidifier in the basement. All basements will have elevated moisture levels and to keep it under control and prevent mold growth and dampness, a dehumidifier should be used in the summer months.
- Beams/Underfloor:**     Prefabricated floor trusses are in use.
- Posts & Piers:**     The main beam is supported by a load bearing wall. Before removing the wall be sure to consult a licensed and insured contractor.
- Floor:**     Concrete.
- Windows:**     The windows as installed appear to be satisfactory. The windows installed in the basement level appear to be egress accessible in case of an emergency.



## HEATING - AIR CONDITIONING

The inspector can only readily open access panels provided by the manufacturer or installer for routine homeowner maintenance, and will not operate components when weather conditions or other circumstances apply that may cause equipment damage. The inspector does not light pilot lights or ignite or extinguish solid fuel fires, nor are safety devices tested by the inspector. The inspector is not equipped to inspect furnace heat exchangers for evidence of cracks or holes, or inspect concealed portions of evaporator and condensing coils, heat exchanger or firebox, electronic air filters, humidifiers and de-humidifiers, ducts and in-line duct motors or dampers, as this can only be done by dismantling the unit. This is beyond the scope of this inspection. Thermostats are not checked for calibration or timed functions. Adequacy, efficiency or the even distribution of air throughout a building cannot be addressed by a visual inspection. Have these systems evaluated by a qualified individual. The inspector does not perform pressure tests on coolant systems, therefore no representation is made regarding coolant charge or line integrity. We perform a conscientious evaluation of the system, but we are not specialists.

Please note that even modern heating systems can produce carbon monoxide, which in a poorly ventilated room can result in sickness and even death. Therefore, it is essential that any recommendations we make for service or further evaluation be scheduled before the close of escrow, because a specialist could reveal additional defects or recommend further upgrades that could affect your evaluation of the property, and our service does not include any form or warranty or guarantee. Normal service and maintenance is recommended on a yearly basis. Determining the presence of asbestos materials commonly used in heating systems can ONLY be performed by laboratory testing and is beyond the scope of this inspection. Determining the condition of oil tanks, whether exposed or buried, is beyond the scope of this inspection. Leaking oil tanks represent an environmental hazard which is sometimes costly to remedy.

### Heating Equipment:

#### **Type & Location:**

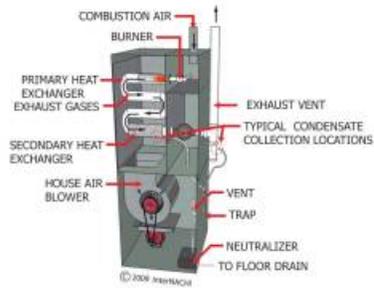
Forced Air, This is a high efficiency gas furnace with an AFUE rating above 90 percent, also known as a "condensing furnace." This means that it uses a second heat exchanger to extract heat from the exhaust gasses that would be otherwise be vented out of your home with less efficient systems. This allows condensing furnaces to do more with less fuel.

With a high efficient furnace I recommend to not turn the thermostat below 60 degrees because of the following possible results:

- With return air that cold, flue gas will condense in the primary heat exchanger causing rust & corrosion.
- Newer, more efficient heat exchangers are, by necessity, thinner than they used to be, and if you set the thermostat too low in heating mode, the increased temperature differential between the returned air and the heated air increases the effect of the cool/hot contraction/expansion cycle of the metal in the heat exchanger, which significantly shortens its life

Located in the, basement, utility area.

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**Fuel Source:** Propane, Electronic ignition is provided.

**Capacity / Approx. Age:** Btu Size: 100,000 Btu installed in 2004.  
The typical service life for a forced air gas furnace is 18 - 20 years.

This furnace is a 2 - stage furnace.  
2 - stage furnace will operate in its low-fire stage during periods of mild weather (pushing less air through the ducts and less combustion gas through the flue), and automatically ramp up to its second high-fire stage during extremely colder weather. This will cause the home to experience fewer and much less severe temperature swings in the home, which will result in greater over-all comfort for you and energy savings.

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**General Operation & Cabinet:**     Satisfactory condition, operational at the time of the inspection.

In the event that the furnace is not operating here are a couple recommendations to check before calling an HVAC specialist.

- Turn off the main switch to reset the control board, remove the air filter and turn back on. If the furnace starts most likely a dirty air filter, install a clean filter. If this does not work check the exterior of the vent pipe for a blockage, if blockage is found turn off main switch then turn back on to reset control board and see if it runs normally.
- If neither of these work. Call a licensed and insured HVAC contractor for further evaluation and repair or replace as warranted.

The inspection of the heating system is not a guarantee or warranty of the system. As such, I do not accept responsibility for any problems that may happen in the future. Please consult the seller's disclosure. Only the current owner of the property will have accurate knowledge of the system, including its past performance and age.



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**Burners / Heat Exchangers:**

Burner Flame(s) appear typical, The heat exchanger passed the CO test. The heat exchanger portion of a gas or oil fired heater is difficult to access without disassembly, and cannot be adequately checked during a visual inspection, Combustion test was performed on the heating unit. This test measures the amount of carbon monoxide, the amount of oxygen, and the temperature of the flue gas in your furnace. This information is important for the following reasons:

- Safety. Levels of carbon monoxide outside of the manufacturer guidelines can be dangerous.
- If there is an imbalance or abnormality in the measurements it could mean there is a hidden problem such as a cracked heat exchanger, bad gas valve ect...
- It provides an accurate measure of the efficiency of your furnace.
- It reveals issues related to over firing and under firing. Both cause poor performance and shortened lifespan of your equipment if not corrected.

Combustion test results show the appliance is working within acceptable ranges.





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<b>Pump / Blower Fan:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Satisfactory condition, operational at the time of the inspection.
<b>Combustion Air:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Satisfactory, appears to be adequate combustion air for the furnace.
<b>Flues, Vents, Plenum:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The flue pipe is plastic from the furnace to the exterior. During this inspection it is impossible to determine the condition of the interior of the flue. The interior of the flue may be deteriorated, but during a visual inspection we were unable to see the interior walls.
<b>Air Filters:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A higher efficiency media type reusable filter is installed. This filter requires removal and cleaning at specific intervals. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for maintenance.
<b>Normal Controls:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thermostat is located in the living room. Good - Electronic thermostat controls for central heating and air conditioning are installed. Automatic controls were not tested or overridden.

A programmable thermostat helps make it easy for you to save energy by offering four pre-programmed settings to regulate your home's temperature in both summer and winter, and when you are home, asleep, or away.

- The pre-programmed settings that come with programmable thermostats are intended to deliver savings without sacrificing comfort. Depending on your family's schedule, you can see significant savings by sticking with those settings or adjusting them as appropriate for your family.
- The key is to establish a program that automatically reduces heating and cooling in your home when you don't need as much. Use the programmable thermostat calculator to see what you can save with set-back temperatures that work for your family.

There is a humidifier installed. If functioning properly, it can add comfort to the home during the heating season. The scope of this inspection does not include determining if the unit is operational since activation is humidity controlled. Most units will require service annually.

Home humidifiers are an essential component of any allergy sufferer's environmental control regimen. Proper humidification can provide significant relief from dry and irritated sinuses, stuffy noses, dry skin, and itchy eyes.

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Humidifying your home can prevent the exacerbation of eczema, help to lower heating costs, and protect furniture and wood floors from the effects of over-drying. But without proper humidifier maintenance, they not only don't run efficiently, but they pose a health risk. Bacteria and mold that can easily breed in an unmaintained humidifier are propelled into the air and inhaled - obviously a terrible situation for those with allergies, who are already more sensitive than others. Consult the owner's manual and specific humidifier maintenance guide pertinent to your particular unit.



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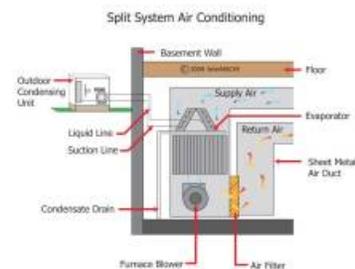
## Air Conditioning:

**Primary Type:** Central, Split System- Electric

I recommend to annually clean the condenser, a dirty coil greatly decreases the efficiency of the system. This will also cause it to not cool as well and may freeze the unit up.

Outside air temperature was below 65 degrees. Unable to test system at this time, Inquire with the home owner about the condition of the central air unit.

The inspection of the AC/cooling system is not a guarantee or warranty of the system. As such, I do not accept responsibility for any problems that may happen in the future. Please consult the seller's disclosure. Only the current owner of the property will have accurate knowledge of the system, including its past performance and age.





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**Fuel Source:** 220 Volt, Electrical disconnect present.

**Capacity / Approx. Age:** BTU Size - 2 1/2 ton unit, Installed in 2004, The typical service life for a forced a central air conditioner is 18 - 20 years.



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**System Condition:**     For optimum performance, the air conditioning system should be serviced annually prior to the cooling season. It is recommended that the filter(s) be changed or cleaned every 30 to 45 days for best performance.

**Condensate Line:**     Condensate line installed and in good visual condition.

**Ductwork / Distribution:**

**Ducts / Air Supply:**     Satisfactory condition, Metal.

**Kitchen Interior:** There is a heat source to this room.

**Entry:** There is a heat source to this room.

**Hall:** There is an air return vent located in this room.

**Living Room:** There is a heat source to this room. There is an air return vent located in this room.

**Family Room:** There is a heat source to this room. There is an air return vent located in this room.

**Dining Room:** There is a heat source to this room.

**Master Bedroom:** There is a heat source to this room. There is an air return vent located in this room.

**Right Bedroom:** There is a heat source to this room. There is an air return vent located in this room.

**Center Bedroom:** There is a heat source to this room. There is an air return vent located in this room.

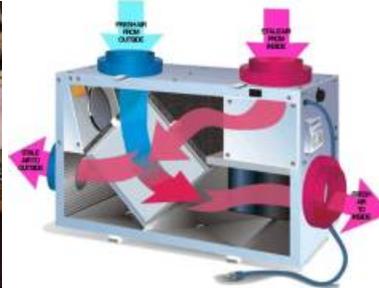
**Left Bedroom:** There is a heat source to this room. There is an air return vent located in this room.

### Auxiliary Equipment:

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**Heat Recovery Ventilation Unit:**

Air exchangers transfer thermal energy of the indoor air to the incoming fresh air, allowing moisture and pollutants to be vented but retaining the heat. I recommend to annually cleaning the intake cover to prevent blockage.



## ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

We are not electricians and in accordance with the standards of practice we only test a representative number of switches and outlets and do not perform load-calculations to determine if the supply meets the demand. However, every electrical deficiency or recommended upgrade should be regarded as a latent hazard that should be serviced as soon as possible, along with evaluation and certification of the entire system as safe by a licensed contractor. Therefore, it is essential that any recommendations that we may make for service or upgrades should be completed before the close of escrow, because an electrician could reveal additional deficiencies or recommend additional upgrades for which we disclaim any responsibility. Any electrical repairs or upgrades should be made by a licensed electrician. Aluminum wiring requires periodic inspection and maintenance by a licensed electrician. Smoke Alarms should be installed within 15 feet of all bedroom doors, and tested regularly.

Operation of time clock motors is not verified. Inoperative light fixtures often lack bulbs or have dead bulbs installed. The inspector is not required to insert any tool, probe, or testing device inside the panels, test or operate any over-current device except for ground fault interrupters, nor dismantle any electrical device or control other than to remove the covers of the main and auxiliary distribution panels. Any ancillary wiring or system that is not part of the primary electrical distribution system is not part of this inspection but may be mentioned for informational purposes only, including but not limited to low voltage systems, security system devices, heat detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, telephone, security, cable TV, intercoms, and built in vacuum equipment.

### Service:

**Type & Condition:**

110/220 Volt, Appears serviceable, The underground service appears adequate. Underground service to the structure is desirable for safety and appearance. Contact the utility company to mark the location of underground cable before digging.



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**Grounding Equipment:**     Grounded via rod in ground.

Grounding is one of the most important aspects of a home's electrical system. You might not think about it on a regular basis, but it keeps your appliances, electronics, and anything else in your home that requires electricity secure.

It can be dangerous to live in a home that's improperly grounded, or not grounded at all. The greatest risks come from fire and electrical shock that can result in serious injury or death, especially in areas like the kitchen and bathroom where water is present.

### Electrical Distribution Panels:

**Main Panel Location:**     Basement, utility area.

**Main Panel Observations:** Service amps: 200 amp, Circuit and wire sizing correct so far as visible, Grounding system is present.



**Heat Panel Observations:** Service amps: 100 amp, Circuit and wire sizing correct so far as visible, Grounding system is present

- The cover or dead front of the service panel was missing some screws. These should be replaced with proper-sized screws for secure



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attachment.



### Conductors:

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**Entrance Cables:**

Copper.

**Branch Wiring:**

The visible wiring in the service panel appears to be copper. Other areas are unknown. Appears serviceable.

### Switches & Fixtures:

**General:**

A representative sampling of switches was tested. As a whole, switches throughout the house are in serviceable condition.

### Electrical Outlets:

**General:**

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets are recommended for safety in areas noted in the report.

- Installation at exterior, garage, bath rooms, laundry & kitchen outlets began in 1971 and has been added to though the years.
- A "ground-fault" is an unintentional flow of electricity between a source of electrical current and a grounded surface. Without protection, electrical shock can occur if a person comes into contact with an energized part. A GFCI receptacle constantly monitors an electrical circuit. If it detects even a slight flow of electricity to a grounded item, it immediately shuts off the flow of electricity. This protects people from electrocution.



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<b>Basement:</b>	Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets are recommended.
<b>Kitchen Interior:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Master Bath:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Half Bath:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Lower Bath:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Entry:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Hall:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Living Room:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Family Room:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Dining Room:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Master Bedroom:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Right Bedroom:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Center Bedroom:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Left Bedroom:</b>	A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the room are in serviceable condition.
<b>Laundry:</b>	220 Service-operational.
<b>Garage Walls:</b>	Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets are recommended.

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## Ceiling Fans:

<b>Living Room:</b>	Satisfactory - There is a ceiling fan installed in this room. It appears to be functional.
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## PLUMBING SYSTEM

Water quality or hazardous materials (lead) testing is available from local testing labs, and not included in this inspection. All underground piping related to water supply, waste, or sprinkler use are excluded from this inspection. Leakage or corrosion in underground piping cannot be detected by a visual inspection, nor can the presence of mineral build-up that may gradually restrict their inner diameter and reduce water volume. Plumbing components such as gas pipes, potable water pipes, drain and vent pipes, and shut-off valves are not generally tested if not in daily use. The inspector cannot state the effectiveness or operation of any anti-siphon devices, automatic safety controls, water conditioning equipment, fire and lawn sprinkler systems, on-site water quality and quantity, on-site waste disposal systems, foundation irrigation systems, spa and swimming pool equipment, solar water heating equipment, or observe the system for proper sizing, design, or use of materials.

The water pressure within pipes is commonly confused with water volume, but whereas high water volume is good high water pressure is not. Therefore a regulator is recommended whenever street pressure exceeds 80 psi. However, regardless of pressure, leaks will occur in any system, and particularly in one with older galvanized pipes, or one in which the regulator fails and high pressure begins to stress washers and diaphragms within various components.

Waste and drainpipes pipe condition is usually directly related to their age. Older ones are subject to damage through decay and root movement, whereas the more modern ABS ones are virtually impervious to damage, although some rare batches have been alleged to be defective. Older homes with galvanized or cast iron supply or waste lines can be obstructed and barely working during an inspection but later fail under heavy use. If the water is turned off or not used for periods of time (such as a vacant house waiting for closing), rust or deposits within the piping can further clog the piping system. However, inasmuch as significant portions of drainpipes are concealed, we can only infer their condition by observing the draw at drains at the time of inspection. Nonetheless, blockages will still occur in the life of any system.

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### Main Line:

#### **Shut Off:**

Main shutoff valve is located in the basement utility room, Valve is operational

The main water shut-off device is critical in the event of a burst water pipe. This valve shuts off all of the water to the house and will save your living spaces in an emergency. It's also necessary for plumbers during bathroom or kitchen remodeling jobs that involve more than just one sink or one faucet. During your house inspection, I will make sure that this valve is functional and in good repair so that it's there when you need it.

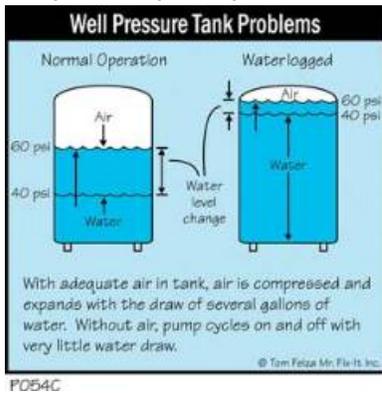


**Material:**

Plastic, Main line is 1 inch diameter, Water softener installed - NOT PART OF THIS INSPECTION

**Pressure:**

Pressure tank located in the home.  
 How does a pressure tank work, as water is pumped from the well into the pressure tank, it compresses the air in the tank until it reaches a preset level, typically the 40 to 60 pounds per square inch (psi). Water pressure from 40 to 80 pounds per square inch is considered within normal/acceptable range.



**Supply Lines:**

**Material:**

Copper, Copper tubing is most often used for supply of hot and cold tap water, and as refrigerant line in HVAC systems. There are two basic types of copper tubing, soft copper and rigid copper. Copper tubing is joined using flare connection, compression connection, or solder.  
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**Condition:**

No leakage is noted, but monitor in the future.

## Waste Lines:

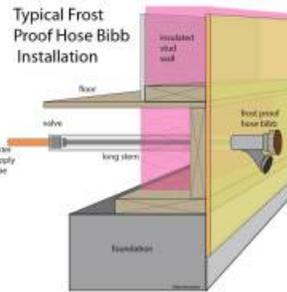
**Material:** Plastic.  
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**Condition:**     Satisfactory - The visible plumbing waste piping appears functional.  
 The plumbing drain pipes appear operational at this time. However only a video-scan of the interior of the drainpipes and drain lines can fully confirm their actual condition, Plumbing vents appear serviceable.

## Hose Bibs / Hookups:

**General:**     Sample operated, appeared serviceable

DO NOT LEAVE HOSE CONNECTED TO FAUCET DURING COLD WEATHER THIS MAY CAUSE THEM TO FREEZE AND CAUSE DAMAGE.



The temperature pressure relief valve at the upper portion of the water heater is a required safety valve which should be connected to a drain line of proper size terminating just above floor elevation. If no drain is located in the floor a catch pan should be installed with a drain extending to a safe location. The steam caused by a blow-off can cause scalding. Improper installations should be corrected.

## Water Heater:

**Power Source:** Electric, Satisfactory - The electric service to the water heater appears to be installed in an acceptable manner.

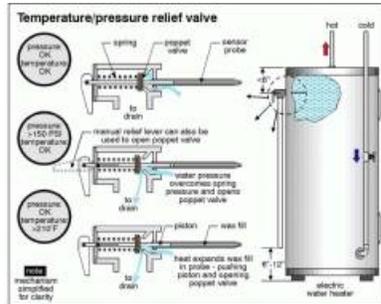


**Capacity:** 80 Gallons.

**Location:** Basement, utility room.  
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**Condition:**     Appears serviceable, Pressure relief valve noted, not tested.  
Installed: 2004.

Water heaters have an average 10-12 year life span and usually rusts from the inside out. I recommend to annually flush the water heater to maintain the efficiency of your unit and ensure the highest water quality for you and your family.



## Fuel System:

**Meter / Tank:**     LPG/Oil tank located, at the exterior  
**CSST gas line installed in the home, Ungrounded gas line noted, I recommend having the gas line grounded or bonded for safety, this is not a code inspection. Bonding is provided primarily to prevent a possible electric shock to people who come in contact with the gas piping and other metal objects connected to the grounding system. Nearby lightning strikes can also result in an electrical surge and can potentially puncture a hole in the CSST. Proper bonding and grounding will reduce the risk of damage and fire from a lightning strike.**

Here is information in the directions for the popular found brand of piping used. The TracPipe® CounterStrike® gas piping system shall be bonded in accordance with these instructions and local codes In the event of a conflict between these instructions and local codes, the local codes shall control. The piping system is not to be used as a grounding conductor or electrode for an electrical system. Then in a large box this stated in large bold letters on page 55: **WARNING** Failure to properly bond the TracPipe® CounterStrike® flexible gas piping system in accordance with NEC/NFPA 70 may lead to damage to the



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CSST system in the event of a lightning strike. A lightning induced fire in the building could lead to serious personal injury or significant property damage. Lightning is a powerful and unpredictable natural force, and it has the capacity of damaging gas piping systems due to arcing between the gas piping system and other metallic systems in the building. If the building to be piped is in a high lightning flash density area or a region with a high number of thunderstorm days per year, consideration should be given to utilizing the Lightning Risk Assessment method given in Annex L of NFPA 780 for a determination of the need for a lightning protection system. So even if the local code does not require bonding it is still a safety defect, and in the event that the gas line gets damaged, the electrician and/or gas company can take responsibility for the damage and or deaths. Manufacturer has no liability because they put the warning to inform the installer that it needs to be bonded. National Fuel Gas Code - 2018 The NFGC requires bonding to help reduce possible electric shock hazard and potential tubing damage. The specific requirements in the 2018 NFGC are contained in Section 7.12 as follows: 7.12 Electrical Bonding and Grounding.3 7.12.1 Pipe and Tubing other than CSST. Each aboveground portion of a gas piping system other than CSST that is likely to become energized shall be electrically continuous and bonded to an effective ground-fault current path. Gas piping other than CSST shall be considered to be bonded when it is connected to appliances that are connected to the appliance grounding conductor of the circuit supplying that appliance. 7.12.2 \* CSST. CSST gas piping systems and gas piping systems containing one or more segments of CSST, shall be electrically continuous and bonded to the electrical service grounding electrode system or where provided, lightning protection grounding electrode system. 7.12.2.1 The bonding jumper shall connect to a metallic pipe, pipe fitting, or CSST fitting. 7.12.2.2 The bonding jumper shall not be smaller than 6 AWG copper wire or equivalent. 7.12.2.3 The length of the jumper between the connection to the gas piping system and the grounding electrode system shall not exceed 75 ft (22 m). Any additional grounding electrodes installed to meet this requirement shall be bonded to the electrical service grounding electrode system or where provided, lightning protection grounding electrode system. 7.12.2.4 Bonding connections shall be in accordance with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code®. 7.12.2.5 Devices used for the bonding connection shall be listed for the application in accordance with UL 467, Grounding and Bonding Equipment. 7.12.3 Arc Resistant



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Jacketed CSST. CSST listed with an arc resistant jacket or coating system in accordance with ANSI LC 1/CSA 6.26, Fuel Gas Piping Systems Using Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST), shall be electrically continuous and bonded to an effective ground fault current path. Where any CSST component of a piping system does not have an arc resistant jacket or coating system, the bonding requirements of 7.12.2 shall apply. Arc resistant jacketed CSST shall be considered to be bonded when it is connected to appliances that are connected to the appliance grounding conductor of the circuit supply that appliance. 7.12.4\* Prohibited Use. Gas piping shall not be used as a grounding conductor or electrode. 7.12.5\* Lighting Protection System. Where a lightning protection system is installed, the bonding of the gas piping shall be in accordance with NFPA 780, Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems, 2008. Here is a link to the installation manual:

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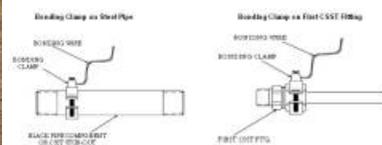
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Action Necessary.

Gas detected with gas detector and soap bubbles near the interior pressure regulator. Any leak in the gas service supply lines should be considered serious Services of a qualified licensed plumber will be needed.





### Sump Pump:

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**Basement:**

None installed. A sump pit and pump should be considered for installation in the event of water getting into the basement.

A sump pump system consists of a sump (tank) below floor level. It has one or more side inlets. The sump may be tile, steel, concrete or plastic, for example. Sumps should be at least 18 inches in diameter and 24 inches deep, ideally with a solid floor. Some sumps have gravel floors, which may work if they stay level. Sumps should have a cover to prevent people, pets and objects from falling in and to help keep radon gas, for example, out of the home. Covers should typically be flush with the floor surface.

The pump is in the sump. Pedestal pumps have the electric motor mounted above the sump. Submersible pumps have both the motor and pump at the bottom of the sump. In either case, there will be 120-volt electrical power and a float switch to activate the pump as the water level rises.

See Bathrooms section of report for information about plumbing and fixtures in those areas.

### Fixtures & Drain

**Kitchen Sink:**

Stainless Steel, Faucet is serviceable, Hand sprayer is serviceable. Third faucet is serviceable.

### Hose Bibs / Hookups/Sink Faucets:

**Laundry:**

Plumbing appears serviceable, Laundry sink is provided, There is a connection box installed in the wall with both hot and cold water and a drain pipe. The drain pipe was not flood tested.

## KITCHEN - APPLIANCES

We may test kitchen appliances for basic functionality, but cannot evaluate them for their performance nor for the variety of their settings or cycles. Appliances older than ten years may exhibit decreased efficiency. Even if general comments are made, these items are not inspected: free-standing appliances, refrigerators, freezers, ice makers, trash-compactors, built-in toasters, coffee-makers, can-openers, blenders, instant hot-water dispensers, water-purifiers, barbecues, grills, or rotisseries, timers, clocks, thermostats, the self-cleaning and cooking capability of ovens, and concealed or countertop lighting, which is convenient but often installed after the initial construction and not wired to national electrical standards. These items should be considered outside the scope of the inspection. Appliances are not moved during the inspection. Portable dishwashers are not inspected, as they require connection to facilitate testing.



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### Range/ Cooktop / Oven:

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**Type & Condition:**

Electric, Free-standing, Appears serviceable  
The heating elements of a range or oven have been checked for heating, but oven calibration is beyond the scope of a building inspection.

### Ventilation:

**Type & Condition:**

External, Fan/Hood operational.

### Refrigerator:

**Type & Condition:**

Satisfactory condition, seals appear good and cooling well.

### Dishwasher:

**Condition:**

Satisfactory condition.  
Dishwasher has been run, no dishes were washed, the quality of cleaning of the dishes is beyond the scope of the inspection.

### Other Built-ins:

**Microwave:**

The microwave worked correctly when tested.

### Kitchen Interior:

**Counters & Cabinets:**

Counters are Formica (plastic laminate), Cabinets appear serviceable.

## BATHROOMS

In accordance with industry standards of practice, we do not comment on common cosmetic deficiencies, and do not evaluate window treatments, steam showers, and saunas. More importantly, we do not leak-test shower pans, which is usually the responsibility of a termite inspector. However, because of the possibility of water damage, most termite inspectors will not leak-test second floor shower pans without the written consent of the owners or occupants.

Our inspection of interior areas includes the visually accessible areas of walls, floors, cabinets and closets, and a representative number of windows and doors, switches and outlets. We do not evaluate window treatments, nor move furniture, lift carpets or rugs, empty closets or cabinets, and we do not comment on common cosmetic deficiencies.

### Sink & Cabinetry:

**Master Bath:**

Satisfactory - The basin and drainage fixture appears to be satisfactory.



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Half Bath:     Satisfactory - The basin and drainage fixture appears to be satisfactory.

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Lower Bath:     Satisfactory - The basin and drainage fixture appears to be satisfactory.

**Toilet:**

Master Bath:     Satisfactory - The toilet in the master bathroom appears to be functional.

Half Bath:     Satisfactory - The toilet in the master bathroom appears to be functional.

Lower Bath:     Satisfactory - The toilet in the master bathroom appears to be functional.

**Tub/Shower Fixtures:**

Master Bath:     Satisfactory - The tub mixing valve and the tub unit are in satisfactory condition.

The following problems were noted at the tub/shower drain: Mechanical drain stopper is not operational at the spa tub.

This is a visual inspection of the readily accessible portions of the shower stall and was not invasive. Therefore, it is a limited inspection and may not have noted any hidden defects. Flood testing of the shower pan was not included as part of this inspection.

Lower Bath:     Satisfactory - The tub mixing valve and the tub unit are in satisfactory condition. Satisfactory - The tub/shower appears to drain at an acceptable rate.

**Spa Fixtures:**

Master Bath:     There is a spa tub installed. The tub was filled with water and the jets activated to observe for proper action. The tub appeared to function properly. The supply pipes should be periodically flushed with anti-bacterial cleanser.

**Tub/Shower And Walls:**

Master Bath:     Enclosure appears serviceable, Doors: Yes, Safety Glass? - There is a set of sliding glass doors installed. I was not able to determine if they are made of safety glass



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**Lower Bath:**     Enclosure appears serviceable, Doors: No.

**Bath Ventilation:**

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**Master Bath:**     Satisfactory, venting appears to be working correctly

Bathrooms with a shower should have exhaust fans when possible. This helps to remove excess moisture from the room, preventing damage to the ceiling and walls and wood finishes. The exhaust fan should not be vented into the attic. The proper way to vent the fan(s) is to the outside. Running the vent pipe horizontally and venting into a gable end or soffit is preferred. Running the vent pipe vertically through the roof may cause condensation to run down the vent pipe, rusting the fan and damaging the wallboard. Insulating the vent pipe in the attic will help to reduce this problem.

**Half Bath:**     Satisfactory, venting appears to be working correctly.

**Lower Bath:**     Satisfactory, venting appears to be working correctly.

**INTERIOR ROOMS**

Our inspection of living space includes the visually accessible areas of walls, floors, cabinets and closets, and the testing of a representative number of windows and doors, switches and outlets. We do not evaluate window treatments, move furnishings or possessions, lift carpets or rugs, empty closets or cabinets, nor comment on cosmetic deficiencies. We may not comment on cracks that appear around windows and doors, along lines of framing members or along seams of drywall and plasterboard. These are typically caused by minor movement, such as wood shrinkage, common settling, and seismic activity, and will often reappear if they are not correctly repaired. Such cracks can become the subject of disputes, and are therefore best evaluated by a specialist. Floor covering damage or stains may be hidden by furniture, and the condition of floors underlying floor coverings is not inspected. Determining the condition of insulated glass windows is not always possible due to temperature, weather and lighting conditions. Check with owners for further information. All fireplaces should be cleaned and inspected on a regular basis to make sure that no cracks have developed. Large fires in the firebox can overheat the firebox and flue liners, sometimes resulting in internal damage. Testing, identifying, or identifying the source of environmental pollutants or odors (including but not limited to lead, mold, allergens, odors from household pets and cigarette smoke) is beyond the scope of our service, but can become equally contentious or difficult to eradicate. We recommend you carefully determine and schedule whatever remedial services may be deemed advisable or necessary before the close of escrow.

**Doors:**

**Main Entry Door:**     Appears serviceable, Hardware operational.



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**Other Exterior Doors:**                French, Hardware operational

No landing or steps noted.  
The landing on both sides of an egress door must be at least as wide as the door it serves, extend at least 3-feet perpendicular to the door, and not be more than 1-1/2-inches below the top of the threshold. But the code does allow one exception: the landing or floor at the exterior side of an egress door can be as much as 7-3/4" below the top of the threshold.



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**Overall Interior Door Condition:**                Doors worked satisfactory.

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### Windows:

**General Type & Condition:**                Wood, Insulated glass, Casement, Stationary, A representative sampling was taken. Windows as a grouping are generally operational.

No egress windows noted in at least one bedroom. All bedrooms should have a window that has a minimum open space of 5.7 square feet and no more than 44 inches off the floor to the bottom.

This room lacks a means for emergency egress in the event that a fire or other event prevented use of normal means of escape during an emergency. The Inspector recommends that a secondary means of escape be provided for all bedrooms. All such secondary means of egress should comply with the requirements of modern safety standards applicable for the area in which this home is located.

**Right Bedroom:**    Window is not a egress window.

### Walls:

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**General Material & Condition:**

Drywall, General condition appears serviceable.

### Ceilings:

**General Type & Condition:**

Drywall, General condition appears serviceable

Ghosting is noted with the ceiling. Ghosting is caused by a thermal bridge using the rafter. The temperature difference causes condensation, where soot and dust sticks to the ceiling in these areas. The best defense is to add more insulation to prevent the thermal bridging.



### Floors:

**General:**

Rugs and floor coverings prevent viewing of primary floor materials.

**Kitchen Interior:**

The floor covering material is hardwood.

**Master Bath:**

The floor covering material is vinyl.

**Lower Bath:**

The floor covering material is vinyl.

**Entry:**

The floor covering material is hardwood.

**Hall:**

The floor covering material is carpet.



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- Living Room:** The floor covering material is carpet.
- Family Room:** The floor covering material is carpet.
- Master Bedroom:** The floor covering material is hardwood.
- Right Bedroom:** The floor covering material is carpet.
- Center Bedroom:** The floor covering material is carpet.
- Left Bedroom:** The floor covering material is carpet.
- Laundry:** The floor covering material is vinyl.

**Closets:**

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- General:**     The closets are lighted. The exposed bulb could be a fire hazard if stored items come in contact with the exposed bulb. An 18" clearance is recommended.

**Smoke / Fire And Co Detector:**

- General:**     Smoke alarm(s) responded to test button operation.

**Smoke / Fire Detector:**

- Entry:** There is a functional smoke detector installed in this room. It was undetermined if the unit is hardwired or is battery operated.
- Master Bedroom:** There is a functional smoke detector installed in this room. It was undetermined if the unit is hardwired or is battery operated.
- Right Bedroom:** There is a functional smoke detector installed in this room. It was undetermined if the unit is hardwired or is battery operated.
- Center Bedroom:** There is a functional smoke detector installed in this room. It was undetermined if the unit is hardwired or is battery operated.
- Left Bedroom:** There is a functional smoke detector installed in this room. It was undetermined if the unit is hardwired or is battery operated.



# LAUNDRY AREA

Laundry appliances are not tested or moved during the inspection and the condition of any walls or flooring hidden by them cannot be judged. Drain lines and water supply valves serving washing machines are not operated. Water supply valves may be subject to leaking if turned. See Plumbing and Electrical pages for more details about those types of system components.

## Laundry:

- Location:** Service area main floor, Dryer venting is provided.  
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- Fuel System:**     No gas service viewed.
- Clothes Washer:**     Appears serviceable.
- Clothes Dryer:**     There is only a 220-volt outlet provided for an electric dryer. If you intend to use a gas clothes dryer, you will need to have a gas line installed. Appears serviceable.
- Dryer Vent:** A dryer vent is provided, and in good visual condition. No tears were noted.

### Venting Guidelines

All dryer ducting must be a minimum of 4" in diameter. Clean, unobstructed, frictionless ducts encourage air flow efficiency, quickens drying times, adds longevity to clothing's life and reduces utility bills.

Flexible transition hose between the dryer and the wall outlet should be either the foil type or the aluminum flexible duct (most preferred). Do not use the plastic or vinyl.

Concealed ducting must be rigid metal (galvanized or aluminum) duct.

Duct joints shall be installed so that the male end of the duct points in the direction of the airflow.

Joints should be secured with metal tape (not duct tape). Do not use rivets or screws in the joints or anywhere else in the duct as these will encourage lint collection.

Length of concealed rigid metal ducting shall not exceed 35 feet (25' for IRC). Deduct 5 feet from the allowable length for every 90 degree elbow and two and a half feet for every 45 degree fitting. These lengths may vary per local codes and dryer manufacturers recommendations.

Dryer venting shall be independent of any other systems (chimneys or exhaust vents)

Termination of dryer venting must be to the exterior with a proper hood or roof



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cap equipped with a backdraft damper. Small orifice metal screening should not be part of the hood or roof cap as this will catch lint and block the opening in a very short time. The hood opening should point down and exhibit 12 inches of clearance between the bottom of the hood and the ground or other obstruction.

# GARAGE - CARPORT

Determining the heat resistance rating of firewalls is beyond the scope of this inspection. Flammable materials should not be stored within closed garage areas. Garage door openings are not standard, so you may wish to measure the opening to ensure that there is sufficient clearance to accommodate your vehicles. It is not uncommon for moisture to penetrate garages, particularly with slabs on-grade construction, and this may be apparent in the form of efflorescence or salt crystal formations on the concrete. You may want to have any living space above the garage evaluated further by a structural engineer, as it may be seismically vulnerable.

### Type:

Attached, Three car.

### Roof:

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**Condition:**

Same as house, See house roof report.

### Ceilings:

**Condition:**

Satisfactory - The ceiling covering and (or) framing appears to be in satisfactory condition.

### Garage Door:

**Material - Condition:**

Metal door, Number of doors: 2  
Satisfactory - The overhead door is in satisfactory condition, and it is functional.

**Door Operator:**

Automatic door opener(s)- operational. Testing the remote control for the automatic opener is not included as a part of this inspection. Automatic reverse feature is, Satisfactory - The safety reverse switch worked when it met resistance. There is an electronic beam safety reverse system installed.

**Service Doors:**

Hardware operational, There is a fire rated door separating the garage from the living areas of the house.

### Windows:

**Condition:**

Satisfactory - The windows and associated hardware in this room are all satisfactory.



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### Garage Walls:

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**Type & Condition:**

Drywall, Open Beam, General condition appears serviceable.

**Fire Wall**

The wall covering appears to meet the minimum fire separation standards. However the sheetrock should be tapped and mudded, and have the ceiling partially sheet rocked if the wall does not cover to the roof, to make a more secure fire barrier.

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### Floor:

**Condition:**

Floor type: Concrete, Satisfactory - The floor surface material is in satisfactory condition with only normal deterioration noted.