# Hawk-Eye Home Inspections, LLC



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# **Summary**

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Inspector:	•	
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	11/14/2012 Arrival: 09:00 AM Inspector:	

## Occupied/furnished

The residence was occupied/furnished at the time of inspection. According to the states standards of practice a residential home inspection is limited to readily accessible area's. No disassembly of equipment or activating of equipment that has been shut down should be performed. No opening of walls, moving of furniture/appliances/stored items or excavation is to be performed.

# Major Concern

## Interior Roof and Frame

## **Finding**

Roof leak found with high moisture reading (active leak) on the interior side of roof sheathing. Leak was found over the bedroom area. Recommend repair by a licensed roofer.

# Minor Repair

# Covering

## **Finding**

Damaged roof shingles found on the back of the home.

## **Doors, Windows and Eaves**

#### **Finding**

Dry rot/water damage found on the bottom of the door casing on the back of the home.

#### **Finding**

Dry rot/water damage found on the exterior window trim on the front of the home.

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# **Appliances**

## **Finding**

Garbage disposal did not function when tested.

# Safety Concern

## **Main Panel**

## **Finding**

Wires improperly run from the breaker box. The outgoing wire(s) did not have wire fasteners (romex connectors) installed. Wire fasteners prevent wires from fraying against the metal panel box and possibly shorting.

## **GFCI Outlets**

## **Finding**

GFCI receptacle did not trip when tested on the exterior of the home on the front porch.

# **General Maintenance**

## Storm Doors, Windows and Screens

#### **Finding**

Screens found torn on the back porch.

# Cosmetic Repair

## Siding / Wall Coverings

## **Finding**

Damaged siding found on the back left corner of the home.

## Recommendation

## **Porches, Patios and Decks**

## **Finding**

Wood deck is weathered. Recommend sealing wooden decks with water sealant to prevent any further deterioration of surfaces. Wood may be treated, however yearly maintenance is still recommended.

## Insulation

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## **Finding**

Inadequate insulation was found in the attic area. Insulation R-value was insufficient for minimum requirements. We recommend increasing R-value to a minimum of R-30.

# **Additional Information**

# **Supply Lines**

# **Finding**

Polybutylene plumbing noted in this home. See narrative report for further information.

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Site

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Site

## **General Condition**

## State of Property

Average

#### References

It is the opinion of the inspector based on the age of this home that the general condition of the home is average. Some repairs may be needed, but most repairs appear to be common type of repairs for this age home.

This report is intended as a general guide to help the client make his or her own evaluation of the property being inspected. This inspection/report is NOT an engineers inspection/report. The inspection is not intended to reflect the value of the premises, nor make any representation as to the advisability of the purchase. The report expresses the personal opinion of the inspector, based upon his visual impressions of the home that exist at the time of inspection only. The inspection and reports are not intended to be technically exhaustive, or to imply that every component was inspected, or that every possible defect was discovered. No disassembly of equipment, opening of walls, moving of furniture, appliances, or stores items, or excavation was performed. All components and conditions which by nature of their location are concealed, camouflage, or difficult to inspect are excluded from the report.

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#### Weather

**Conditions**Cloudy

**Temperature** 60 Degree's

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Site

## **Plot Elevation**

Slope Retaining Walls

Positive No

## References

This inspection is not intended to address or include any geological conditions or site stability information. For information concerning these conditions, a geologist or soils engineer should be consulted. Any reference to grade is limited to only areas around the exterior of the exposed areas of foundation or exterior walls. This inspection is visual in nature and does not attempt to determine drainage performance of the site or the condition of any underground piping, including municipal water and sewer service piping or septic systems. Decks and porches are often built close to the ground, where no viewing or access is possible. These areas as well as others too low to enter, or in some other manner not accessible, are excluded from the inspection and are not addressed in the report. We routinely recommend that inquiry be made with the seller about knowledge of any prior foundation or structural repairs.

## **Direction Home Faces**

**Direction of front entry** 

Southeast

## **Sidewalks**

Type

Concrete,

## Landscaping

## **Driveway**

**Type** 

Concrete,

#### References

Concrete driveways usually have expansion joints in them. These joints are to prevent cracks from spreading and control the crack within the joint. Area of concern is when the surfaces become uneven or unlevel that can cause tripping hazards or damage to tires. Most areas are effected by tree roots or erosion of soil. These areas should be repaired for personal safety. Spalling concrete cannot be patched with concrete because the new will not bond with the old. Water will freeze between the two layers, or the concrete will break up from movement or wear. Replacement of the damaged section is recommended.

Roof

## Construction

Style Skylights
Gable No

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## Roof

## Roof Penetration, venting, and Flashing

PenetrationsFlashingGable Vents, Ridge Vents,Not Visible

## **Gutters and Downspouts**

**Type** 

Aluminum,

## Covering

TypeApproximate AgeLayersComposition Shingles5 - 7 Years1

## References

Asphalt and Fiberglass shingle roofs have a normal life of 15 to 25 years. If a new roof is required, it may be installed over the original roof unless prohibited by local building codes. If two layers of roofing have already been installed, most building codes require that both layers must be removed before installing a new roof.

When the report indicates that a roof is "satisfactory", that means it is satisfactory for its age and general usefulness. A roof that is stated to be satisfactory may show evidence of past leaks or may develop leaks. However, such a roof can be repaired and give generally satisfactory service within the limits of its age.

## **Minor Repair**

Damaged roof shingles found on the back of the home.



## Structure

# **Dwelling**

**Type** Construction
Single Family Wood Frame

## Exterior

## **Trim**

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# Exterior

**Paint** 

# Siding / Wall Coverings

Type

Vinyl,

# **Cosmetic Repair**

Damaged siding found on the back left corner of the home.



# Storm Doors, Windows and Screens

## **General Maintenance**

Screens found torn on the back porch.

# Doors, Windows and Eaves

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## Exterior

## Minor Repair

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## Minor Repair

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## Porches, Patios and Decks

**Type** Steps Wood, Wood,

## References

All surfaces of untreated wood need regular applications of oil based paint or special chemicals to resist rot. Porch or deck columns and fence posts, which are buried in the ground and made of untreated wood, will rot within a year or two. All posts and wood members with ground contact should be of treated wood or constructed of wood, which has natural resistance to rot. Decks should be nailed with galvanized or aluminum nails.

## Recommendation

Wood deck is weathered. Recommend sealing wooden decks with water sealant to prevent any further deterioration of surfaces. Wood may be treated, however yearly maintenance is still recommended.

# Garage / Carport

# Type and Size

TypeSizeStorage AreaAttached Garage1 CarNo

## **Door and Automatic Opener**

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# Garage / Carport

Interior

Floors Ceiling and Walls

Concrete Finished

## Windows and Pedestrian Doors

# **Electrical**

**Service** 

Size Wire Incoming Service

200 Amp #3 Overhead

References

Overhead wiring should be inspected yearly for deterioration of wires and for safety hazards of tree branches growing into the wires. Most electrical companies will cut back branches at no charge to you.

Placing of swimming pools should not be located under service cables unless a minimum of 22 feet of clearance is allowed.

## **Service Conductors**

Main Branch Circuits

Aluminum Copper

References

Aluminum Wiring is commonly used in SEC (service entrance cables).

## **Main Panel**

LocationTypeGround WireGarageBreakersConnected to Rod

## Safety Concern

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## **Smoke Detectors**

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# **Electrical**

## **Outlets, Switches, and Fixtures**

**Type of Outlets** Fixtures
Good Good

## **GFCI Outlets**

## **Safety Concern**

GFCI receptacle did not trip when tested on the exterior of the home on the front porch.

## Interior

## **Walls and Ceilings**

## **Floors**

## **Type**

Carpet, Ceramic Tile,

#### References

Where Carpeting has been installed, the materials and condition of the floor underneath cannot be determined.

## **Windows**

TypeFrameGlassSingle Hung,Vinyl,Insulated,

## **Doors**

## **Type**

Hollow Core, Louvered,

## **Environmental**

Mold Lead paint Radon

No test requested No test requested No test requested

#### References

Mold is not always visible. It can grow under wall paper, behind baseboards, walls, under carpet, and wood floors. Other area's that have a history of mold is in the HVAC ducts (heating and cooling ducts).

Mold needs water/moisture to grow. If the home has any water leaks or water damage there is a possibility of mold growth. One way to determine if mold is present is to conduct air sampling. Air sampling is available at an addition cost.

Lead paint was used in homes built prior to 1979. If this home was built prior to 1979 recommend testing for personal safety.

## Kitchen

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# Kitchen

**Stove** 

Stove Top Oven Electric Electric

**Cabinets and Counter tops** 

CabinetsCountertopsWoodFormica

**Flooring** 

**Type** 

Ceramic Tile

## **Appliances**

Type

Refrigerator, Dishwasher, Garbage Dis

## References

Refrigerators have a normal life of 15 to 20 years.

Dishwasher have a normal life of 8 to 12 years. Inspection of the dishwasher is a visual inspection only. Inspector runs a cycle during inspection and checks for leaks.

Recommend adding a couple trays of ice once a month to help clean the system and sharpen the blade. Also adding a pot of hot water prior to this will help loosen any grease build up.

## Minor Repair

Garbage disposal did not function when tested.

# **Plumbing**

**Water Supply** 

TypeMain ShutoffMeter LocationPublicIn Meter BoxFront Yard

## **Water Pressure**

# **Waste System**

**Type** 

Public

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# **Plumbing**

## **Supply Lines**

## **Type**

Polybutylene,

## References

Polybutylene supply lines noted in this home. It is believed that oxidants in the public water supplies, such as chlorine, react with polybutylene piping and fittings causing them to scale and flake and become brittle. Micro-fractures result, and the integrity of the system is reduced. Thus, the system becomes weak and may fail without warning causing damage to the home and/or personal property.

It is believed other factors may also contribute to the failure of the polybutylene system, such as improper installation. It is virtually impossible to detect installation problems or if the lines are getting weak throughout an entire system. Recommend consulting with a licensed plumber on replacement.

#### Additional Information

Polybutylene plumbing noted in this home. See narrative report for further information.

## **Waste Lines**

**Type** 

PVC.

## References

Should have a long dependable life. Easy to repair. Caustic chemicals could dissolve or damage the plastic.

## **Plumbing Fixtures**

#### **Water Heater**

TypeSizeApproximate AgeElectric40 Gallons5-8 Years

## References

The life expectancy of a water heater is typically eight to twelve years. Gas water heaters do heat faster than electrical water heaters giving a quicker recovery time. Thermostats control the water temperature. Dishwasher manufacturers often recommend that the water be 140 degrees F. Some dishwashing detergents will not dissolve completely at lower temperatures. To save energy and avoid burns, 115 to 120 degrees is a better setting. Some Dishwasher can heat their own water, so the water heater setting can be lower.

## **Washer and Dryer Connections**

## Location

Closet

## **Bathrooms**

## Bathroom #1 - Location, Type, Ventilation

LocationTypeVentilationHallwayFullExhaust Fan

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## **Bathrooms**

Bathroom #1 - Tub/Shower, Tub/Shower Walls, Flooring

Tub/ShowerTub/Shower WallsFlooringTub/ShowerFiberglassCeramic

Bathroom #2 - Location, Type, Ventilation

Location Type Ventilation

Master Full Window and Exhaust Fan

Bathroom #2- Tub/Shower, Tub/Shower Walls, Flooring

Tub/ShowerTub/Shower WallsFlooringTub/ShowerFiberglassCeramic

Heating

## Heating System #1 - Make & Model #, Location, and Type

Make and Model #LocationTypeGoodman -024ABC0012Back of HomeHeat Pump

#### References

A heat pump is a device that transfers thermal energy from a heat source to a heat sink. Most heat pumps are split system (one coil on the interior and one on the outside of the home).

Heat pumps are one of the most efficient systems to heat and cool a home. Heat pumps use refrigeration instead of fuel combustion to heat and cool.

When a heat pump is used in heating, it uses the same basic refrigeration-type cycle as in air conditioning, but releases the heat into the home instead of the surrounding environment. In this use, heat pumps draw heat from the cooler external air. Reversible heat pumps are designed to work in either direction, in order to provide heating or cooling to the internal space. They operate by changing which coil is the condenser and which is the evaporator coil.

Most units have a normal life of 10 to 12 years. Units should be serviced at least once a year. Air flow is more critical with heat pumps than other type of HVAC systems. The filters should be changed every thirty days.

Inspector performs a visual inspection of the units only. No disassembly of equipment or diagnostic of equipment is allowed by states standards of practice.

It is always recommended to have a licensed HVAC company further evaluate units (especially if unit is over 10 years of age).

Heating systems is not tested if the outside air temperature is above 85 degree's fahrenheit at the time of the inspection, or if the cooling system was already on and running. Switching between heating and cooling cycle could damage internal parts. It is common for mold and/or mildew growth (black growth) on HVAC units in the attic, crawlspace, or closets. It is not possible to determine if or the type of mold/mildew or dust without further testing. Inspector only report if black growth appears excessive at the time of inspection. Testing is available at an additional charge.

## Heating System #1 - Fuel Source, Approximate Size and Age

Fuel SourceApproximate SizeApproximate AgeElectric2 Ton3-7 Years

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# Heating

## **Heating System #1 - Condition**

**Tested** 

Yes

## Heating System #1 - Distribution

TypeFilterHumidifierDuctworkDisposableNot Applicable

#### References

Air filters should be washed once every 30-60 days to provide proper air circulation throughout the house. Also do not block furniture in front of returns. If you have only one return location in the home. Closing of bedroom doors does not allow the air to circulate in those rooms.

# Cooling

## Cooling System #1 - Make & Model #, Location, and Type

Make and Model #LocationTypeGoodman -024DEF00123Back of HomeHeat Pump

#### References

When the heat pump is working to cool your home, the duct and fans bring the warm air in the home to the compressor unit. The compressor unit then uses the same gas evaporation/compression process it uses to heat the home, but in reverse (removes the heat from the home).

## Cooling System #1 - Approximate Size and Age

Approximate SizeApproximate Age2 Ton3 - 7 Years

#### References

The ratings are given in tons. A ton represents 12,000 BTU's per hour. Each ton of BTU rating can cover on an average 600 square foot. Checking supply and returns air ducts, no apparent or visible signs of blockage of air. The inspection does not cover areas that require the removal of panels that are not provided by the manufacturer for inspections and/or service. Cooling systems are not test unless the outside temperature is above 64 degrees for the past 24 hours. Running system on the cooling cycle showed the unit to be not tested at the time of inspection.

Life expectancy is typically ten to fifteen years, in moderate climates and eight to ten years in hot climates.

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# Cooling

## Cooling System #1 - Condition

#### **Tested**

Not tested

#### References

The HVAC cooling system is not tested if the outside temperature has been below 65 degree's over the past 24 hours or the system is in the heating cycle at the time of inspection. Switching between the heat cycle and cool cycle could damage the unit

According to states standards of practice a home inspector is not allowed to disassemble equipment or activate any equipment that has been shut down or off.

The inspection of the HVAC system is an observed general condition only. It is always recommended to have a licensed HVAC company further evaluate and test system.

## **Attic**

## **Location, Access and Inspection Method**

LocationAccessInspection MethodHallwayPulldownWalked

#### References

Attics should be inspected annually for water stains on the underside of the roof sheathing. One should also look for rot, mildew, and fungus indicating high humidity levels in the attic. Check to make sure the insulation is not wet. Attic vents should be checked to ensure that they are not obstructed. Safety note, be careful walking around, don't fall through ceiling area or step on wires. Compressed insulation loses much of its insulating value.

## **Ventilation**

## **Types**

Ridge Vent, Soffit Vent, Gable End Lou

#### Interior Roof and Frame

## **Major Concern**

Roof leak found with high moisture reading (active leak) on the interior side of roof sheathing. Leak was found over the bedroom area. Recommend repair by a licensed roofer.



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# **Attic**

## Insulation

Type Average Depth Approximate R-Value

Loose Fill Fiberglass 1 - 6 Inches R-19

References

Compressed insulation loses much of its insulating value.

## Recommendation

Inadequate insulation was found in the attic area. Insulation R-value was insufficient for minimum requirements. We recommend increasing R-value to a minimum of R-30.

# Foundation

## **Foundation Type**

Type Floor
Cement Slab concrete

## References

Concrete slabs often have cracks through them. Most of these cracks are caused from settling or shrinkage during drying time after the cement is poured.

Cracks that become uneven or have excessive separation should be further evaluated by a licensed builder or a structural engineer.

Inspector can not inspect under floor coverings and any area that is concealed or obstructed by landscape, debris, and/or personal items.

Inspector only reports if cracks are present. Inspector does not measure the size of the crack. It is up to the client to determine if he/she is to have a crack further evaluated.

#### **Basement**

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