

Your Inspection Report



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Dear Ana Santos,

RE: Report No. 70857
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Thank you for choosing us to perform your home inspection. We hope the experience met your expectations.

There are a series of coloured tabs at the top of each page of the attached report that you can click for easy navigation. The report begins with an Overview and then has one section for every major home system (Roofing, Exterior, Structure, etc.). Blue, underlined text indicates a hyperlink. Click on the hyperlink for more information on that subject or condition. There is further reference material at the end.

Please feel free to contact us with questions about the report or the home itself anytime, for as long as you own your home. Our telephone and e-mail consulting services are available at no cost to you. Please watch for your follow-up e-mail. We hope you will fill out and return our client questionnaire. Thanks again for choosing Carson Dunlop.

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INTRODUCTION

This page is typically reserved for significant expenses that will likely occur in the short term. None were found.

The report does include important information, including some recommendations for improvements. This page must not be considered as the complete report. Please read the entire report and the appropriate text included in the provided hyperlinks.

The goal of a home inspection is to identify significant issues that would affect the average person's decision to buy a home. While looking for big issues we typically identify some minor defects along the way. We include these in the report as a courtesy, but please understand a home inspection is not a Technical Audit and does not include compiling a comprehensive list of issues. (That service is available at additional cost.)

FOR THE BUYER

This inspection report is very helpful, but it's not enough to make a decision about buying a home. A complete home inspection includes both an onsite review of the property with the home inspector and the inspection report. To book your Onsite Review, call us at 800-268-7070. Without an Onsite Review, our obligation and liability is limited to the seller.

When you move into the home you will typically identify a number of minor issues not identified in the report. That is to be expected and we suggest you allow roughly 1% of the value of the home annually for this type of maintenance and repair.

CONCLUSION

Houses are designed to last a very long time, but many of the components are consumable. Roofs, heating systems, air conditioning systems and water heaters, for example, wear out and are replaced from time to time. A home with older systems does not mean a poor quality house.

Many elements like kitchens, bathrooms, flooring, siding and windows are most often changed for lifestyle and decorating reasons. These discretionary home improvements are typically planned projects.

Un-planned repairs or replacements are never welcome, but are part of the 'joy of home ownership'. We encourage you to set up maintenance programs to protect your investment, reduce costs, improve comfort and efficiency, and extend life expectancy.

A WORD ABOUT WATER

Uncontrolled water is the enemy of homes. It not only damages the replaceable components, it also attacks the permanent elements of a home including wood and steel structural members, siding, trim, windows, doors, walls, floors and ceilings. Water also promotes mould growth.

Water sources include rain, snow, surface water, ground water; leaks from plumbing and heating systems and condensation. Again, preventative maintenance is the key to protecting your investment and avoiding water damage. This includes keeping gutters and downspouts clear and leak free, and discharging water well away from the building. Lot

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grading should slope slightly down away from the home to direct surface water away from the home.

Annual maintenance programs on roofs, gutters, heating and cooling systems help minimize water damage.

ASBESTOS, MOULD AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Environmental issues are outside the scope of a home inspection. Inspectors do not identify or evaluate issues such as asbestos, mould and indoor air quality. Many building materials contain asbestos, and moisture problems may result in visible or concealed mould. An Environmental Consultant can assist with these types of issues. If you need help, call us at 416-964-9415. More information is available in the Appendix of the report.

NOTE: BALLPARK COSTS AND TIME FRAMES

Any ballpark costs and time estimates provided are a courtesy and should not be relied on for budgeting or decision-making. Quotes from specialists should be obtained. The word 'Minor' describes any cost up to roughly \$1,000.

END OF OVERVIEW

Description

General: • The roof covering is newer and in good condition.

The home is considered to face : • South

Sloped roofing material: • [Asphalt shingles](#)

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

Condition: • Asphalt shingle roof coverings wear out and are replaced every 15 years or more, depending on a number of variables. An annual roof tune-up by a qualified roofer is strongly recommended.



Asphalt shingle roof coverings wear out and...



Asphalt shingle roof coverings wear out and...

SLOPED ROOF FLASHINGS \ General

Condition: • Inspect during annual tune-up.

*Carefully inspect flashings around plumbing stacks, roof vents and chimney's as well, for example.

SLOPED ROOF FLASHINGS \ Chimney flashings

Condition: • [Damage, loose, open seams, patched](#)

*Caulking deteriorated/ineffective.

Task: Seal

Time: As soon as practical

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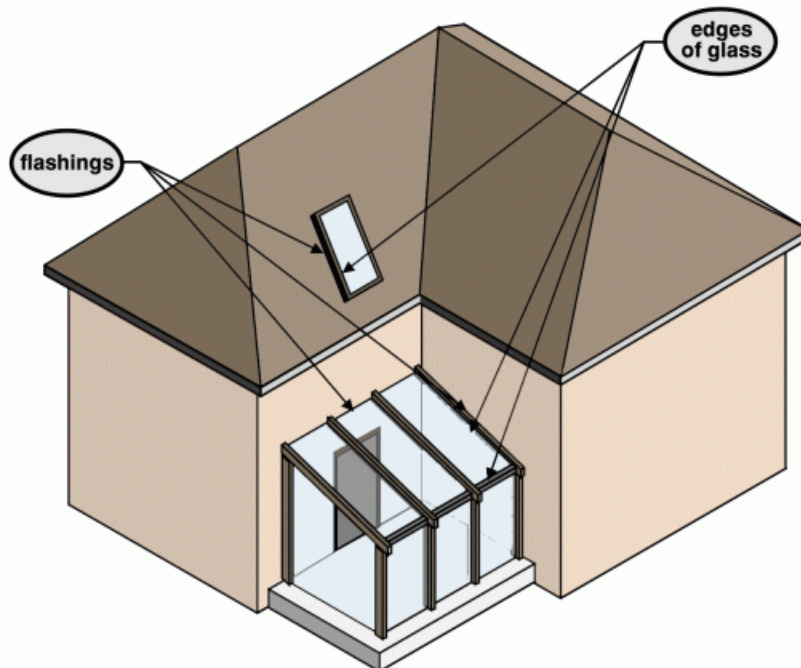
SLOPED ROOF FLASHINGS \ Skylights

Condition: • Skylight(s) - vulnerable area for leaks.

Task: Inspect annually

Skylight and solarium leaks

skylights and solariums are very prone to leakage
leakage typically occurs through the flashings or at
the edges of the glass



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Inspection Methods and Limitations

Roof inspection limited/prevented by: • Eaves Protection - presence, continuity and effectiveness cannot be determined.

Roof inspection limited/prevented by: • Snow/ice/frost

Inspection performed: • By walking on roof

Description

General: • The exterior has been well maintained and is in good condition.

General: • Several components have been updated.

Gutter & downspout material: • [Aluminum](#)

Downspout discharge: • [Below grade](#) • [Above grade](#)

Lot slope: • [Flat](#)

Wall surfaces and trim: • [Stucco/EIFS \(Exterior Insulation and Finishing System or Synthetic Stucco\)](#)

Observations and Recommendations

ROOF DRAINAGE \ Downspouts

Condition: • [Discharge below grade](#)

*Seller reports downspouts and drainage holes at rear patio are tied into drainage system that exhausts into front lawn area (not visible).

Location: Various

Task: Consult Seller for construction details

Condition: • [Discharge onto roofs](#)

*Upper roof discharges onto lower roof - In order to help prevent pre-mature wear of lower shingles, downspout extension(s) into the gutter system below are recommended.

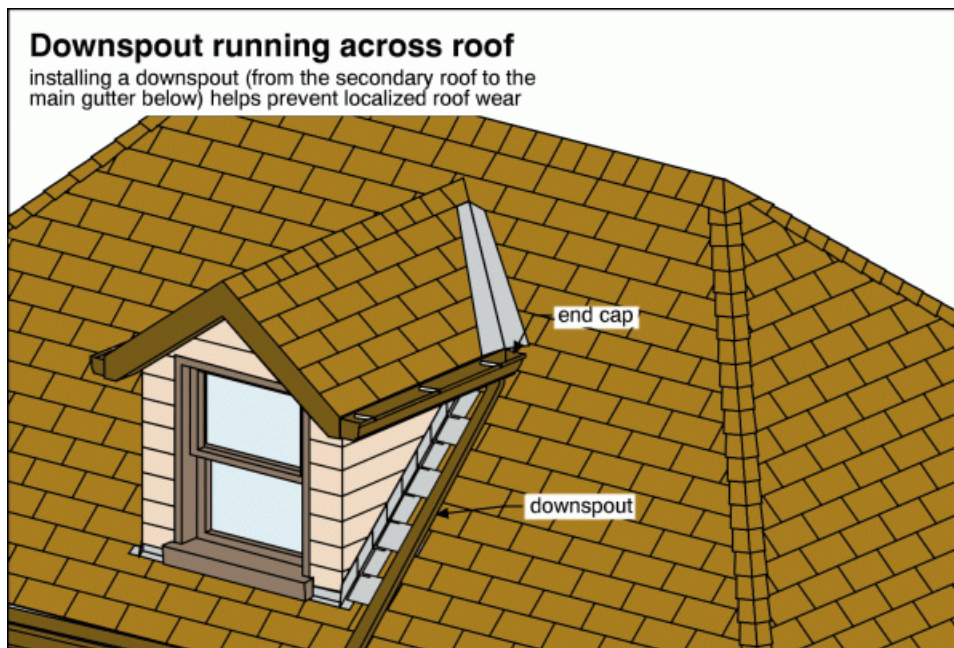
**Gutter end caps missing - provide as required.

Location: Above Front Entrance

Task: improve

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor



WALLS \ EIFS (Exterior Insulation and Finishing System) and Stucco

Condition: • Provide annual Stucco "Tune-Up"

Condition: • EIFS (Synthetic stucco) needs good maintenance to prevent water entry. Vulnerable areas include doors, windows and wall penetrations.

Task: Inspect annually

WINDOWS AND DOORS \ General

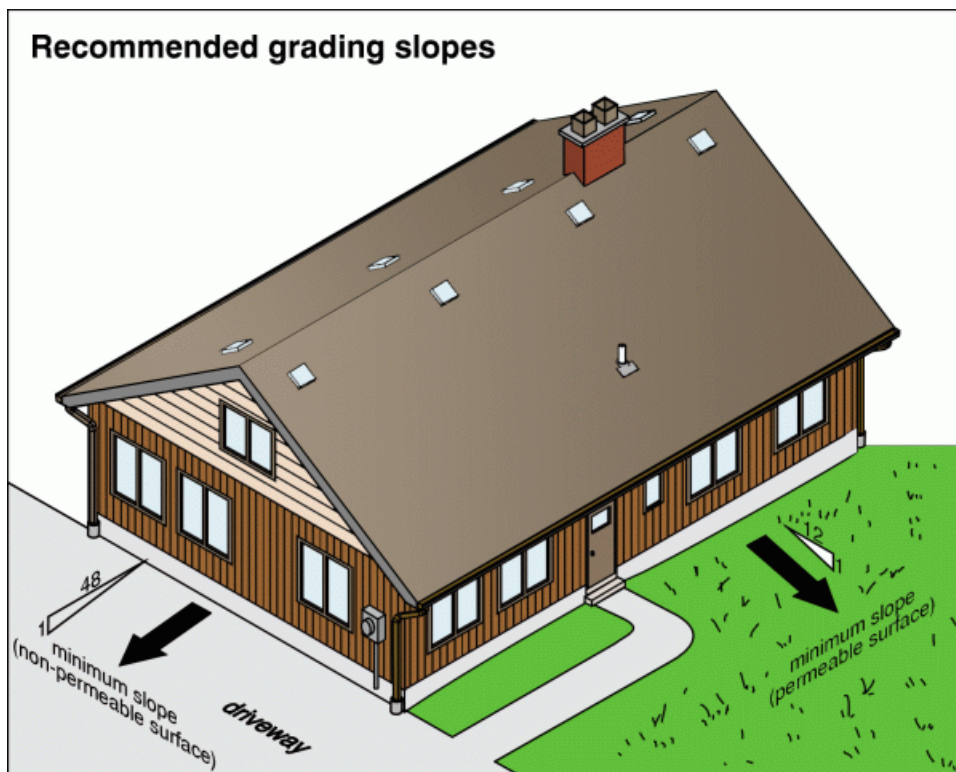
Condition: • Sealant around windows and doors: Ensure sealant is in good repair to help keep water out. Regularly check at sills, around door areas and any other wall openings as well.

Location: For example, Northwest First Floor Window

LANDSCAPING \ Lot grading

Condition: • The grading around portions of the house is relatively neutral.

*Lot grading is generally flat near the home, which is better than draining towards the home, but not as good as draining away from the home. Poor lot grading can contribute to basement leakage. Monitor the drainage in these areas and re-slope them if necessary.



GARAGE \ General

Condition: • Shelving - load capacity not determined

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Inspection Methods and Limitations

General: • Swimming Pools, Spas, Fountains, Ponds, Water Features and related Equipment.

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Storage • New finishes/paint/trim • Storage in garage

Exterior inspected from: • Ground level

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Exterior natural gas BBQ connections (if present).

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Underground components (e.g., oil tanks, septic fields, underground drainage systems) • Fences and boundary walls • Outbuildings other than garages and carports

Description

General: • The structure has performed well, with no evidence of significant movement.

Configuration: • [Basement](#) • [Crawlspace](#)

Foundation material: • [Masonry block](#) • Not visible

Floor construction: • [Joists](#)

Exterior wall construction: • [Masonry](#) • Not visible

Roof and ceiling framing: • [Rafters/roof joists](#)

Observations and Recommendations

FOUNDATIONS \ General

Condition: • Cracks are potential sources of Basement (or Crawl space) dampness or leakage. See INTERIOR: BASEMENT LEAKAGE.

FLOORS \ Concrete slabs

Condition: • Concrete basement, crawlspace and garage floors are not typically part of the structure. Almost all basement, crawlspace and garage concrete floors have minor shrinkage and settlement cracks.

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Finishes, insulation, furnishings and storage conceal structural components, preventing/restricting inspection. • The footings supporting the house are typically not visible and cannot be inspected. Only a small part of the foundation can be seen and inspected from outside the home. Finished or concealed portions of the interior of the foundation cannot be inspected. • Attic - access restricted due to Skylight Well(s)

Inspection limited/prevented by: • New finishes/paint

Environmental issues are outside the scope of a home inspection: • This includes issues such as asbestos.

Description

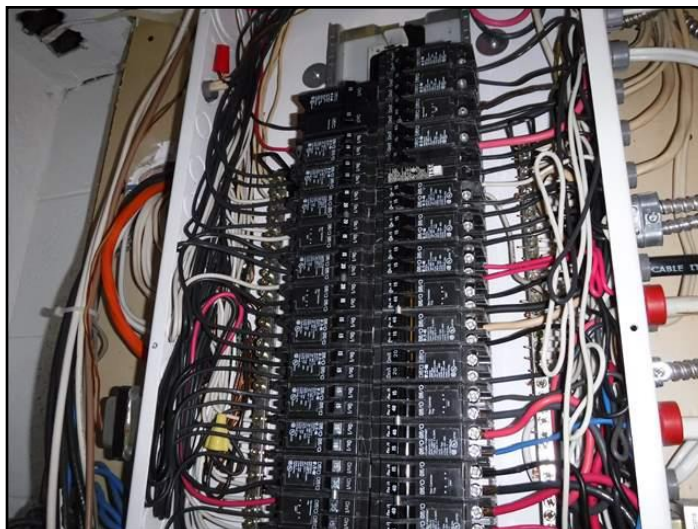
General: • The electrical system has been substantially updated.

Service entrance cable and location: • [Underground - cable material not visible](#)

Service size: • [100 Amps \(240 Volts\)](#)

Main disconnect/service box type and location:

• [Breakers - basement](#)



Breakers - basement

System grounding material and type: • [Copper - water pipe](#)

Distribution wire (conductor) material and type: • [Copper - non-metallic sheathed](#) • [Copper - metallic sheathed](#)

Type and number of outlets (receptacles): • [Grounded - upgraded](#)

Circuit interrupters: Ground Fault (GFCI) & Arc Fault (AFCI): • [GFCI - bathroom](#) • [GFCI - panel](#) • No AFCI

Observations and Recommendations

General

• All electrical recommendations are safety issues. Treat them as high priority items, and consider the Time frame as Immediate, unless otherwise noted.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Outlets (receptacles)

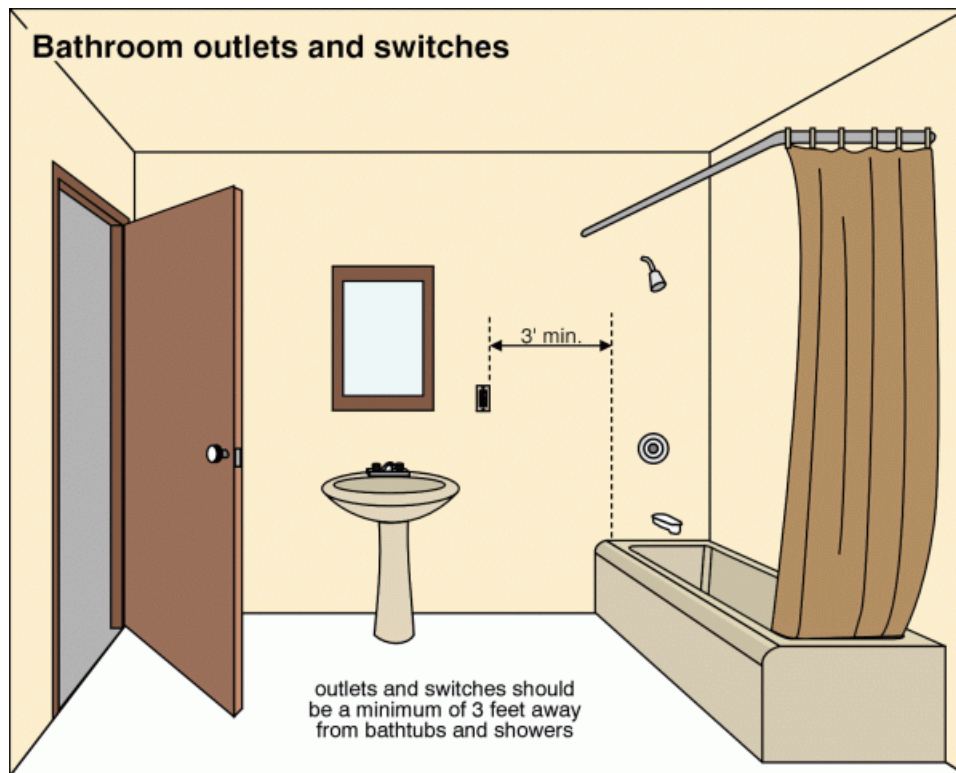
Condition: • Adding Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) is a cost-effective safety improvement to existing homes. At an installed cost of roughly \$100 each, they provide enhanced protection against electric shock and are particularly useful near wet areas like outdoors, garages, and bathrooms). GFCIs may be either special circuit breakers or special wall outlets (receptacles). Either one protects all downstream outlets on that circuit.

Location: For example, Beside Front Porch

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Switches

Condition: • [Location poor \(near Bathtub or Shower Stall\)](#)

Location: Basement Bathroom



DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Cover plates

Condition: • [Missing](#)

*Junction box missing cover.

Location: Beside Panel

Task: Provide

Cost: Minor

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Lights

Condition: • [Inoperative](#)

*Replacement bulb(s) likely required.

Location: Various

Task: Seller to repair

Condition: • Exposed to mechanical damage (No cage or protective lens)

Location: For example, Various Closets

Task: Provide

Inspection Methods and Limitations

General: • A professional home inspection includes the inspection of a representative sample of wiring, lights, receptacles, etc.

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Main disconnect cover not removed - unsafe to do so. • Pot lights not verified as rated for use in insulated ceilings. This should be checked by a qualified electrician.

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Restricted access

System ground: • Quality of ground not determined

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Low voltage wiring systems and components • Testing of smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms • Determination of the age of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

Description

General: • The high-efficiency furnace should have several years of life remaining.

System type: • [Furnace](#)

Fuel/energy source: • [Gas](#)

Approximate capacity: • [80,000 BTU/hr](#)

Efficiency:

• [High-efficiency](#)



High-efficiency

Exhaust venting method: • [Induced draft](#)

Approximate age: • [4 years](#)

Typical life expectancy: • Furnace (high efficiency) 15 to 20 years

Main fuel shut off at: • Meter

Fireplace/stove: • [Gas fireplace](#)

Chimney/vent: • [Masonry](#) • Sidewall venting

Mechanical ventilation system for building: • Kitchen exhaust fan • Bathroom exhaust fan

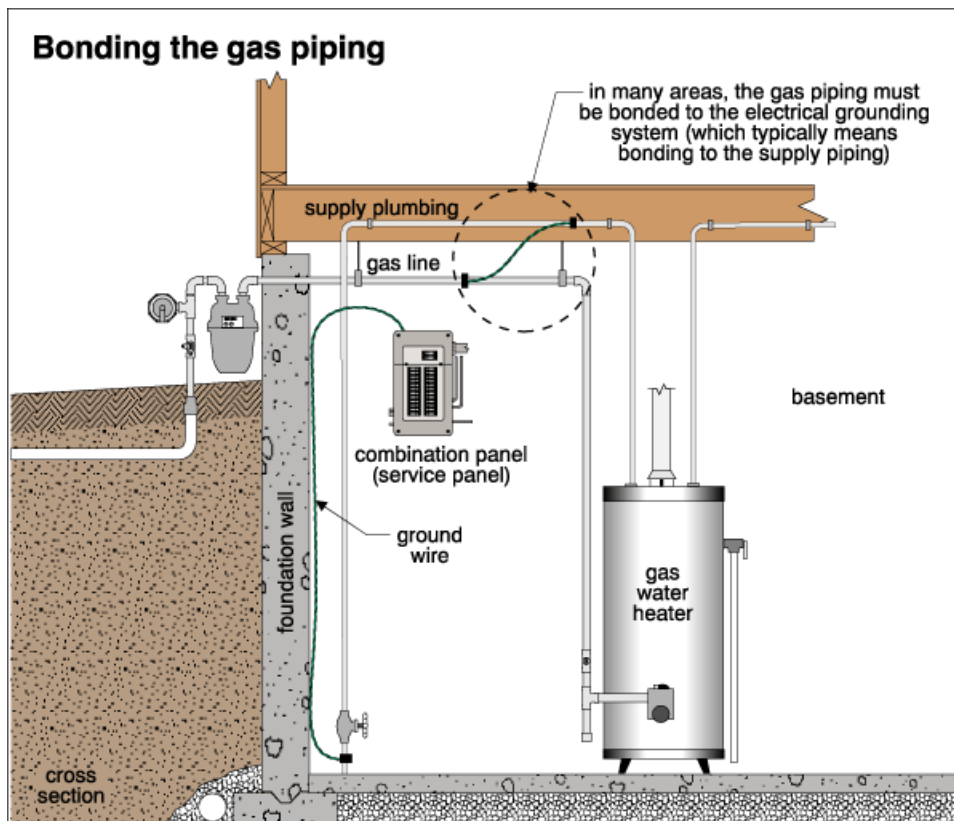
Observations and Recommendations

GAS FURNACE \ Gas piping

Condition: • Piping not properly bonded

*Bonding wire not visible to gas furnace or water heater.

Task: Seller to correct



GAS FURNACE \ Ducts, registers and grilles

Condition: • [Weak airflow](#)

*Warmth provided by in-floor radiant electric heat.

Location: Basement Bathroom, Hallway Bathroom

Condition: • Missing

*Warmth provided by in-floor radiant electric heat.

Location: Laundry Area

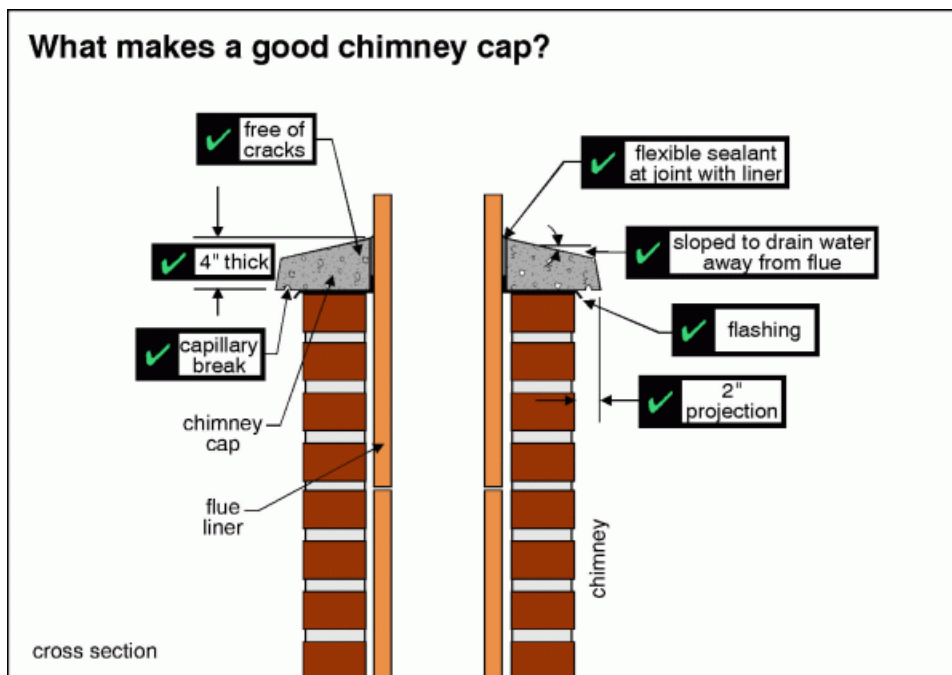
CHIMNEY AND VENT \ Masonry chimney cap

Condition: • [Cracked](#)

*Ensure sealant around base of clay flues is kept in good condition.

Task: Repair/ Seal

Time: Less than 1 year



FIREPLACE \ Gas fireplace

Condition: • A specialist should be engaged to inspect the gas fireplace prior to using the appliance. There are many manufacturers and many models of these units, with many different installation rules. We also recommend the gas fireplace be covered under a maintenance contract that includes regular service.

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection prevented/limited by: • Radiant Floor Heating - performance.

Inspection prevented/limited by: • Vent connectors, chimney interiors and flues are not inspected • Top of chimney too high to see well • Cannot verify proper operation of air filter

Safety devices: • Not tested as part of a building inspection

Heat loss calculations: • Not done as part of a building inspection

Heat exchanger: • The heat exchanger, which is the heart of the system, is not visible for the most part. This is typical of modern systems. It is normally checked during annual heating tune-ups.

Environmental issues are outside the scope of a home inspection: • This includes issues such as asbestos.

Description

General: • The air conditioning system is relatively new.

Air conditioning type:

- [Air cooled](#)



Air cooled

Cooling capacity: • [30,000 BTU/hr](#)

Compressor approximate age: • 4 years

Typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

Observations and Recommendations

AIR CONDITIONING \ Life expectancy

Condition: • The home is equipped with a 4-year old air conditioner. These systems are complex with life expectancies of 10 to 15 years, if well maintained and serviced regularly. An annual maintenance contract is strongly recommended to improve comfort, reduce energy costs and prolong the life of the equipment. See Appendix for more information.

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Low outdoor temperatures prevented testing in the cooling mode.

Heat gain calculations: • Not done as part of a building inspection

Not part of a home inspection: • Home inspectors cannot typically access or inspect the indoor coil

Description

Attic/roof insulation material:

- [Glass fiber](#)



Glass fiber

Attic/roof insulation amount/value: • [R-40](#)

Attic/roof air/vapor barrier: • [Kraft paper](#)

Attic/roof ventilation: • [Roof and soffit vents](#)

Foundation wall insulation material: • Not determined

Observations and Recommendations

ATTIC/ROOF \ Insulation

Condition: • Some evidence of animal or insect activity was noted in the attic. This is not unusual and no action is required. If activity is detected, a pest control company can be contacted for assistance.

Condition: • Access Hatch: weatherstripping/fit less than ideal

Task: Improve

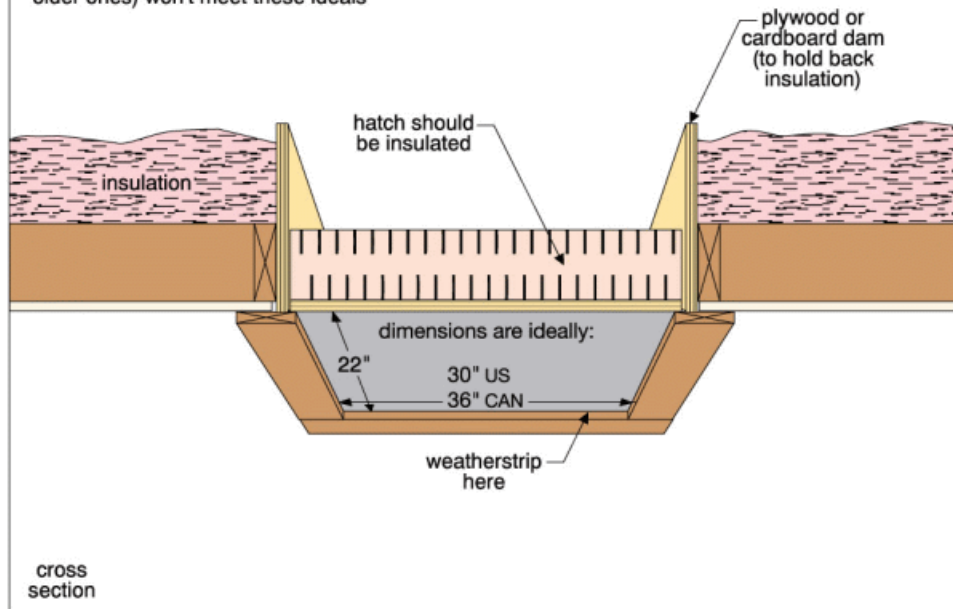
Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

Attic access hatch

the illustration shows a good attic access hatch design

hatches in many houses (especially older ones) won't meet these ideals



Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection prevented by no access to: • Wall space - access not gained.

Attic inspection performed: • From access hatch

Crawlspace inspection performed: • From access hatch

Roof ventilation system performance: • Not evaluated

Air/vapor barrier system: • Continuity not verified

Environmental issues are outside the scope of a home inspection: • This includes issues such as asbestos.

Description

General: • The kitchen and bathrooms have been updated.

Service piping into building: • [Copper](#)

Supply piping in building: • [Copper](#) • PEX (cross-linked Polyethylene)

Main water shut off valve at the:

• Basement

(Under access panel - laundry room. Secondary valve noted in furnace room)



Main water shut-off valve



Secondary water shut-off valve

Water heater type:

• [Conventional](#)



Conventional

Water heater fuel/energy source: • [Gas](#)

Water heater exhaust venting method: • Induced draft

Water heater tank capacity: • 227 liters

Water heater approximate age: • 5 years

Waste and vent piping in building: • Not visible in some areas.

Waste and vent piping in building: • [Plastic](#) • Chrome plated brass

Floor drain location: • Near laundry area

Backwater valve:

• None noted

*These valves help prevent sewer backup. Many insurance companies insist these be installed before they will offer a sewer backup endorsement.

Observations and Recommendations

General

• Domestic water heaters typically last 10 to 15 years, depending on several variables including type, usage levels and water quality. Many plumbing fixtures may be expected to last 15 years or more, although faucets are often replaced every 10 years.

WASTE PLUMBING \ Drain piping - performance

Condition: • A video inspection of the waste plumbing is recommended to determine whether there are tree roots, other obstructions, or damaged pipe. This is common on older properties, especially when mature trees are nearby. This is a great precautionary measure and can help prevent a sewage backup, although many homeowners wait until there are problems with the drains. This Specialty Service can be booked through Carson Dunlop at 1-800-268-7070.

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Hose bib or bibb (outdoor faucet)

Condition: • [Not Frost Free](#)

Typical of this vintage of home.

*Ensure hose bibbs are properly winterized by the time cold weather arrives. This is done by disconnecting any attached hoses, shutting off the supply from the interior, opening the faucet at the exterior (leave open to allow for expansion of any water left in the pipe), drain any water left in the pipe by opening up bleeder valve- don't forget to re-close this.

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Faucet

Condition: • Shower handle damaged/missing.

Location: Basement Bathroom

Task: Seller to repair

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Basin, sink and laundry tub

Condition: • Drain stop ineffective

*Drain-stop damaged, stiff, difficult to operate.

Location: Various Bathroom Basins

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Bathtub

Condition: • Caulking and grout should be checked every six months and improved as necessary to prevent leakage and damage behind wall surfaces.

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Shower stall

Condition: • Caulking and grout should be checked every six months and improved as necessary to prevent leakage and damage behind wall surfaces.

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Toilet

Condition: • [Broken or cracked tank lids, bowls or seats](#)

*Toilet seat loose, damaged/cracked.

Location: Basement Bathroom

Task: Replace

Cost: Minor

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Fixtures not tested/not in service: • Steam - not tested due to long heat-up period

Fixtures not tested/not in service:

• Shower

Basement bathroom: Faucet handle missing/damaged.

Items excluded from a building inspection: • Isolating/relief valves & main shut-off valve • Concealed plumbing • Tub/sink overflows • Water treatment equipment • The performance of floor drains or clothes washing machine drains • Landscape irrigation system

Description

General: • Interior finishes are in good repair overall.

General: • The newer windows help improve comfort and energy efficiency.

Windows: • [Fixed](#) • [Sliders](#) • [Casement](#) • [Skylight](#)

Exterior doors - type/material: • Hinged • [French](#)

Observations and Recommendations

General

• Typical minor flaws were noted on floors, walls and ceilings. These cosmetic issues reflect normal wear and tear.

WINDOWS \ Storms and screens

Condition: • [Missing](#)

*Missing screens reported to be in storage.

Location: Various

BASEMENT \ Leakage

Condition: • Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. Based on a one-time visit, it's impossible to know how often or severe leaks may be. While we look for evidence of past leakage during our inspection, this is often not a good indicator of current conditions. Exterior conditions such as poorly performing gutters and downspouts, and ground sloping down toward the house often cause basement leakage problems. Please read Section 10.0 in the Interior section of the Home Reference Book before taking any action.

To summarize, wet basement issues can be addressed in 4 steps:

1. First, ensure gutters and downspouts carry roof run-off away from the home. (relatively low cost)
2. If problems persist, slope the ground (including walks, patios and driveways) to direct water away from the home. (Low cost if done by homeowner. Higher cost if done by contractor or if driveways, patios and expensive landscaping are disturbed.)
3. If the problem is not resolved and the foundation is poured concrete, seal any leaking cracks and form-tie holes from the inside. (A typical cost is \$300 to \$600 per crack or hole.)
4. As a last resort, dampproof the exterior of the foundation, provide a drainage membrane and add/repair perimeter drainage tile. (High cost)

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Raised or finished floors in basements can trap moisture and lead to problems associated with mold growth. While we don't advocate removal of these types of floors as a matter of course, understand that it is impossible to know the state of the underside of the floor. Conditions may be discovered if renovations are undertaken that were not visible during the inspection. • Limited access to cabinets and closets • Perimeter drainage tile around foundations is not visible.

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Storage/furnishings • New finishes/paint

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Security systems, intercoms, central vacuum systems, chimney flues, elevators, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. • Finding and identifying environmental issues such as asbestos is outside the scope of a home inspection. Asbestos may be present in many building products and materials. An Environmental Consultant can assist if this is a concern.

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Cosmetic issues

Percent of foundation not visible: • 95 %

Basement leakage: • Basement leakage frequency or severity cannot be predicted during a home inspection

Environmental issues are outside the scope of a home inspection : • This includes issues such as asbestos.

END OF REPORT

IMPORTANT ADVICE FOR LOOKING AFTER YOUR HOME

Home maintenance is an important responsibility. It protects your investment, extends life expectancy and helps avoid significant expenses. This document is an integral part of the report, and will help you avoid many common problems and reduce costs.

Priority Maintenance and Home Set-Up

The **Home Set-Up and Maintenance** chapter in the Home Reference Book provides important information regarding things that are done once when moving in, as well as regular maintenance activities. Please be sure to follow these maintenance guidelines. The Home Reference Book is included under the **REFERENCE** tab in this report.

Basement/Crawlspace Leakage

Basement water leakage is the most common problem with homes. Almost every basement and crawlspace leaks under the right conditions. Good maintenance of exterior grading, gutters and downspouts is critically important. For more details, please refer to Section 10 of the **Interior** chapter of the Home Reference Book, which is in the **REFERENCE** tab in this report.

Roof - Annual Maintenance

It is important to set up an annual inspection and tune-up program to minimize the risk of leakage and maximize the life of the roof. Roof leaks may occur at any time and are most often at penetrations or changes in material. A leak does not necessarily mean the roof needs to be replaced.

Roof coverings are disposable and have to be replaced from time to time. Asphalt shingles, for example, last roughly 15 years.

Exterior - Annual Maintenance

Annual inspection of the exterior is important to ensure weather-tightness and durability of exterior components. Grading around the home should slope to drain water away from the foundation to help keep the basement dry. Painting and caulking should be well maintained. Particular attention should be paid to horizontal surfaces where water may collect. Joints, intersections, penetrations and other places where water may enter the building assembly should be checked and maintained regularly.

Washing Machine Hoses

We suggest braided steel hoses rather than rubber hoses for connecting washing machines to supply piping in the home. A ruptured hose can result in serious water damage in a short time, especially if the laundry area is in or above a finished part of the home.

Clothes Dryer Vents

We recommend that vents for clothes dryers discharge outside the home. The vent material should be smooth walled (not corrugated) metal, and the run should be as short and straight as practical. This reduces energy consumption and cost, as well as drying time for clothes. It also minimizes the risk of a lint fire inside the vent.

Lint filters in the dryer should be cleaned every time the dryer is used. There is a secondary lint trap in many condominiums. These should be cleaned regularly. There may also be a duct fan controlled by a wall switch. The fan should be ON whenever the dryer is used.

Dryer ducts should be inspected annually and cleaned as necessary to help reduce the risk of a fire, improve energy efficiency and reduce drying times.

Fireplace and Wood Stove Maintenance

Wood burning appliances and chimneys should be inspected and cleaned before you use them, and annually thereafter. We recommend that specialists with a WETT (Wood Energy Technology Transfer, Inc.) designation perform this work. Many insurance companies require a WETT inspection for a property with a wood burning device.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

Smoke detectors are required at every floor level of every home, including basements and crawlspaces. Even if these are present when you move into the home, we recommend replacing the detectors. We strongly recommend photoelectric smoke detectors rather than ionization type detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors should be provided adjacent to all sleeping areas.

These devices are not tested during a home inspection. Detectors should be tested every 6 months, and replaced every 10 years. Batteries for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced annually. If unsure of the age of a smoke detector, it should be replaced.

Garage Door Operators

The auto reverse mechanism on your garage door opener should be tested monthly. The door should also reverse when it meets reasonable resistance, or if the 'photo eye' beam is broken.

Electrical System – Label the Panel

Each circuit in the electrical panel should be labelled to indicate what it controls. This improves both safety and convenience. Where the panel is already labelled, the labelling should be verified as correct. Do not rely on existing labelling.

Ground Fault Interrupters and Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters

These should be tested monthly using the test buttons on the receptacles or on the breakers in the electrical panel.

Heating and Cooling System – Annual Maintenance

Set up an annual maintenance agreement that covers parts and labour for all heating and cooling equipment. This includes gas fireplaces and heaters, as well as furnaces, boilers and air conditioners. Include humidifiers and electronic air cleaners in the service agreement. Arrange the first visit as soon as possible after taking possession.

Check filters for furnaces and air conditioners monthly and change or clean as needed. Duct systems have to be balanced to maximize comfort and efficiency, and to minimize operating costs. Adjust the balancing for heating and cooling seasons, respectively.

For hot water systems, balancing should be done by a specialist to due to the risk of leakage at radiator valves. These valves are not operated during a home inspection.

Bathtub and Shower Maintenance

Caulking and grout in bathtubs and showers should be checked every 6 months, and improved as necessary to prevent leakage and water damage behind walls and below floors.

Water Heaters

All water heaters should be flushed by a specialist every year to maximize performance and life expectancy. This is even more critical on tankless water heaters.



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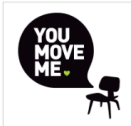
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This is a copy of our home inspection contract and outlines the terms, limitations and conditions of the home inspection

THIS CONTRACT LIMITS THE LIABILITY OF THE HOME INSPECTION COMPANY.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

The term Home Inspector in this document means the Home Inspector and the Home Inspection Company. The inspection is performed in accordance with the **STANDARDS OF PRACTICE** of the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors. To review the **STANDARDS OF PRACTICE**, click <http://www.oahi.com/download.php?id=138>.

The Home Inspector's report is an opinion of the present condition of the property, based on a visual examination of the readily accessible features of the building. For more information on what a home inspection includes, click <http://www.carsondunlop.com/home-inspection-services/home-inspection-what-to-expect/>.

In addition to the limitations in the STANDARDS, the Inspection of this property is subject to Limitations and Conditions set out in this Agreement.

LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THE HOME INSPECTION

The focus of the inspection is on major issues that may affect a reasonable person's decision to buy a home.

A Home Inspector is a generalist, rather than a specialist. The home inspection is a non-invasive performance review, rather than a design review. Home Inspectors do not perform calculations to determine whether mechanical, electrical and structural systems for example, are properly sized.

1) THE INSPECTION IS NOT TECHNICALLY EXHAUSTIVE.

The Inspection is a sampling exercise and is not technically exhaustive. The focus is on major issues, and while looking for major issues, we typically come across some smaller issues. These are included in the report as a courtesy, but it should be understood that not all issues will be identified.

Establishing the significance of an issue may be beyond the scope of the inspection. Further evaluation by a specialist may be required.

A Technical Audit is a more in-depth, technically exhaustive inspection of the home that provides more information than a Home Inspection. We have both services available. By accepting this agreement, you acknowledge that you have chosen a Home Inspection instead of a Technical Audit.

You also acknowledge that you have been offered and have declined a thermal imaging inspection to help identify hidden water problems.

If you are concerned about any conditions noted in the Home Inspection Report, we strongly recommend that you consult a qualified specialist to provide a more detailed analysis.

2) THE INSPECTION IS AN OPINION OF THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE VISIBLE COMPONENTS.

A Home Inspection does not include identifying defects that are hidden behind walls, floors or ceilings, storage or furniture. This includes inaccessible elements such as wiring, heating, cooling, structure, plumbing and insulation.

Intermittent problems may not be visible on a Home Inspection because they only happen under certain circumstances. For example, your Home Inspector may not discover leaks that occur only during certain weather conditions or when a specific tap or appliance is being used in everyday life.

Home Inspectors will not find conditions that are concealed by finishes, storage or furnishings. Inspectors do not remove wall coverings (including wallpaper), lift flooring (including carpet) or move storage or furniture.

Representative sampling is used for components where there are several similar items. The list includes but is not limited to – roof shingles, siding, masonry, windows, interior doors, electrical wiring, receptacles and switches, plumbing pipes, heating ducts and pipes, attic insulation and air/vapor barriers, and floor, wall and ceiling surfaces.

3) THIS IS NOT A CODE-COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

Home Inspectors do NOT determine whether or not any aspect of the property complies with past or present codes (such as building codes, electrical codes, fuel codes, fire codes, etc.), regulations, laws, by-laws, ordinances or other regulatory requirements. Codes change regularly, and most homes will not comply with current codes.

4) THE INSPECTION DOES NOT INCLUDE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

This includes building materials that are now suspected of posing a risk to health such as phenol-formaldehyde and urea-formaldehyde based insulation, fiberglass insulation and vermiculite insulation. Inspectors do NOT identify asbestos in roofing, siding, wall, ceiling or floor finishes, insulation or fireproofing. Inspectors do NOT look for lead or other toxic metals in such things as pipes, paint or window coverings. Health scientists can help in these areas.

The Inspection does not deal with environmental hazards such as the past use of insecticides, fungicides, herbicides or pesticides. Home Inspectors do NOT look for, or comment on, the past use of chemical termite treatments in or around the property.

5) WE DO NOT COMMENT ON THE QUALITY OF AIR IN A BUILDING.

The Inspector does not determine if there are irritants, pollutants, contaminants, or toxic materials in or around the building.

The Inspection does not include spores, fungus, mould or mildew. You should note that whenever there is water damage noted in the report, there is a possibility that mould or mildew may be present, unseen behind a wall, floor or ceiling.

If anyone in your home suffers from allergies or heightened sensitivity to quality of air, we strongly recommend that you consult a qualified Environmental Consultant who can test for toxic materials, mould and allergens at additional cost.

6) WE DON'T LOOK FOR BURIED TANKS.

Home Inspectors do not look for fuel oil, septic or gasoline tanks that may be buried on the property. If there are fuel oil or other storage tanks on the property, you may be responsible for their removal and the safe disposal of any contaminated soil. If you suspect there is a buried tank, we strongly recommend that you retain a qualified Environmental Consultant to investigate.

7) CANCELLATION FEE

If the inspection is cancelled within 24 hours of the appointment time, a cancellation fee of 50% of the fee will apply.

8) REPORT IS FOR OUR CLIENT ONLY.

The inspection report is for the exclusive use of the client named herein. The client may provide the report to prospective buyers, at their own discretion. Potential buyers are required to obtain their own Onsite Review with Carson Dunlop if they intend to rely on this report. Carson Dunlop will not be responsible for the use of or reliance upon this Report by any third party without an Onsite Review.

9) NOT A GUARANTEE, WARRANTY OR INSURANCE POLICY.

The inspection and report are not a guarantee, warranty or an insurance policy with regard to the fitness of the property.

10) TIME TO INVESTIGATE

We will have no liability for any claim or complaint if conditions have been disturbed, altered, repaired, replaced or otherwise changed before we have had a reasonable period of time to investigate.

11) LIMIT OF LIABILITY

THE LIABILITY OF THE HOME INSPECTOR AND THE HOME INSPECTION COMPANY ARISING OUT OF THIS INSPECTION AND REPORT, FOR ANY CAUSE OF ACTION WHATSOEVER, WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR IN NEGLIGENCE, IS LIMITED TO A REFUND OF THE FEES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED FOR THIS INSPECTION OR \$1,000, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

The client agrees that any claim, for negligence, breach of contract or otherwise, be made in writing and reported to Carson Dunlop within 10 business days of discovery. Further, the client agrees to allow Carson Dunlop the opportunity to re-inspect the claimed discrepancy except for an emergency condition, before the client or client's agent, employees or independent contractor repairs, replaces, alters or modifies the claimed discrepancy. The client understands and agrees that any failure to notify Carson Dunlop as stated above shall constitute a waiver of any and all claims the client may have against the inspector and/or Carson Dunlop.

12) TIME PERIOD

The Client acknowledges and agrees that the timeframe for commencement of legal proceedings by the Client against the Inspector for damages suffered by the Client as a result of alleged errors, omissions, breaches of contract and/or negligence by the Inspector shall not be later than two (2) years from the date of the inspection.

APPENDIX

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13) LEGAL ADVICE

The Client has had such legal advice as the Client desires in relation to the effect of this Contract on the Client's legal rights.

14) CLIENT'S AGREEMENT

The Client understands and agrees to be bound by each and every provision of this contract. The Client has the authority to bind any other family members or other interested parties to this Contract.

X

Name (Print)

Signature

ASBESTOS, MOULD AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Environmental issues are outside the scope of a home inspection. Inspectors do not identify or evaluate issues such as asbestos, mould and indoor air quality. Many building materials contain asbestos, although homes built after 1990 are unlikely to have asbestos. Moisture problems may result in visible or concealed mould. There are many sources of indoor air quality issues.

An Environmental Consultant can assist with these types of issues. If you need help, call us at 416-964-9415. More information is available by clicking on the links below.

ASBESTOS

[Health Risks of Asbestos](#) - Government of Canada

VERMICULITE

[Vermiculite Insulation Containing Amphibole Asbestos](#) - Health Canada

MOULD

[MOISTURE AND AIR A Guide for Understanding and Fixing Interior Moisture Problems in Housing](#) - Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

AIR QUALITY

[Indoor Air Quality](#) - Health Canada