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Property Inspection Report



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There may come a time that you discover something wrong with the house, and you may be upset or disappointed with your home inspection.

Intermittent Or Concealed Problems

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

No Clues- These problems may have existed at the time of the inspection but there were no clues as to their existence. Our inspections are based on the past performance of the house. If there are no clues of a past problem, it is unfair to assume we should foresee a future problem.

We Always Miss Some Minor Things

Some say we are inconsistent because our reports identify some minor problems but not others. The minor problems that are identified were discovered while looking for more significant problems. We note them simply as a courtesy. The intent of the inspection is not to find the \$20 problems; it is to find the \$2,000 or more problems. These are the things that affect people's decisions to purchase.

Contractors' Advice

The main source of dissatisfaction with home inspectors comes from comments made by contractors. Contractors' opinions often differ from ours. Don't be surprised when three roofers all say the roof needs replacement when we said that, with some minor repairs, the roof will last a few more years.

Last Man In Theory

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

Most Recent Advice Is Best

There is more to the "Last Man In Theory". It suggests that it is human nature for homeowners to believe the last bit of "expert" advice they receive, even if it is contrary to previous advice. As

home inspectors, we unfortunately find ourselves in the position of "First Man In" and consequently it is our advice that is often disbelieved.

Why Didn't We See It

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

1. Conditions During Inspection

It is difficult for homeowners to remember the circumstances in the house at the time of the inspection. Homeowners seldom remember that it was snowing, there was storage everywhere in the basement or that the furnace could not be turned on because the air conditioning was operating, et cetera. It's impossible for contractors to know what the circumstances were when the inspection was performed.

2. The Wisdom Of Hindsight

When the problem manifests itself, it is very easy to have 20/20 hindsight. Anybody can say that the basement is wet when there is 2 inches of water on the floor. Predicting the problem is a different story.

3. A Long Look If we spent 1/2 an hour under the kitchen sink or 45 minutes disassembling the furnace, we'd find more problems too. Unfortunately, the inspection would take several days and would cost considerably more.

4. We're Generalists

We are generalists; we are not specialists. The heating contractor should and may indeed have more heating expertise than we do.

5. An Invasive Look

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

Not Insurance

In conclusion, a home inspection is designed to better your odds. It is not designed to eliminate all risk. For that reason, a home inspection should not be considered an insurance policy for any time beyond the inspection. The premium that an insurance company would have to charge for a policy with no deductible, no limit and an indefinite policy period would be considerably more than the fee we charge. It would also not include the value added by the inspection.

We hope this is food for thought.

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Dear Client,

Thank you for choosing SLS Home Inspections, LLC (SLSHI) to perform your home inspection. The goal of this inspection and report is to put you in a better position to make an informed real estate decision. It is important that you understand that all comments of conditions, observations and recommendations are my opinions and are based on my interpretation of the various industry standards and practices. This report is a general guide and provides you with some objective information to help you make your own evaluation of the overall condition of the home. It is not intended to reflect the value of the property, or any representation as to whether you should buy the house or not.

SLSHI performs all inspections following the standards of practice of INTERNACHI, (International Association of Certified Home Inspectors). We inspect the *Readily accessible, Visually observable, Installed systems and components of a home,* except as noted in the limitations of inspection sections of the report.

Beware that others may disagree or have a different perspective than mine. Not all tradesmen agree on defects, installation methods or other concerns. Unexpected repairs should still be anticipated and an inspection report is not designed to predict when things will break down or cause problems. This report is effectively a snapshot in time of the house, recording the conditions on a given date and time. This report reflects my opinion, which is what you are paying me for. Please understand that the observed defect may be a symptom of a greater problem or a solution may involve troubleshooting a system and not just addressing the item identified in the report. This inspection cannot address those possibilities. Throughout the report, all comments and notes are to be considered starting with the phrase "in my opinion."

Any and all recommendations or comments for repair, replacement, additional evaluation, corrective action or similar should only be performed using recognized methods and materials by a qualified, licensed professional in their respective field.

Again, thank you very much for the opportunity of conducting this inspection for you. We are always available should you have questions, so please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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Report Summary

The summary below consists of potentially significant findings. These findings can be a safety hazard, a deficiency requiring a major expense to correct or items I would like to draw extra attention to. The summary is not a complete listing of all the findings in the report, and reflects the opinion of the inspector. Please review all pages of the report as the summary alone does not explain all of the issues. All repairs should be done by a licensed & bonded tradesman or qualified professional. I recommend obtaining a copy of all receipts, warranties and permits for the work done.

Roof		
Page 7 Item: 1	Roof Condition	• Mechanical/physical damage is present at main roof. In my opinion this can allow water leakage or water entry into the building. Water leakage can lead to further damage to the building including damages to structural framing. Corrective action by a qualified roofing contractor is recommended.
Page 9 Item: 3	Chimney Condition	There appears to be active water leakage. In my opinion this can lead to damage to the building if not corrected immediately. Problems associated with water leakage can include damages to interior and/or finished surfaces. I recommend you contact a qualified roofing contractor to mitigate the situation.
Structure		
Page 18 Item: 5	Roof Framing Condition	Signs of active water leakage/seepage are present in the roof. In my opinion water leakage can cause various problems and damages. It can even lead to structural problems. I recommend you contact a qualified roofer to correct the issue.

Inspection Details

INTRODUCTION:

We appreciate the opportunity to conduct this inspection for you! Please carefully read your entire Inspection Report. Call us after you have reviewed your report, so we can go over any questions you may have. Remember, when the inspection is completed and the report is delivered, we are still available to you for any questions you may have, throughout the entire closing process.

Properties being inspected do not "Pass" or "Fail." - The following report is based on an inspection of the visible portion of the structure; inspection may be limited by vegetation and possessions. Depending upon the age of the property, some items like GFCI outlets may not be installed; this report will focus on safety and function, not current code. This report identifies specific non-code, non-cosmetic concerns that the inspector feels may need further investigation or repair.

For your safety and liability purposes, we recommend that licensed contractors evaluate and repair any critical concerns and defects. Note that this report is a snapshot in time. We recommend that you or your representative carry out a final walk-through inspection immediately before closing to check the condition of the property, using this report as a guide.

1. Attendance

In Attendance: Client present

2. Home Type

Home Type: Attached • Single Family Home

3. Occupancy

Occupancy: Occupied - Furnished: Heavy volume of personal and household items observed. • The utilities were on at the time of inspection. • Access to some items such as: electrical outlets/receptacles, windows, wall/floor surfaces, and cabinet interiors may be restricted by furniture or personal belongings. Any such items are excluded from this inspection report.

Roof

As with all areas of the house, we recommend that you carefully examine the roof immediately prior to closing the deal. Note that walking on a roof voids some manufacturer's warranties. Adequate attic ventilation, solar / wind exposure, and organic debris all affect the life expectancy of a roof. Always ask the seller about the age and history of the roof. On any home that is over 3 years old, experts recommend that you obtain a roof certification from an established local roofing company to determine its serviceability and the number of layers on the roof. We certainly recommend this for any roof over 5 years of age. Metal roofs in snow areas often do not have gutters and downspouts, as there is a concern that snow or ice cascading off the roof may tear gutters from the house. Likewise, be advised that such cascading may cause personal injury or even death. If this house has a metal roof, consult with qualified roofers or contractors regarding the advisability of installing a damming feature which may limit the size and amount of snow / ice sliding from the roof.

1. Roof Condition

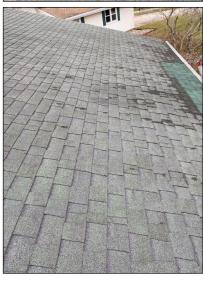
Information: The roof was free and clear for me to inspect. Materials: Asphalt shingles noted. Observations:

• Mechanical/physical damage is present at main roof. In my opinion this can allow water leakage or water entry into the building. Water leakage can lead to further damage to the building including damages to structural framing. Corrective action by a qualified roofing contractor is recommended.























2. Flashing

Observations:

· The overall condition is acceptable.

3. Chimney Condition

Information: The chimney is masonry with a clay tile liner. Observations:

• There appears to be active water leakage. In my opinion this can lead to damage to the building if not corrected immediately. Problems associated with water leakage can include damages to interior and/or finished surfaces. I recommend you contact a qualified roofing contractor to mitigate the situation.









Exterior Areas

This section describes the exterior wall coverings and trim. Inspectors are required to inspect the exterior wall coverings, flashing, trim, all exterior doors, the stoops, steps porches and their associated railings, any attached decks and balconies and eaves, soffits and fascias accessible from ground level.

1. Gutters/Downspouts

Materials: The gutters are made of aluminum. • The downspouts are made of aluminum.

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

2. Fascia/Soffit

Materials: The soffit is made of aluminum. • The fascia is made of aluminum. Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

3. Windows

Style: The windows are double hung. • The windows are fixed exterior. • The windows are sliders.

Observations:

· The overall condition is acceptable.

4. Doors

Observations:

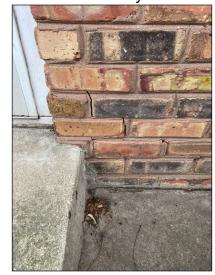
• The overall condition is acceptable.

5. Siding Condition

Materials: Vinyl siding noted. • Brick veneer noted. Observations:

• Cracks are present in the masonry. In my opinion these are common cracks that are often found in masonry walls. The brick wall should be inspected on an annual basis to see if the crack is getting worse. Should the cracking get worse appropriate corrective action will likely be necessary.





6. Garage Condition

Limitations: A car was in the garage. It is not within the scope to remove cars for a closer inspection. This limits my inspection and I cannot be responsible for any defects that I cannot see. • Storage was in the garage. It is not within the scope to remove the storage for a closer inspection. This limits my inspection and I cannot be responsible for any hidden defects that I cannot see.

Style: The garage is a 2.5 car attached garage. Observations:

• The garage passage door into the house is not equipped with an automatic door closer mechanism. In my opinion this is unsafe and is considered a fire/fume hazard from the garage. Installation of appropriate door closer is recommended by a qualified contractor.









7. Foundation Wall Conditions

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

8. Window Wells Condition

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

Grounds

Inspectors shall inspect adjacent or entryway walkways, patios, and driveways; vegetation, grading, surface drainage, and retaining walls that are likely to adversely affect the building.

1. Driveway/Walkway Condition

Materials: Concrete sidewalk noted. • Concrete driveway noted. Observations:

- Uneven walking surfaces are present on this property at the walkway. In my opinion this is considered a trip hazard and can lead to injury. I recommend that you contact a qualified contractor to correct the situation.
- Uneven walking surfaces are present on this property at the driveway. In my opinion this is considered a trip hazard and can lead to injury. I recommend that you contact a qualified contractor to correct the situation.



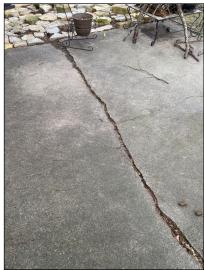


2. Porch/Patio/Deck/Balcony Condition

Materials: The patio is a concrete patio. • The porch is a concreteporch. Observations:

• The patio is improperly sloped towards the foundation. Water can infiltrate into the interior. Recommend repairing or replacing the patio to properly slope away from the foundation.







3. Lot Topography Condition

Observations:
• The overall condition is acceptable.

Structure

1. Foundation Condition

Materials: The foundation style is crawl space and basement. • The foundation is made of poured concrete. • Finishes, insulation, and/or storage is concealing structural components. I cannot be responsible for any hidden defects that I cannot see. All comments based on visible components only. • I was not able to completely inspect the crawl space due to access limitations. I cannot be responsible for any defects that I cannot see. Observations:

• Spalling is present. In my opinion this indicates water is inside the structure and causing damage. I recommend you contact a foundation contractor to mitigate the issue.

























2. Post Condition

Materials: The posts are made of wood.
Observations:

• The overall condition of visible posts is acceptable.



3. Beam Condition

Materials: The beams are made of wood. Observations:

The overall condition of visible beams is acceptable.





4. Floor/Wall Condition

Materials: The floor construction is wood joists. • The sub-flooring is made of plywood. • The wall framing is wood frame. • The wall framing is wood frame with brick veneer.

Observations:

The overall condition of visible framing is acceptable.

5. Roof Framing Condition

Materials: The roof framing is trusses. Observations:

- Mechanical / physical damage is present at the roof sheathing. In my opinion this damage should be repaired. I recommend that you contact a qualified contractor to mitigate the issue.
- Signs of active water leakage/seepage are present in the roof. In my opinion water leakage can cause various problems and damages. It can even lead to structural problems. I recommend you contact a qualified roofer to correct the issue.















Electrical

This report describes the amperage and voltage rating of the service, the location of the main disconnect and any sub panel(s), the presence of solid conductor aluminum branch circuit wiring, the presence or absence of smoke detectors and wiring methods. Inspectors are required to inspect the viewable portions of the service drop from the utility to the house, the service entrance conductors, cables and raceways, the service equipment and main disconnects, the service grounding, the interior components of the service panels and sub panels, the conductors, the over-current protection devices (fuses or breakers), ground fault circuit interrupters and a representative number of installed lighting fixtures, switches and receptacles. All issues or concerns listed in this Electrical section should be construed as current and a potential personal safety or fire hazard. Repairs should be a priority, and should be made by a qualified, licensed electrician.

1. Service Entrance Condition

Materials: The service entrance is underground. Observations:

· The overall condition is acceptable.



2. Disconnect Condition

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

3. Electrical Panel

Information: The service panel is rated for 100 amps. Location: Located in the basement.

Observations:

• The electrical panel has less than three feet clearance to the front and sides. In my opinion less than three feet clearance can be an increased shock / electrocution hazard for those who need to access the panel. However, based on the age of the house and installation this was likely the accepted method in the past. This is not a code compliance inspection and we are not suggesting correction because a more modern code is different than those in the past. This information is being made so you are aware of the conditions in this home although appropriate corrective action is recommended by a qualified contractor.





4. Breakers

Materials: The breakers are 20 amp, 30 amp. • GFCI breakers noted. • Copper non-metallic sheathed cable noted. • Copper armor sheathed cable noted.

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

5. Distribution Wiring Condition

Observations:

- Open wiring and splices are present and are not in appropriate junction boxes or enclosures in the attic. This is an increased fire and shock hazard issue and needs to be corrected by a qualified electrician.
- Cover plates are missing at junction boxes as observed in the attic. All junction boxes need to be covered so there are no exposed wires. Exposed wiring is considered to be a safety hazard. Appropriate cover plates are recommended.



6. System Grounding Condition

Materials: The ground wire is attached to ground rods. Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

7. Outlets Condition

Materials: GFCI outlets noted. Observations:

• The bathroom, kitchen, garage, outdoors electrical receptacle(s) is not GFCI type. A lack of a GFCI receptacle in this location is considered to be an increased safety risk and an electrical shock / electrocution hazard. Upgrading and installation of GFCI receptacles for optimum safety is recommended.













8. Switches Condition

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

9. Lights/Fans Condition

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

10. Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable. Recommend that installation location follow local regulations.

Cooling

1. Cooling Limitations

Information: The outdoor temperature is / or has been consistently lower than 65 degrees. It is a generally recognized practice not to test a/c systems when the outdoor temperature is lower than 65 degrees since this can damage the a/c system. Due to the temperature, the a/c system was not tested and its condition and operating condition is unknown.

2. Cooling System Condition

Compressor Type: Air to Air

Location: The air conditioner was manufactured in .2015



Heating

1. Heating Info

Information: The heating system is powered by gas. • The heating system is gas forced air. • DISCLAIMER - The heat exchanger was not visible or accessible. I cannot be responsible for any defects that I cannot inspect. • The heating system is in the 2nd quarter of its expected useful life. • The heating system was manufactured in .2015 • The heating system is high efficiency.

Information:

• DISCLAIMER - The heat exchanger was not visible or accessible. I cannot be responsible for any defects that I cannot inspect.

2. Main Gas Shut-off Condition

Observations:

· The overall condition is acceptable.

3. Piping Condition

Information: The main gas shut-off is located on the exterior of the building. • The gas piping is black iron, galvanized steel.

Observations:

· The overall condition is acceptable.



4. Gas Burner Condition

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.



5. Vent Condition

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

6. Blower Fan Condition

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

7. Ductwork Condition

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

8. Electric Wiring Condition

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

9. Thermostat Condition

Materials: Living Room

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.



Plumbing

1. Outdoor Spigots Condition

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

2. Piping Condition

Information: The service piping is copper. • The supply piping is copper. • The waste piping is plastic. • The concealed plumbing is not part of the home inspection. Since I cannot see these items, I cannot be held liable should a defect exist.

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.











3. Sump Pump Condition

Style: The sump pump is a submersible pump.

Observations:

• The lid is not present. It is my opinion that someone can step in and get injured. Objects can fall into the pit and obstruct the float ball. This can cause flooding in the house. I recommend that you contact a reputable plumber or handyman to mitigate this issue.



4. Laundry Tub Condition

Observations:

• This item is not secure. Appropriate corrective action is recommended by a qualified plumber.



5. Water Heater Condition

Information: Conventional Gas Fired • The water heater was manufactured in . 2014

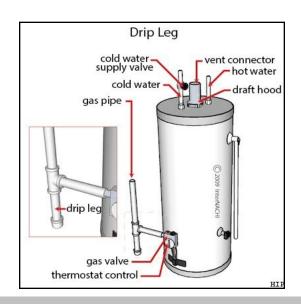
Observations:

- The gas piping does not have a drip leg or dirt leg present. This prevents debris from causing damage to the burner. Corrective action is recommended by a qualified mechanical contractor.
- The gas piping has galvanized pipe sections present. Although gas piping should be black iron (commonly called black schedule 40), galvanized pipe has been proven to work effectively for many years. However, many plumbing and HVAC contractors consider this inferior and often recommend changing the pipe.









6. Toilets Condition

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

7. Bathroom Sink Condition

Observations:

· The overall condition is acceptable.

8. Kitchen Sink Condition

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

9. Shower Condition

Observations:

· The overall condition is acceptable.

10. Tub Condition

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

Interior

1. Interior Limitations

Materials: Personal storage limits the inspection. This may hide some defects that may exist. I cannot be responsible for any defects that I cannot see.

2. Floor Condition

Materials: The flooring is carpet. • The flooring is ceramic tile. • The flooring is resilient tile. • The flooring is hardwood.

Observations:

· The overall condition is acceptable.

3. Wall Condition

Materials: The walls are drywall. • The walls are wood paneling. Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

4. Ceiling Condition

Materials: The ceiling is drywall. • The ceiling is acoustic tile. • The ceiling is suspended tile.

Observations:

- Water stains, deterioration or similar are present. This generally indicates some type of water / moisture entry. Before the end of the inspection contingency period, consult with seller to determine if water source has successfully been repaired.
- Expected cracks, blemishes, nail pops and similar are present. In my opinion these are common conditions and are likely to be cosmetic. Repair is recommended to obtain a better quality finish but will not likely affect performance.









5. Window Condition

Style: The windows are double hung. • The windows are sliders. Observations:

· The overall condition is acceptable.

6. Cabinets

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

7. Closets

Observations:

• Bare light bulbs are present in the closet(s). This can be a potential fire hazard if clothing comes in contact with an exposed light bulb. Recommend installation of light fixtures with covers.



8. Stairs & Handrail

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

9. Interior Doors Condition

Materials: The interior doors are hollow core wood. • The interior doors are solid core wood. • The interior doors are french.

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

10. Exterior Doors Condition

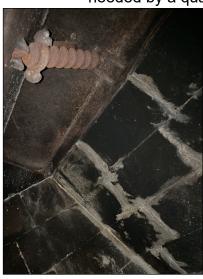
Materials: The exterior doors are metal. • The exterior doors are fiberglass. • The exterior doors are sliding glass. Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

11. Fireplaces Condition

Style: The fireplace is masonry. Observations:

• SAFETY - There is a build up of creosote and debris in the fire box, smoke chamber or flue. In my opinion this is a fire hazard. Cleaning and servicing is needed by a qualified chimney sweep.





12. Trim Condition

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

Insulation

1. Attic Insulation Condition

Materials: Fiberglass • Mineral wool Materials: Ridge Vents • Soffit Vents • Power Vents

Observations:

• The overall condition is visible attic acceptable.

2. Crawl Space/Floor Condition

Materials: DISCLAIMER - I cannot gain access to the crawl space. I cannot be responsible for any hidden defects that I cannot inspect.

Appliances

1. Range Condition

Materials: Gas range Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.



2. Oven Condition

Materials: Gas oven Observations:

· The overall condition is acceptable.

3. Dishwasher

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

4. Garbage Disposal

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

5. Refrigerator Condition

Observations:

• The ice maker and/or water dispenser is not working. Recommend repair by qualified appliance technician.



6. Washer Condition

Observations:

The overall condition is acceptable.

7. Dryer

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

8. Exhaust Fan

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

9. Door Bell

Observations:

• The overall condition is acceptable.

Environmental

1. Mold

Observations:

• SAFETY - This inspection excludes all environmental conditions. However, discolored building materials are present in the basement and in my opinion may be mold but cannot be confirmed without testing. Mold can create an indoor air problem and is considered by some to be a health hazard. Appropriate mold mitigation is recommended by a qualified contractor. Additionally, if there is mold there is a water / moisture problem. Evaluation and corrective action of the water entry or moisture problem is needed by a qualified contractor.









Positives

1. Positives

Observations:

- The heating system is in excellent condition.
- The interior doors and trim are in excellent condition.
- The insulation/venting is in excellent condition.
- The windows are in excellent condition.

Warranty



If your participating InterNACHI® inspector misses a covered item,

InterNACHI® WILL BUY THE HOME!

Additional terms and conditions apply, including:

- 4 home with material defects not present at the time of the inspection, per InterNACHI's Standards of Practice, is not eligible for buy-back.
- A home with issues not required to be inspected, per InterNACHI's Standards of Practice, is not eligible for buy-back.
- The Guarantee applies to your primary residence only.
- The home must be listed for sale with a licensed real estate agent.
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Glossary

Term	Definition
A/C	Abbreviation for air conditioner and air conditioning
GFCI	A special device that is intended for the protection of personnel by de-energizing a circuit, capable of opening the circuit when even a small amount of current is flowing through the grounding system.