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Home Inspection Report

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Report Overview

THE HOUSE IN PERSPECTIVE

This is a well built home. As with all homes, ongoing maintenance is required and improvements to the systems of the home will be needed over time. *The improvements that are recommended in this report are not considered unusual for a home of this age and location.* Please remember that there is no such thing as a perfect home.

CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

For your convenience, the following conventions have been used in this report.

Major Concern: a system or component which is considered significantly deficient or is unsafe. Significant deficiencies need to be corrected and, except for some safety items, are likely to involve significant expense.

Safety Issue: denotes a condition that is unsafe and in need of prompt attention.

Repair: denotes a system or component which is missing or which needs corrective action to assure proper and reliable function.

Improve: denotes improvements which are recommended but not required.

Monitor: denotes a system or component needing further investigation and/or monitoring in order to determine if repairs are necessary.

Please note that those observations listed under “Discretionary Improvements” are not essential repairs, but represent logical long term improvements.

- For the purpose of this report, it is assumed that the house faces north.

IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATION HIGHLIGHTS / SUMMARY

The following is a synopsis of the potentially significant improvements that should be budgeted for over the short term. Other significant improvements, outside the scope of this inspection, may also be necessary. Please refer to the body of this report for further details on these and other recommendations.

All issues found in this report should be addressed with the appropriate parties to make any improvements, corrections or repairs necessary. All improvements, corrections and repairs should meet the satisfaction of the client named on this report and the inspection agreement associated with this report prior to closing. This report and the findings listed herein are intended for the client only and is not transferable without a signed written agreement.

Comments in red are made by seller

Foundation

- **Monitor:** Minor cracks in the foundation were observed. The foundation appears to have been properly reinforced with steel beams. This damage is usually the result of excessive soil or frost pressure on the foundation. Lot drainage and foundation improvements should be monitored to keep water away from the building. If additional movement is observed more repairs may be necessary.
- **Monitor:** The basement floor slab has typical cracks usually the result of shrinkage and/or settling of the slab as it cures. Shrinkage cracks are very common and are not normally a concern.

Sloped Roofing

- **Repair:** Nail heads are exposed. They should be sealed to reduce risk of leaks.

Flashings

- **Repair:** The plumbing vent flashing boot(s) are split making them (4) vulnerable to leaks. It's recommended that the boots be caulked or the flashing replaced.

Exterior Walls

- **Monitor:** Localized minor rot was observed in the trim around siding (example at front lower northeast corner of trim). This area is currently protected with paint and is not in need of immediate attention. Following repair of the damaged areas (which should be combined with exterior painting/maintenance) proper maintenance of the siding and control of water from roof or surface runoff can avoid further damage.

Windows

- **Repair:** Some of the windows are in need of glazing (putty) improvements.

Garage

- **Monitor:** The garage floor slab has typical cracks usually the result of shrinkage and/or settling of the slab as it cures. Shrinkage cracks are very common and are not normally a concern.

Lot Drainage

- **Recommend:** The grading should be improved to promote the flow of storm water away from the house (example at east side). This can often be accomplished by the addition of top soil. The ground should slope away from the house at a rate of one inch per foot for at least the first ten feet. At least eight (8) inches of clearance should be maintained between soil level and the bottom of exterior wall siding.

Porch

- **Monitor:** The porch has typical cracks usually the result of shrinkage and/or settling of the slab as it cures. Shrinkage cracks are very common and are not normally a concern.
- **Repair, Safety Issue:** The porch railing is loose. It is recommended this be repaired for improved safety. **Repaired**

Driveway

- **Monitor:** The driveway has settled and cracked. Persisting movement may result in the need for repairs.

Distribution Wiring

- **Repair:** All junction boxes should be fitted with cover plates, in order to protect the wire connections (main panel room and furnace room ceilings). **Repaired**
- **Repair:** Amateur installation of wiring for garage door openers.

Outlets

- **Repair:** A ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlet in the garage did not respond correctly to testing during the inspection. This receptacle should be replaced. **Repaired**

Furnace

- **Improve:** The dirty air filter should be replaced. **Repaired**

Central Air Conditioning

- **Improve:** The outdoor unit of the air conditioning system requires cleaning. **Repaired**
- **Repair:** The 40 amp breaker servicing the air conditioner is oversized and should be replaced. The manufacturer plate calls for a maximum breaker size of 35 amps. **Repaired**

Water Heater

- **Monitor:** Water heaters have a typical life expectancy of 7 to 12 years. The existing unit is approaching or has exceeded this age range. One cannot predict with certainty when replacement will become necessary.

Gas Piping

- **Repair:** The gas pipe in the washer dryer (basement bathroom area) should be capped when not in use. **Repaired**

Fixtures

- **Repair:** The sink drain plug in the basement bathroom is inoperative or missing and needs repair. **Repaired**
- **Repair:** The bathtub drain plug in the hall bathtub is inoperative or missing and needs repair.
- **Repair:** The front hose bib handle is leaky. **Repaired**

Wall / Ceiling Finishes

- **Monitor:** Water staining was noted (garage ceiling).
- **Monitor:** Typical drywall flaws were observed that could include loose tape, minor cracks, rough seams, nail popping, minor patching, etc. Any repairs would be discretionary.

Windows

- **Monitor:** Some window(s) are painted or otherwise stuck shut. Improvement can be undertaken as desired.
- **Monitor, Repair:** The window in the master bedroom is cracked. Improvement is not a high priority.
- **Improve:** Some windows stain is worn thin on windows interior.

Doors

- **Repair:** The weather strip on the back door is damaged and/or missing. Repair is needed.

Stairways

- **Repair:** Broken stairway handrail spindle should be better repaired. **Repaired**

Basement Leakage

- **Monitor:** The basement shows evidence of moisture penetration (example at front northeast corner of basement). *It should be understood that it is impossible to predict the severity or frequency of moisture penetration on a one-time visit to a home.* Virtually all basements exhibit signs of moisture penetration and virtually all basements will indeed leak at some point in time. The visible evidence is not unusual for a home of this age, construction and location. Further monitoring of the foundation will be required to determine what improvements, if any, will be required. Basement leakage rarely affects the structural integrity of a home.

The vast majority of basement leakage problems are the result of insufficient control of storm water at the surface. The ground around the house should be sloped to encourage water to flow away from the foundations. Gutters and downspouts should act to collect roof water and drain the water at least five (5) feet from the foundation or into a functional storm sewer. Downspouts that are clogged or broken below grade level, or that discharge too close to the foundation are the most common source of basement leakage. Please refer to the Roofing and Exterior sections of the report for more information.

In the event that basement leakage problems are experienced, lot and roof drainage improvements should be undertaken as a first step. Please beware of contractors who recommend expensive solutions. Excavation, damp-proofing and/or the installation of drainage tiles should be a last resort. In some cases, however, it is necessary. Your plans for using the basement may also influence the approach taken to curing any dampness that is experienced.

Fireplaces

- **Repair:** The fireplace chimney should be inspected and cleaned prior to operation.

THE SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION

All components designated for inspection in the ASHI® Standards of Practice are inspected, except as may be noted in the "Limitations of Inspection" sections within this report.

It is the goal of the inspection to put a home buyer in a better position to make a buying decision. Not all improvements will be identified during this inspection. Unexpected repairs should still be anticipated. The inspection should not be considered a guarantee or warranty of any kind.

This inspection is visual only. A representative sample of building components are viewed in areas that are accessible at the time of the inspection. No destructive testing or dismantling of building components is performed.

Please refer to the pre-inspection contract for a full explanation of the scope of the inspection.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Wet weather conditions prevailed at the time of the inspection.

The estimated outside temperature was 55 degrees F.

RECENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

Wet weather conditions have been experienced in the days leading up to the inspection.

Structure

DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE

Foundation:	•Poured Concrete •Basement Configuration •65% Of Foundation Was Not Visible From Inside Due To Finished Walls and/or Storage
Columns:	•Steel
Floor Structure:	•Wood Joist •Concrete
Wall Structure:	•Wood Frame, Brick Veneer
Ceiling Structure:	•Joist
Roof Structure:	•Rafters •Plywood Sheathing

STRUCTURE OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The construction of the home is good quality. The materials and workmanship, where visible, are good. The visible joist spans appear to be within typical construction practices. The inspection did not discover evidence of substantial structural movement.

General Comments

No major defects were observed in the accessible structural components of the house.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

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LIMITATIONS OF STRUCTURE INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Structural components concealed behind finished surfaces could not be inspected.
- Only a representative sampling of visible structural components were inspected.
- Furniture and/or storage restricted access to some structural components.
- Engineering or architectural services such as calculation of structural capacities, adequacy, or integrity are not part of a home inspection.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Roofing

DESCRIPTION OF ROOFING

Roof Covering:	•Asphalt Shingle •Multiple Layers
Roof Flashings:	•Metal
Chimneys:	•Masonry
Roof Drainage System:	•Galvanized Steel •Downspouts discharge above grade
Method of Inspection:	•Walked on roof

ROOFING OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The roof coverings are to be in generally good condition. Where investigated, eave protection has been installed below the sloped roof coverings. This reduces the risk of roof leakage, should ice damming develop in the winter. The steep pitch of the roof should result in a longer than normal life expectancy for roof coverings. Roof flashing details appear to be in good order. The chimneys do not show signs of significant deterioration. The gutters are clean.

General Comments

Trim away tree branches close to the roof.



RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

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Flashings

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LIMITATIONS OF ROOFING INSPECTION

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- Not all of the underside of the roof sheathing is inspected for evidence of leaks.
- Evidence of prior leaks may be disguised by interior finishes.
- Estimates of remaining roof life are approximations only and do not preclude the possibility of leakage. Leakage can develop at any time and may depend on rain intensity, wind direction, ice build up, and other factors.
- Antennae, chimney/flue interiors which are not readily accessible are not inspected and could require repair.
- Roof inspection may be limited by access, condition, weather, or other safety concerns.
- The roof surface was wet. This condition can restrict a proper assessment of the condition of the roofing materials.
- Unfavorable weather restricted the inspection of the roofing system.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Exterior

DESCRIPTION OF EXTERIOR

Wall Covering:	•Brick •Stucco •Board & Bat
Eaves, Soffits, And Fascias:	•Wood
Exterior Doors:	•Metal •Solid Wood
Window/Door Frames and Trim:	•Wood
Entry Driveways:	•Concrete
Entry Walkways And Patios:	•Concrete
Porches, Decks, Steps, Railings:	•Concrete •Treated Wood
Overhead Garage Door(s):	•Metal •Automatic Opener Installed
Surface Drainage:	•Level Grade
Retaining Walls:	•None
Fencing:	•Wood

EXTERIOR OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The exterior siding that has been installed on the house is relatively low maintenance. The wood window frames are in generally good condition. The auto reverse mechanism on the overhead garage door responded properly to testing. This safety feature should be tested regularly as a door that doesn't reverse can injure someone or fall from the ceiling. Refer to the owner's manual or contact the manufacturer for more information. The garage appears to be fully insulated. The garage completely finished. Freeze resistant hose bibs (exterior faucets) have been installed.

General Comments

The exterior of the home is generally in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

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Driveway

- **Monitor:** The driveway has settled and cracked. Persisting movement may result in the need for repairs.

LIMITATIONS OF EXTERIOR INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- A representative sample of exterior components was inspected rather than every occurrence of components.
- The inspection does not include an assessment of geological, geotechnical, or hydrological conditions, or environmental hazards.
- Screening, shutters, awnings, or similar seasonal accessories, fences, recreational facilities, outbuildings, seawalls, break-walls, docks, erosion control and earth stabilization measures are not inspected unless specifically agreed-upon and documented in this report.
- Storage in the garage restricted the inspection.
- Unfavorable weather restricted the inspection of the roofing system.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Electrical

DESCRIPTION OF ELECTRICAL

Size of Electrical Service:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •120/240 Volt Main Service - Service Size: 200 Amps •120/240 Volt Main Service - Service Size: 200 Amps
Service Drop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Underground
Service Entrance Conductors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Aluminum
Service Equipment & Main Disconnects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Main Service Rating 200 Amps •Breakers •Located: Basement Southwest
Service Grounding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Aluminum-Insulated •Water Pipe Connection
Service Panel & Overcurrent Protection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Panel Rating: 200 Amp •Breakers •Located: Basement Southwest
Sub-Panel(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •None Visible
Distribution Wiring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Copper
Wiring Method:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Metallic Cable "Romex"
Switches & Receptacles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Grounded
Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bathroom(s) •Exterior •Garage
Smoke Detectors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Present

ELECTRICAL OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The size of the electrical service is sufficient for typical single family needs. The electrical panel is well arranged and all fuses/breakers are properly sized. Generally speaking, the electrical system is in good order. All outlets and light fixtures that were tested operated satisfactorily. The distribution of electricity within the home is good. All 3-prong outlets that were tested were appropriately grounded. Dedicated 220 volt circuits have been provided for all 220 volt appliances within the home. All visible wiring within the home is copper. This is a good quality electrical conductor.

General Comments

Inspection of the electrical system revealed the need for typical, minor repairs. Although these are not costly to repair, they should be high priority for safety reasons. *Unsafe electrical conditions represent a shock hazard.* A licensed electrician should be consulted to undertake the repairs recommended below.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Distribution Wiring

- **Repair:** All junction boxes should be fitted with cover plates, in order to protect the wire connections (main panel room and furnace room ceilings). **Repaired**



- **Repair:** Amateur installation of wiring for garage door openers.



Outlets

- **Repair:** A ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlet in the garage did not respond correctly to testing during the inspection. This receptacle should be replaced. **Repaired**

LIMITATIONS OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Electrical components concealed behind finished surfaces are not inspected.
- Only a representative sampling of outlets and light fixtures were tested.
- Furniture and/or storage restricted access to some electrical components which may not be inspected.
- The inspection does not include remote control devices, alarm systems and components, low voltage wiring, systems, and components, ancillary wiring, systems, and other components which are not part of the primary electrical power distribution system.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Heating

DESCRIPTION OF HEATING

Energy Source:	•Gas
Heating System Type:	•Forced Air Furnace •Manufacturer: No plate visible
Vents, Flues, Chimneys:	•Metal-Single Wall
Heat Distribution Methods:	•Ductwork

HEATING OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

Adequate heating capacity is provided by the system. Heat distribution within the home is adequate. The heating system is controlled by a “set back” thermostat. This type of thermostat, if set up correctly, helps reduce heating costs.

General Comments

The heating system shows no visible evidence of major defects. The heating system is an older unit and funds should be set aside for replacement when necessary.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Furnace

- **Improve:** The dirty air filter should be replaced. **Repaired**

LIMITATIONS OF HEATING INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- The adequacy of heat supply or distribution balance is not inspected.
- The interior of flues or chimneys which are not readily accessible are not inspected.
- The furnace heat exchanger, humidifier, or dehumidifier, and electronic air filters are not inspected.
- Solar space heating equipment/systems are not inspected.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Cooling / Heat Pumps

DESCRIPTION OF COOLING / HEAT PUMPS

Energy Source:	•Electricity
Central System Type:	•Air Cooled Central Air Conditioning •Manufacturer: Heil
	•Serial Number: 35MCE 00095ZR
Size of Circuit:	•Circuit Size Minimum/Maximum: 21.3/35 •Breaker Size In Main Panel: 40
Other Components:	•House Fan

COOLING / HEAT PUMPS OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The capacity and configuration of the system should be sufficient for the home. The location of the return air vents is well suited to air conditioning.

General Comments

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Central Air Conditioning

- **Improve:** The outdoor unit of the air conditioning system requires cleaning. **Repaired**
- **Repair:** The 40 amp breaker servicing the air conditioner is oversized and should be replaced. The manufacturer plate calls for a maximum breaker size of 35 amps. **Repaired**

LIMITATIONS OF COOLING / HEAT PUMPS INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Window mounted air conditioning units are not inspected.
- The cooling supply adequacy or distribution balance are not inspected.
- The air conditioning system could not be tested as the outdoor temperature was below 60 degrees F.
- The system was not tested.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Insulation / Ventilation

DESCRIPTION OF INSULATION / VENTILATION

Attic Insulation:	•Loose Fiberglass/Mineral Wool in Main Attic
Roof Cavity Insulation:	•None Visible
Exterior Wall Insulation:	•Not Visible
Basement Wall Insulation:	•Not Visible
Vapor Retarders:	•Kraft Paper
Roof Ventilation:	•Roof Vents •Soffit Vents
Exhaust Fan/vent Locations:	•Bathroom •Dryer

INSULATION / VENTILATION OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

This is a well insulated home.

RECOMMENDATIONS / ENERGY SAVING SUGGESTIONS

LIMITATIONS OF INSULATION / VENTILATION INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Insulation/ventilation type and levels in concealed areas are not inspected. Insulation and vapor barriers are not disturbed and no destructive tests (such as cutting openings in walls to look for insulation) are performed.
- Potentially hazardous materials such as Asbestos and Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UFFI) cannot be positively identified without a detailed inspection and laboratory analysis. This is beyond the scope of the inspection.
- An analysis of indoor air quality is not part of our inspection unless explicitly contracted-for and discussed in this or a separate report.
- Any estimates of insulation R values or depths are rough average values.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Plumbing

DESCRIPTION OF PLUMBING

Water Supply Source:	•Public Water Supply
Service Pipe to House:	•Copper
Main Water Valve Location:	•Front Wall of Basement
Interior Supply Piping:	•Copper
Waste System:	•Public Sewer System
Drain, Waste, & Vent Piping:	•Plastic
Water Heater	•Gas •Approximate Capacity (in gallons): 40 •Manufacturer: GE •Serial Number: GENG 1299108345
Fuel Shut-Off Valves:	•Natural Gas Main Valve At Meter

PLUMBING OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

The plumbing system is in generally good condition. The piping system within the home, for both supply and waste, is a good quality system. The water pressure supplied to the fixtures is above average. Only a slight drop in flow was experienced when two fixtures were operated simultaneously. Some of the plumbing fixtures within the home have been upgraded. The plumbing fixtures appear to have been well-maintained.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Water Heater

- **Monitor:** Water heaters have a typical life expectancy of 7 to 12 years. The existing unit is approaching or has exceeded this age range. One cannot predict with certainty when replacement will become necessary.

Gas Piping

- **Repair:** The gas pipe in the washer dryer (basement bathroom area) should be capped when not in use. **Repaired**

Fixtures

- **Repair:** The sink drain plug in the basement bathroom is inoperative or missing and needs repair. **Repaired**
- **Repair:** The bathtub drain plug in the hall bathtub is inoperative or missing and needs repair.
- **Repair:** The front hose bib handle is leaky. **Repaired**

LIMITATIONS OF PLUMBING INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions:

- Portions of the plumbing system concealed by finishes and/or storage (below sinks, etc.), below the structure, or beneath the ground surface are not inspected.
- Water quantity and water quality are not tested unless explicitly contracted-for and discussed in this or a separate report.
- Clothes washing machine connections are not inspected.
- Interiors of flues or chimneys which are not readily accessible are not inspected.
- Water conditioning systems, solar water heaters, fire and lawn sprinkler systems, and private waste disposal systems are not inspected unless explicitly contracted-for and discussed in this or a separate report.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Interior

DESCRIPTION OF INTERIOR

Wall And Ceiling Materials:	•Drywall
Floor Surfaces:	•Carpet •Tile •Wood •Concrete
Window Type(s) & Glazing:	•Casement •Double/Single Hung
Doors:	•Wood-Solid Core •Wood-Hollow Core •Metal •Storm Door(s)

INTERIOR OBSERVATIONS

General Condition of Interior Finishes

On the whole, the interior finishes of the home are in above average condition. Typical minor flaws were observed in some areas.

General Condition of Windows and Doors

The majority of the doors and windows are good quality.

General Condition of Floors

The floors of the home are relatively level and walls are relatively plumb.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Wall / Ceiling Finishes

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- **Monitor:** Typical drywall flaws were observed that could include loose tape, minor cracks, rough seams, nail popping, minor patching, etc. Any repairs would be discretionary.

Windows

- **Monitor:** Some window(s) are painted or otherwise stuck shut. Improvement can be undertaken as desired.
- **Monitor, Repair:** The window in the master bedroom is cracked. Improvement is not a high priority.
- **Improve:** Some windows stain is worn thin on windows interior.

Doors

- **Repair:** The weather strip on the back door is damaged and/or missing. Repair is needed.

Stairways

- **Repair:** Broken stairway handrail spindle should be better repaired. **Repaired**

Basement Leakage

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LIMITATIONS OF INTERIOR INSPECTION

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- Furniture, storage, appliances and/or wall hangings are not moved to permit inspection and may block defects.
- Carpeting, window treatments, central vacuum systems, household appliances, recreational facilities, paint, wallpaper, and other finish treatments are not inspected.
- Recent renovations and/or interior painting concealed historical evidence.
- Portions of the foundation walls were concealed from view.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Appliances

DESCRIPTION OF APPLIANCES

Appliances Tested:	•Electric Range •Electric Cooktop •Microwave Oven •Dishwasher •Waste Disposer
Laundry Facility:	•Gas Piping for Dryer •Dryer Vented to Building Exterior •Hot and Cold Water Supply for Washer •Waste Standpipe for Washer
Other Components Tested:	•Door Bell

APPLIANCES OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

Most of the major appliances in the home are newer. The appliances are to be in generally good condition. All appliances that were tested responded satisfactorily. The kitchen and laundry facilities are well organized.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

LIMITATIONS OF APPLIANCES INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions

- Thermostats, timers and other specialized features and controls are not tested.
- The temperature calibration, functionality of timers, effectiveness, efficiency and overall performance of appliances is outside the scope of this inspection.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.

Fireplaces / Wood Stoves

DESCRIPTION OF FIREPLACES / WOOD STOVES

Fireplaces: •Masonry Firebox •Gas
Vents, Flues, Chimneys: •Masonry Chimney-Lined

FIREPLACES / WOOD STOVES OBSERVATIONS

Positive Attributes

On the whole, the fireplace and it's components are in above average condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS / OBSERVATIONS

Fireplaces

- **Repair:** The fireplace chimney should be inspected and cleaned prior to operation.

LIMITATIONS OF FIREPLACES / WOOD STOVES INSPECTION

As we have discussed and as described in your inspection contract, this is a visual inspection limited in scope by (but not restricted to) the following conditions

- The interiors of flues or chimneys are not inspected.
- Firescreens, fireplace doors, appliance gaskets and seals, automatic fuel feed devices, mantles and fireplace surrounds, combustion make-up air devices, and heat distribution assists (gravity or fan-assisted) are not inspected.
- The inspection does not involve igniting or extinguishing fires nor the determination of draft.
- Fireplace inserts, stoves, or firebox contents are not moved.
- The adequacy of the fireplace draw is not determined during a visual inspection; for safety reasons, if no fire is burning we do not ignite fires nor light paper or other materials.

Please also refer to the pre-inspection contract for a detailed explanation of the scope of this inspection.