

Client name:
Inspected property address:
Date and time of the inspection:
Weather conditions:
Approximate outdoor air temperature:
People present at the time of the inspection:
Estimated year built:
Type of structure inspected:
Company name:
Inspector name:
Company phone:
Company email:
Company address:



This checklist is based upon the International Standards of Practice for Performing a General Home Inspection, which is located at <u>www.nachi.org/sop</u>.

This checklist may be used to perform a visual inspection of a home and provide the inspector with a written report identifying the defects that were (1) observed and (2) deemed material.

The purpose of clarity, the following terms may be used by the inspector:

A **material defect** is a specific issue with a system or component of a residential property that may have a significant, adverse impact on the value of the property, or that poses an unreasonable risk to people.

A **major defect** is a condition of a system or component that renders it non-working, nonperforming, non-functioning or unsafe, and requires a professional contractor to further evaluate and repair, correct or replace.

A **minor defect** is a condition of a system or component that renders it non-working, nonperforming, or non-functioning, and may be repaired, corrected or replaced by a professional contractor or the homeowner.

A **cosmetic defect** is a superficial flaw or blemish in the appearance of a system or component that does not interfere with its safety or functionality.



ROOF

INSPECT:

- _____I inspected the roof-covering materials:
 - _____ from the ground level
 - _____ from the eaves
 - _____ from a ladder
 - _____ from the roof surface
 - _____ from a window
 - ____ using binoculars
 - _____ using a camera extension pole

_____ The roof-covering materials were not inspected, because they were:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

- _____ I inspected the gutters:
 - _____ from the ground level
 - _____ from the eaves
 - _____ from a ladder
 - _____ from the roof surface
 - ____ The gutters were not inspected, because they were:
 - ____ inaccessible
 - ____ unsafe
 - ____ not present
 - _____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected from ground level or the eaves the downspouts.

- _____ The downspouts were not inspected, because they were:
 - _____ inaccessible
 - ____ unsafe
 - ____ not present
 - _____ not within the scope of the inspection



____ I inspected the vents, flashing, skylights, chimney, and other roof penetrations:

- _____ from the ground level
- _____ from the eaves
- ____ from a ladder
- _____ from the roof surface
- ____ from a window
- _____ using binoculars
- _____ using a camera extension pole

_____ The vents, flashing, skylights, chimney, and other roof penetrations were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection
- _____ I inspected from ground level or the eaves the general structure of the roof:
 - _____ from readily accessible areas
 - _____ from readily accessible panels
 - _____ from readily accessible doors
 - _____ from readily accessible stairs

_____ The general structure of the roof from the readily accessible panels, doors or stairs was not inspected, because it was:

_____ inaccessible

- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

DESCRIBE:

The type of roof-covering materials I observed can be described as:

- _____ asphalt shingle
- _____ wood shingle or shake
- _____ concrete or clay tile
- ____ metal
- _____ slate
- ____ other



REPORT:

- I observed indications of an active roof leak. Correction is needed.
- _____ I observed indications of a material defect.
- _____ I observed indications of a major defect.
- _____ I observed indications of a minor defect.
- _____ I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.



EXTERIOR

INSPECT:

_____ I inspected the exterior wall-covering materials, flashing and trim.

_____ The exterior wall-covering materials, flashing and trim were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected all exterior doors.

_____ All exterior doors were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected the adjacent walkways and driveways.

_____ The adjacent walkways and driveways were not inspected, because they were:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected the stairs, steps, stoops, stairways and ramps.

_____ The stairs, steps, stoops, stairways and ramps were not inspected, because they were: _____ inaccessible

_____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection



I inspected the porches, patios, decks, balconies and carports.
The porches, patios, decks, balconies and carports were not inspected, because they were inaccessible unsafe not present not within the scope of the inspection
I inspected the railings, guards and handrails.
The railings, guards and handrails were not inspected, because they were: inaccessible unsafe not present not within the scope of the inspection
I inspected the eaves, soffits and fascia.
The eaves, soffits and fascia were not inspected, because they were: inaccessible unsafe not present not within the scope of the inspection
I inspected a representative number of windows.
A representative number of windows were not inspected, because they were: inaccessible unsafe not present not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected the vegetation, surface drainage, retaining walls and grading of the property, where they may adversely affect the structure due to moisture intrusion.



_____ The vegetation, surface drainage, retaining walls and grading of the property, where they may adversely affect the structure due to moisture intrusion, were not inspected, because they were:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

DESCRIBE:

The type of exterior wall-covering materials can be described as:

- ____ vinyl
- ____ stucco
- _____ aluminum siding
- _____ cement-fiber panels or siding
- _____ exterior insulation finish systems (EIFS)
- _____ wood panels or siding
- _____ masonry, brick and stone
- ____ other

REPORT:

_____ I observed indications of improper spacing between intermediate balusters, spindles and rails. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of a material defect.

_____ I observed indications of a major defect.

_____ I observed indications of a minor defect.



BASEMENT, FOUNDATION, CRAWLSPACE & STRUCTURE

INSPECT:

_____ I inspected the foundation.

_____ The foundation was not inspected, because it was:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected the basement.

_____ The basement was not inspected, because it was:

inaccessible

____ unsafe

- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected the crawlspace.

____ The crawlspace was not inspected, because it was:

_____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected the structural components.

_____ The structural components were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection



DESCRIBE:

The type of foundation can be described as:

- ____ basement
- ____ crawlspace
- _____ slab-on-grade
- ____ concrete block
- ____ poured concrete
- ____ other

The location of the access to the under-floor space is

REPORT:

I observed indications of wood in contact with or near soil. Correction is needed.

I observed indications of active water penetration. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of possible foundation movement, such as sheetrock cracks, brick cracks, out-of-square door frames, and unlevel floors. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of cutting, notching and boring of framing members that may, in my opinion, present a structural or safety concern. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of a material defect.

_____ I observed indications of a major defect.

_____ I observed indications of a minor defect.



HEATING

INSPECT:

I inspected the heating system, using normal operating controls.

_____ The heating system was not inspected, because it was:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

DESCRIBE:

The location of the thermostat for the heating system is

The energy source of the heating system is:

- ____ natural gas
- _____ electricity
- ____ fuel oil
- ____ propane
- _____ geothermal
- ____ solar
- ____ solid wood
- ____ pellets
- ____ coal
- ____ kerosene

The heating method of the heating system is:

- ____ warm-air
- ____ hydronic
- ____ steam
- _____ electric
- ____ other

REPORT:

_____ A heating system did not operate. Correction is needed.

_____ A heating system was deemed inaccessible. Correction is needed.

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- _____ I observed indications of a material defect.
- _____ I observed indications of a major defect.
- _____ I observed indications of a minor defect.
- _____ I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.



COOLING

INSPECT:

I inspected the cooling system using normal operating controls.

_____ The cooling system was not inspected, because it was:

- _____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

DESCRIBE:

The location of the thermostat for the cooling system is

The cooling method can be described as:

- _____ a central air conditioning system
- _____ a split or ductless air conditioning
- _____ a packaged air conditioner
- _____ a evaporative cooling unit
- _____ a window air conditioner
- _____ a through-wall unit
- _____ a portable unit
- ____ other

REPORT:

- _____ A cooling system did not operate. Correction is needed.
- _____ A cooling system was inaccessible. Correction is needed.
- _____ I observed indications of a material defect.
- _____ I observed indications of a major defect.
- _____ I observed indications of a minor defect.
- _____ I observed indications of a cosmetic defect.





PLUMBING

INSPECT:

_____ I inspected the main water supply shut-off valve.

_____ The main water supply shut-off valve was not inspected, because it was:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected the main fuel supply shut-off valve.

_____ The main fuel supply shut-off valve was not inspected, because it was:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected the water heating equipment, including the energy source, venting connections, temperature/pressure-relief (TPR) valves, Watts 210 valves, and seismic bracing.

_____ The water heating equipment, including the energy source, venting connections, temperature/pressure-relief (TPR) valves, Watts 210 valves, and seismic bracing, were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected the interior water supply, including all fixtures and faucets, by running the water.

_____ The interior water supply, including all fixtures and faucets, were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection



	I inspected all toilets for proper operation by flushing.
	The toilets were not inspected, because they were: inaccessible unsafe not present not within the scope of the inspection
	I inspected all sinks, tubs and showers for functional drainage.
	The sinks, tubs and showers were not inspected, because they were: inaccessible unsafe not present not within the scope of the inspection
	I inspected the drain, waste and vent system. The drain, waste and vent system was not inspected, because it was: inaccessible unsafe not present not within the scope of the inspection
	I inspected the drainage sump pumps with accessible floats.
	The drainage sump pumps with accessible floats were not inspected, because they were: inaccessible unsafe not present not within the scope of the inspection
DES	CRIBE:

_____ Based upon observed indications, the water supply is public.

_____ Based upon observed indications, the water supply is private.



The location of the main water supply shut-off valve is

The location of the main fuel supply shut-off valve is

The location of the observed fuel-storage system is

The static water pressure reading was measured at

The capacity of the water heating equipment was measured at

REPORT:

_____ I observed indications of deficiencies in the water supply by viewing the functional flow in two fixtures operated simultaneously. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of deficiencies in the installation of hot and cold water faucets. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of mechanical drain stops that were missing or did not operate if installed in sinks, lavatories and tubs. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of toilets that were damaged, had loose connections to the floor, were leaking, or had tank components that did not operate. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of a material defect.

_____ I observed indications of a major defect.

_____ I observed indications of a minor defect.



ELECTRICAL

INSPECT:

_____ I inspected the service drop.

_____ The service drop was not inspected, because it was:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected the overhead service conductors and attachment point.

_____ The overhead service conductors and attachment point were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected the service head, gooseneck and drip loops.

_____ The service head, gooseneck and drip loops were not inspected, because they were:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected the service mast, service conduit and raceway.

_____ The service mast, service conduit and raceway were not inspected, because they were: _____ inaccessible

_____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected the electric meter and base.



The electric meter and base were not inspected, because they were:
inaccessible
unsafe
not present
not within the scope of the inspection
I inspected the service-entrance conductors.
The service-entrance conductors were not inspected, because they were:
inaccessible
unsafe
not present
not within the scope of the inspection
I inspected the main service disconnect.
The main service disconnect was not inspected, because it was:
inaccessible
unsafe
not present
not within the scope of the inspection
I inspected panelboards and over-current protection devices (circuit breakers and fuses).
The panelboards and over-current protection devices (circuit breakers and fuses) were not
inspected, because they were: inaccessible
unsafe
not present not within the scope of the inspection
I inspected the service grounding and bonding.
The service grounding and bonding were not inspected, because they were:
inaccessible
unsafe
not present
not within the scope of the inspection



_____ I inspected a representative number of switches, lighting fixtures and receptacles, including receptacles observed and deemed to be arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI)-protected using the AFCI test button, where possible.

_____ The representative number of switches, lighting fixtures and receptacles, including receptacles observed and deemed to be arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI)-protected using the AFCI test button, where possible, were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected all ground-fault circuit interrupter receptacles and circuit breakers observed and deemed to be GFCIs using a GFCI tester, where possible.

_____ The ground-fault circuit interrupter receptacles and circuit breakers observed and deemed to be GFCIs using a GFCI tester, where possible, were not inspected, because they were:

- _____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors.

_____ The smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors were not inspected, because they were:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

DESCRIBE:

The main service disconnect's amperage rating, if labeled, is ______

The type of wiring observed can be described as:

- _____ type NM (nonmetallic sheathed)
- _____ type UF (underground feeder)
- _____ type AC (armored cable)
- _____ aluminum branch circuit

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____ knob and tube

REPORT:

_____ I observed indications of deficiencies in the integrity of the service-entrance conductors' insulation, drip loop, and vertical clearances from grade and roofs. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of unused circuit-breaker panel opening that was not filled. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of the presence of solid conductor aluminum branch-circuit wiring. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of a tested receptacle in which power was not present, polarity was incorrect, the cover was not in place, the GFCI devices were not properly installed or did not operate properly, indications of arcing or excessive heat, and where the receptacle was not grounded or was not secured to the wall. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of the absence of smoke detectors. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of a material defect.

_____ I observed indications of a major defect.

_____ I observed indications of a minor defect.



FIREPLACE

INSPECT:

_____ I inspected readily accessible and visible portions of the fireplaces and chimneys.

_____ The readily accessible and visible portions of the fireplaces and chimneys were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected the lintels above the fireplace openings.

_____ The lintels above the fireplace openings were not inspected, because they were:

_____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected the damper doors by opening and closing them, if readily accessible and manually operable.

_____ The damper doors were not inspected, because they were:

_____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected the cleanout doors and frames.

_____ The cleanout doors and frames were not inspected, because they were:

_____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection



DESCRIBE:

The type of fireplace can be described as:

- _____ masonry solid fuel-burning
- _____ factory-built solid fuel-burning
- _____ decorative gas-burning
- _____ solid fuel-burning stove
- _____ solid fuel-burning fireplace insert

REPORT:

_____ I observed indications of joint separation, damage or deterioration of the hearth, hearth extension or chambers. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of manually operated dampers that did not open and close. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of the lack of a smoke detector in the same room as the fireplace. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of the lack of a carbon-monoxide detector in the same room as the fireplace. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of cleanouts not made of metal, pre-cast cement, or other non-combustible material. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of a material defect.

_____ I observed indications of a major defect.

_____ I observed indications of a minor defect.



ATTIC, INSULATION & VENTILATION

INSPECT:

_____ I inspected the insulation in unfinished spaces from:

- _____ readily accessible areas
- _____ readily accessible panels
- _____ readily accessible doors
- _____ readily accessible stairs

_____ The insulation in unfinished spaces was not inspected, because it was:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected the ventilation of unfinished spaces, including attics, crawlspaces and foundation areas.

_____ The ventilation of unfinished spaces was not inspected, because it was:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

I inspected the mechanical exhaust systems in the kitchen, bathrooms and laundry area.

_____ The mechanical exhaust systems in the kitchen, bathrooms and laundry area were not inspected, because they were:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

DESCRIBE:

The type of insulation observed can be described as:

- _____ fiberglass blanket
- _____ blown-in fiberglass
- ____ loose-fill fiberglass

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- ____ mineral rock or slag wool
- ____ blown-in cellulose
- ____ loose-fill cellulose
- _____ spray-foamed or foamed-in-place
- _____ structural insulated panel
- _____ concrete block insulation
- _____ foam board or rigid foam
- _____ insulated concrete forms
- ____ natural fibers
- ____ others

The approximate average depth of insulation observed at the unfinished attic floor area or roof structure:

The approximate average thickness of vertical insulation observed from the unfinished attic area:

REPORT:

_____ I observed indications of the general absence of insulation or ventilation in unfinished spaces. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of a material defect.

_____ I observed indications of a major defect.

_____ I observed indications of a minor defect.



DOORS, WINDOWS & INTERIOR

INSPECT:

_____ I inspected a representative number of doors and windows by opening and closing them.

_____ A representative number of doors and windows were not inspected, because they were:

- _____ inaccessible
- _____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

____ I inspected floors, walls and ceilings.

_____ The floors, walls and ceilings were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

I inspected stairs, steps, landings, stairways and ramps.

- ____ The stairs, steps, landings, stairways and ramps were not inspected, because they were:
 - ____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected railings, guards and handrails.

____ The railings, guards and handrails were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

_____ I inspected garage vehicle doors and the operation of garage vehicle door openers, using normal operating controls.



_____ The garage vehicle doors and the operation of garage vehicle door openers were not inspected, because they were:

____ inaccessible

- _____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

DESCRIBE:

____ The garage vehicle door is manually-operated.

_____ The garage vehicle door is installed with a garage door opener.

REPORT:

_____ I observed indications of improper spacing between intermediate balusters, spindles and rails for steps, stairways, guards and railings. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of photo-electric safety sensors that did not operate properly. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of a window that was obviously fogged or displayed other indications of broken seals. Correction is needed.

_____ I observed indications of a material defect.

_____ I observed indications of a major defect.

_____ I observed indications of a minor defect.



OPTIONAL SYSTEMS & COMPONENTS

DISHWASHER

_____ I inspected the dishwasher by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

_____ The dishwasher was not inspected, because it was:

_____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

____ not present

_____ not within the scope of the inspection

FOOD WASTE DISPOSER

_____ I inspected the food waste disposer by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

_____ The food waste disposer was not inspected, because it was:

____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

RANGES, COOK TOPS AND OVENS

_____ I inspected the range, cook top and oven by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

_____ The range, cook top and oven were not inspected, because they were:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection



MICROWAVE OVEN

_____ I inspected the microwave oven by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

_____ The microwave oven was not inspected, because it was:

- _____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

TRASH COMPACTOR

_____ I inspected the trash compactor by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

_____ The trash compactor was not inspected, because it was:

_____ inaccessible

____ unsafe

- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

DOOR BELL

_____ I inspected the door bell by using normal operating controls to demonstrate one primary function.

_____ The door bell was not inspected, because it was:

- ____ inaccessible
- ____ unsafe
- ____ not present
- _____ not within the scope of the inspection

LAWN AND GARDEN SPRINKLER SYSTEMS



SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS, HOT TUBS AND EQUIPMENT

Type of construction:

OUTBUILDINGS

OUTDOOR COOKING EQUIPMENT

The energy source of the outdoor cooking equipment:

GAS SUPPLY SYSTEMS

PRIVATE WATER WELLS

The type of pump:

The type of storage equipment:

PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL (SEPTIC) SYSTEMS

The type of system:

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The location of the drainage field:

WHOLE-HOUSE VACUUM SYSTEMS

OTHER BUILT-IN APPLIANCES

SECURITY SYSTEMS