

# INSPECTION REPORT



For the Property at:  
**1800 YOUR STREET**  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70119

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Prepared for: YOUR HOUSE  
Inspection Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2016  
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November 29, 2017

Dear Your House,

RE: Report No. 1575, v.3  
1800 Your Street  
New Orleans, LA  
70119

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Thanks again for allowing us to work with you and wishing you good fortune in your new venture. We sincerely hope you will see fit to recommend us to others.

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on behalf of  
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## INVOICE

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Single Family Home up to 2000 square feet	\$375.00
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Multi-Family (Each Additional Unit)	\$50.00
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Raised Foundation Systems	\$50.00
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State of Louisiana Board of Home Inspectors required filing fee	\$5.00
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Total	<u>\$480.00</u>
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## Description

**General:** • The Description sections of this report identify components in the building by material or type. This is provided as an inventory, and only limited observations or comments on conditions are included here. Most are found in the Recommendation sections of each category.

### Sloped roofing material:

- [Asphalt shingles](#)



1. Asphalt shingles



2. Asphalt shingles

## Limitations

**Roof inspection limited/prevented by:** • Lack of access (too high/steep)

**Inspection performed:** • From the attic to view the underside of roof and roof decking. • By walking on lower roof

**Inspection performed:** • With binoculars from the ground

## Recommendations

### General

1. • The Recommendations Sections describe suggested repairs, improvements and/or upgrades to the property. The condition is outlined first along with any implications, if applicable. A course of action may be suggested along with related items to help with prioritizing property improvement activities.

### SLOPED ROOFING \ Asphalt shingles

2. **Condition:** • Wooden platform not flashed. No drain holes in bottom board of platform. This can create ponding above board and possibly leak.

**Task:** Further evaluation

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3. Flat board on roof.

### 3. Condition: • [Leak](#)

Stains noted on right side rear addition ceiling. Stains are likely from a leak in the roof.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

**Task:** Repair or replace



4. Stains



5. Stains

### 4. Condition: • [Missing, loose or torn](#)

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

**Task:** Repair or replace

**Time:** Prior to closing



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6. Missing or torn

## 5. Condition: • [Patched](#)

Patch with raised or cupped shingles above were noted.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

**Task:** Further evaluation

**Time:** Prior to closing



7. Patched

## SLOPED ROOF FLASHINGS \ Drip edge flashings

### 6. Condition: • [Missing](#)

Missing drip edge and rake edge flashing.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

**Task:** Install flashing

**Time:** Prior to closing

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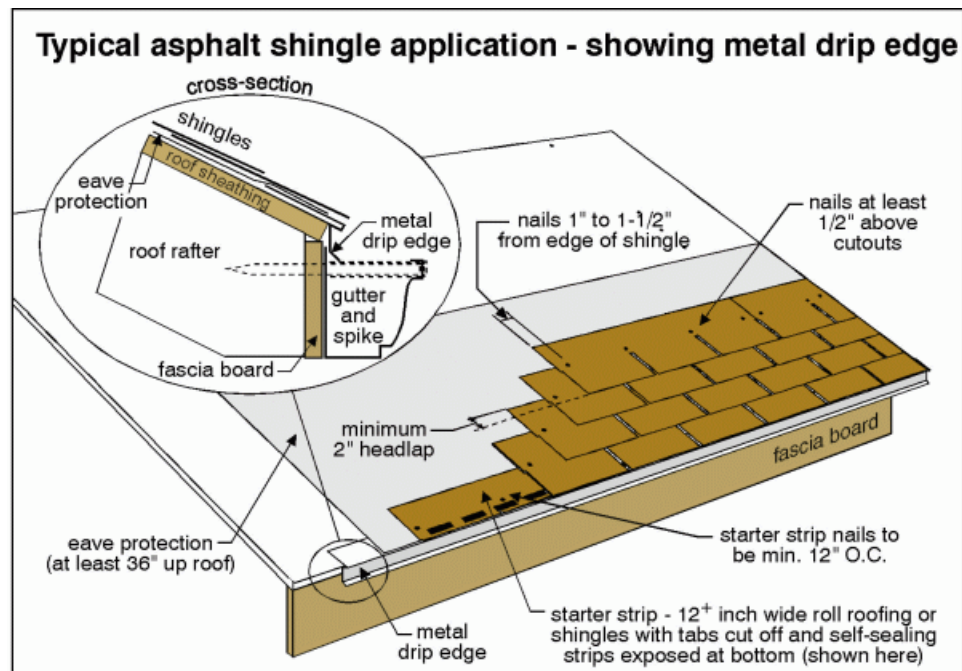
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**8. Missing drip edge flashing**

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## Description

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

**Gutter & downspout type:** • [Eave mounted](#)

**Gutter & downspout discharge:** • [Above grade](#)

**Lot slope:** • Generally away from building.

**Soffit and fascia:** • [Wood](#)

**Wall surfaces and trim:** • Wood lap board siding.

**Wall surfaces - wood:** • Painted wood trim on windows, doors, and decorative trim.

**Wall surfaces - wood:** • [Boards](#)

**Walkway:** • Concrete

**Porch:** • Arts & Crafts style. Brick bottom with wood posts on top.

**Exterior steps:** • Concrete • Wood

**Patio:** • Concrete

**Fence:** • Chain link

**Garage:** • Off street parking.

## Recommendations

### General

**7.** • Peeling paint on exterior wood surfaces. Including, but not limited to, windows, trim, shutters, soffit, fascia, and weather boards.

Moisture intrusion through openings will cause exterior wood damage. Peeling paint and open seams should be addressed before material deterioration occurs.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

**Task:** Replace any damaged wood, seal open seams and paint as needed.

**Time:** General Maintenance Item



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9. Peeling paint on exterior wood surfaces....



10. Peeling paint on exterior wood surfaces....



11. Peeling paint on exterior wood surfaces....

## ROOF DRAINAGE \ Gutters

8. **Condition:** • Foam in gutter on left side near rear.

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12. Foam

**9. Condition:** • [Loose or damaged](#)

Right side gutter was loose near rear.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

**Task:** Repair or replace



13. Loose

## **ROOF DRAINAGE \ Downspouts**

**10. Condition:** • No diverter at end of downspout

Lower portions of some downspout's are missing. This can create erosion issues, and isolated settlement, and may exacerbate the issue of soil subsidence.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | localized settlement

**Task:** Improve roof drainage with proper downspout discharge, add splash blocks etc. to move water away from foundation.

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14. No diverter at end of downspout

## 11. Condition: • [Missing](#)

Missing downspouts on both sides of house. Holes or tears also noted on right side gutter.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

**Task:** Repair or replace



15. Missing



16. Missing

## WALLS \ Wood siding

12. Condition: • Opening in wall where HVAC refrigerant passes through.

**Task:** Seal opening.



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17. Opening

## EXTERIOR GLASS/WINDOWS \ General

**13. Condition:** • Front gable windows were painted. Some panes were missing and were replaced with plywood. Plywood appears to be buckling and/or warping.

**Task:** Replace missing glass.



18. Gable windows.

## PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Stairs and landings

**14. Condition:** • Possible settlement of left side front steps.

**Task:** Correct / Improve

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19. Possible settlement

## PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Handrails and guards

**15. Condition:** • Handrails should be easy to grasp. Handrails should be continuous from the lowest riser to the top riser interrupted only by a newel post at the turn. The intent of a handrail is to provide a hand-grip for people using a stairway. If a handrail cannot be gripped securely, it is unsafe.

**Task:** Repair or replace



20. Handrails should be easy to grasp.

**16. Condition:** • [Missing](#)

Stairways, porches or landings with four or more risers or rising more than 30 inches (76 cm) in height should have a handrail or guardrail installed along each unprotected side or edge.

**Implication(s):** Fall hazard

**Location:** Rear steps

**Task:** Install handrail or guardrail where needed.



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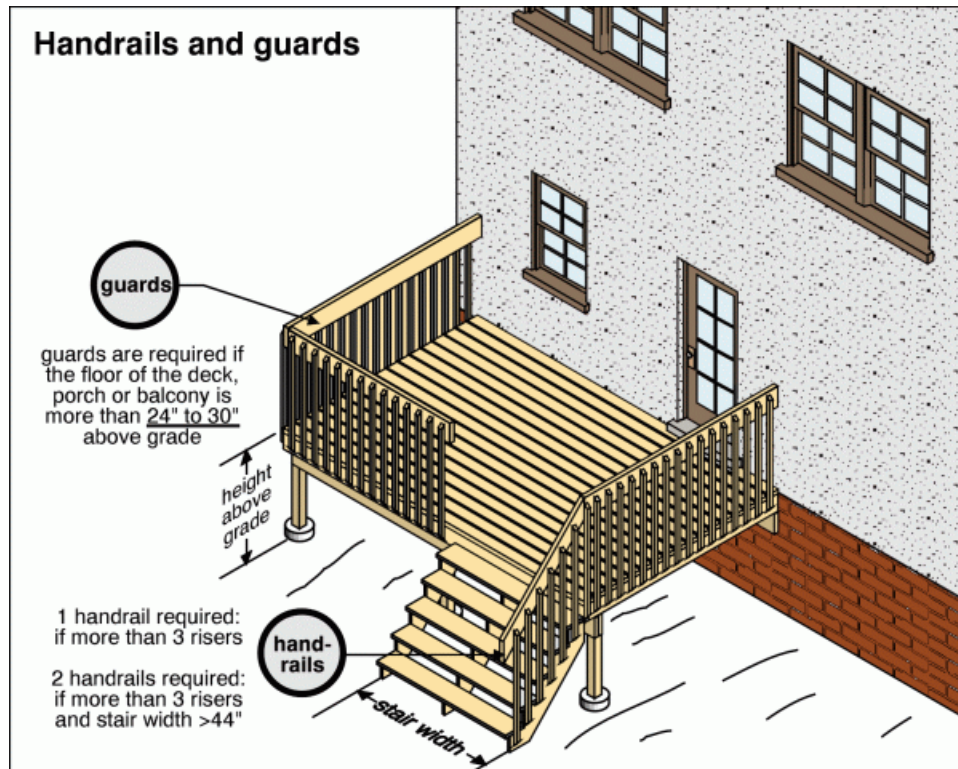
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## Handrails and guards



21. Missing

17. Condition: • [Loose](#)

Implication(s): Fall hazard

Task: Repair or replace

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22. Loose

## LANDSCAPING \ General

### 18. Condition: • [Vines](#)

Vines on exterior masonry or wood. While masonry walls are more tolerant of vine damage than wood or siding, vines will facilitate insect and pest entry and moisture damage due to slow drying. Damage to mortar can also occur. Roots create the most serious mechanical damage. Wood trim is especially susceptible to rot caused by vines. Some people are prepared to live with the disadvantage of the plants due to the cosmetic effect, but the removal of vines on any exterior surface is recommended.

**Implication(s):** Chance of damage to finishes

**Task:** Remove vines to prevent material deterioration



23. Vines

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## Description

**Configuration:** • Brick pier, wood beam and joists.

**Foundation material:** • [Brick](#)

**Floor construction:** • [Joists](#) • Wood beams

**Exterior wall construction:** • [Wood frame](#)

**Roof and ceiling framing:** • Plywood sheathing over skip sheathing.

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

## Recommendations

### General

**19.** • Framing of rear roof was not visible. It was not determined if this structure was designed to carry the extra weight of the HVAC compressors. Floor joists below this addition appear to be over spanned.

**Implication(s):** Deflection of roof framing. Weakened structure.

**Task:** Further evaluation is recommended.

**20.** • Roof extension on right side appeared to be falling. Exposed rafter tails would normally be exposed, but these are boxed in and not visible.

**Task:** Further evaluation



**24.** *Falling roof/framing*

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

**21. Condition:** • It is recommended that a structural engineer, or licensed general contractor familiar with structural repairs be engaged to provide a more in depth evaluation of the structural performance of this property. The evaluation should include a scope of work and an estimate.

**Time:** Prior to closing.

### FLOORS \ Columns or piers

**22. Condition:** • Loose or missing bricks.



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**Task:** Further evaluation

**Time:** Prior to closing



25. Loose or missing bricks.



26. Loose or missing bricks.



27. Loose or missing bricks.

## 23. Condition: • [Mortar deterioration](#)

Some piers are showing signs of mortar deterioration. This is common for piers of this age. Re-point piers where needed to prevent further deterioration. Photo is an example of some of the piers found, not all piers with mortar deterioration are pictured.

**Implication(s):** Weakened structure | Chance of structural movement

**Task:** Further evaluation

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28. Mortar deterioration

## FLOORS \ Beams

24. Condition: • Center beam at rear.

Task: Further evaluation



29. Center beam

## FLOORS \ Joists

25. Condition: • Joists on rear addition appear to be over spanned.

Task: Further evaluation



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30. Over spanned.

26. Condition: • [Rot, insect or fire damage](#)

Implication(s): Weakened structure

Task: Further evaluation



31. Rot, insect or fire damage



32. Rot, insect or fire damage

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33. Damaged ceiling joist



34. Rot, insect or fire damage



35. Rot, insect or fire damage



36. Damage

27. Condition: • [Notches or holes](#)

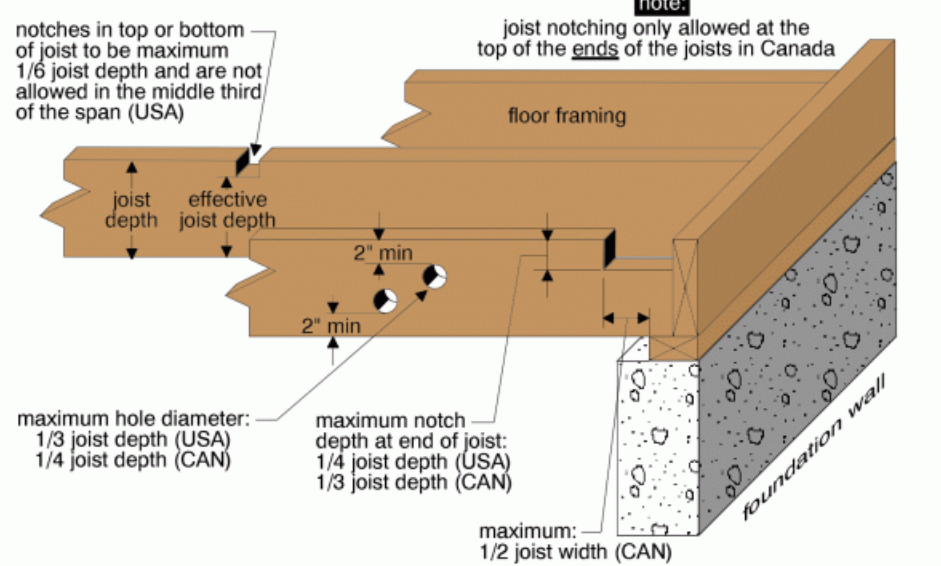
Floor joist was cut to accommodate tub drain.

**Implication(s):** Weakened structure

**Task:** Further evaluation



## Joist notching and drilling



37. Notches or holes

## Description

**Service entrance cable and location:**

- [Overhead - cable type not determined](#)

Left side exterior wall near rear.

**Service size:**

- [150 Amps \(240 Volts\)](#)

To each unit.

**Main disconnect/service box rating:** • Combination panel (see below-Distribution panel rating)

**Main disconnect/service box rating:** • [150 Amps](#)

**Main disconnect/service box type and location:** • [Breakers - exterior wall](#)

**System grounding material and type:** • [Copper - ground rods](#)

**Distribution panel type and location:** • [Breakers - exterior wall](#)

**Distribution panel rating:** • Combination panel - There is no stand alone service box, but a combination panel that incorporates the main disconnect with the distribution panel. (Main shut-off with breakers in the same panel) This is an acceptable and common wiring method.



38. Combination panel - cover on



39. Combination panel - Cover removed

**Distribution panel rating:** • [150 Amps](#)

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

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

**Circuit interrupters: Ground Fault (GFCI) & Arc Fault (AFCI):** • GFCI Defined

*Note:* Special devices to shut the power off. If there is only a small flaw in the circuit, electricity may be flowing to a dangerous spot, but not enough flowing to trip a breaker. Potentially fatal current can flow through a person to ground. This is an electrical shock hazard. A ground fault circuit interrupter prevents this from happening by shutting off the circuit. Current standards require GFCI protection on all outdoor and bath outlets and kitchen counter tops and within six feet of any sink. (Also garages, attic, pools and whirlpools)

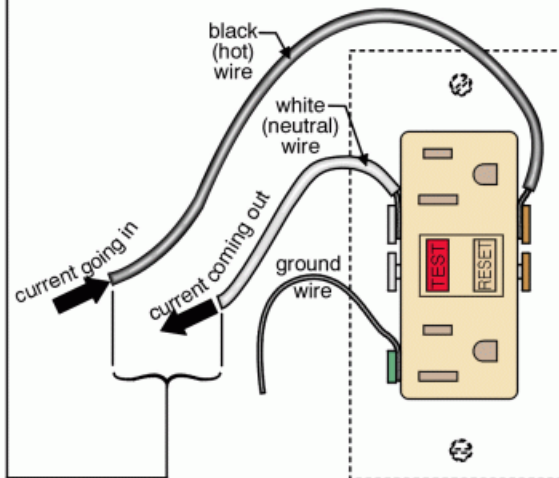
### Ground fault interrupter

the GFI circuitry within the outlet checks constantly for a difference between the current in the black and white wires

if there is a difference (even as little as 5 milliamps), there is a current leak (possibly through your body) and the GFI shuts down the receptacle and other receptacles downstream

**note:**

if the GFI is in the panel, the entire circuit will be shut down



**Smoke detectors:** • None noted

## Limitations

**General:** • The fire alarm and/or security system (if installed) were not tested. This is beyond the scope of this inspection. This should be performed by a fire/alarm company only.

**General:** • The smoke detectors were not tested during the inspection nor was the age determined. This is beyond the scope of a home inspection.

**Circuit labels:** • The circuits are not labeled at the panel

## Recommendations

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**28.** • All readily accessible outlets were tested for proper function, polarity and ground. All readily available switches tested for function. All tested OK, except where noted.

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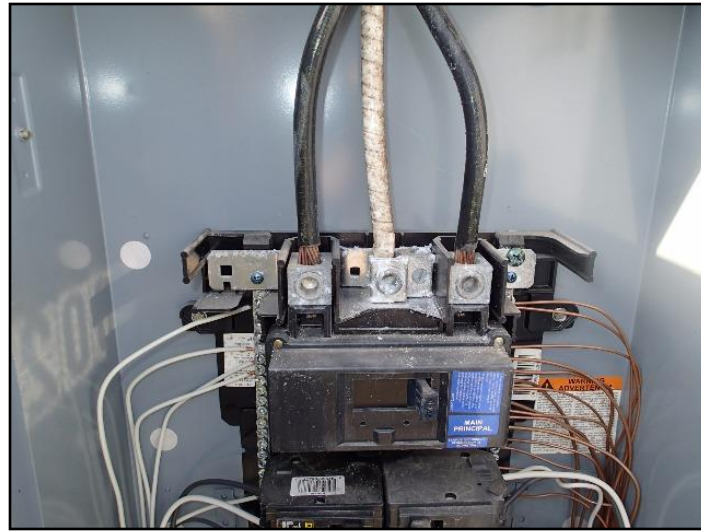
**29. Condition:** • It is recommended that a licensed electrician be engaged for further review and a more detailed evaluation of the electrical system. This should include recommendations and cost estimates. Not all deficiencies may be listed or pictured.

### SERVICE BOX, GROUNDING AND PANEL \ Service box - fuse, breaker, wire

**30. Condition:** • No dielectric grease on service wires. Corrosion visible at center connection.

**Task:** Correction by a licensed electrician





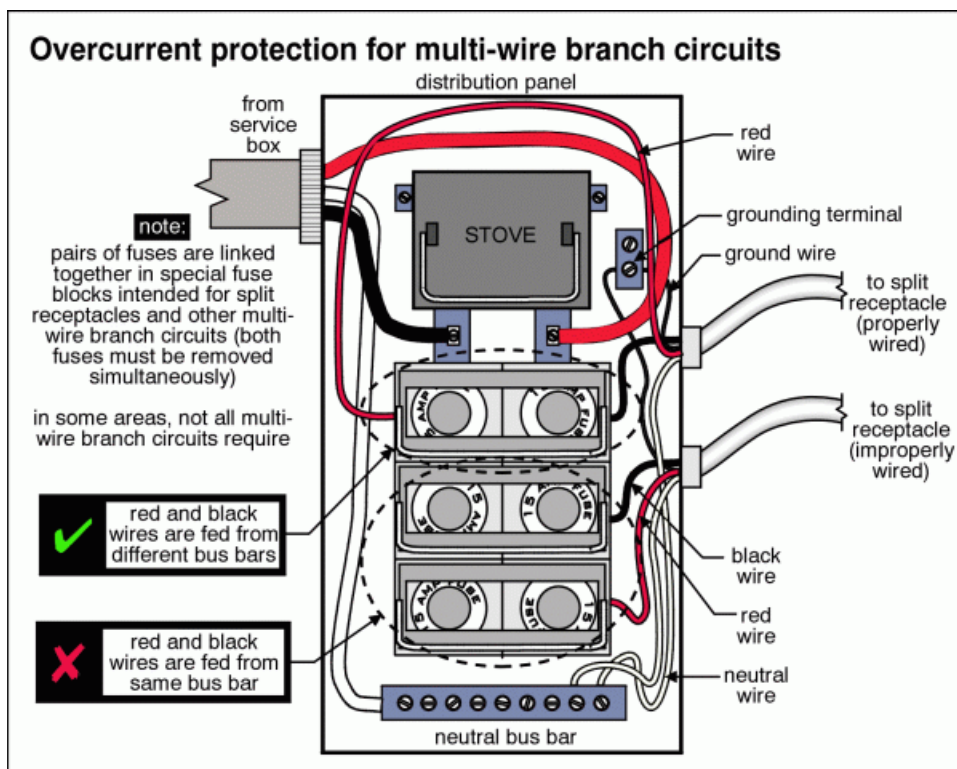
40. No dielectric grease

**SERVICE BOX, GROUNDING AND PANEL \ Distribution fuses/breakers****31. Condition:** • [No links for multi-wire circuits](#)

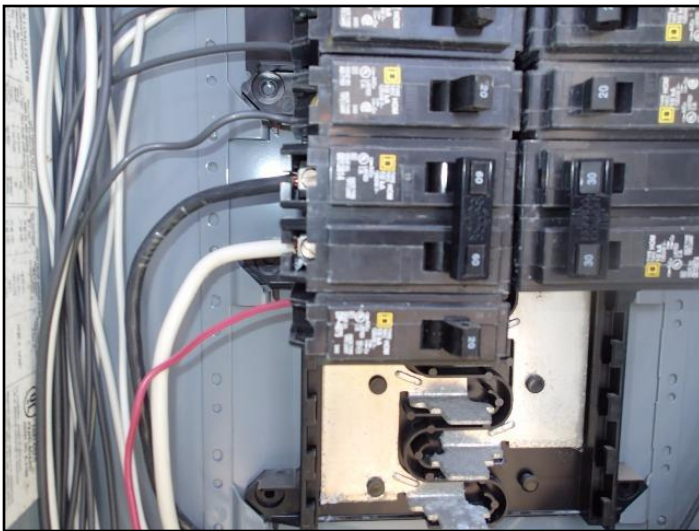
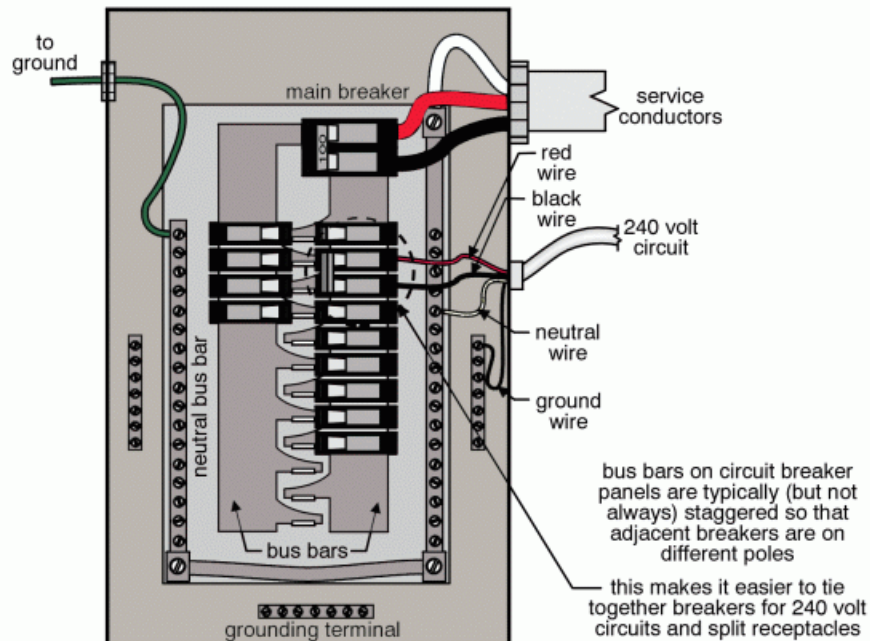
Possible multi-wire circuit with no link on multiple breakers, red wire used as hot on breaker and not properly marked, labeled or linked.

**Implication(s):** Electric shock

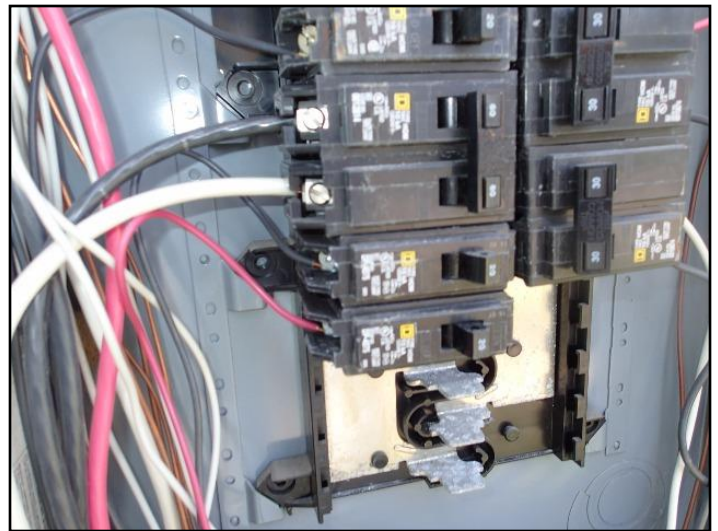
**Task:** Contact a licensed electrician for further evaluation and/or correction



## Staggered bus bars on circuit breaker panels



41. No links for multi-wire circuits



42. No links for multi-wire circuits

## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Junction boxes

### 32. Condition: • [Missing, loose](#)

Several electrical connections with no junction box only wire nuts.

**Implication(s):** Electric shock | Fire hazard

**Task:** Contact a licensed electrician for further evaluation and/or correction

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43. Missing



44. Missing, loose



45. Missing, loose

## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Outlets (receptacles)

### 33. Condition: • [Inoperative](#)

Several outlets were inoperative when tested.

**Implication(s):** Equipment inoperative

**Task:** Contact a licensed electrician for further evaluation and/or correction





46. Inoperative

**34. Condition:** • [Reversed polarity](#)

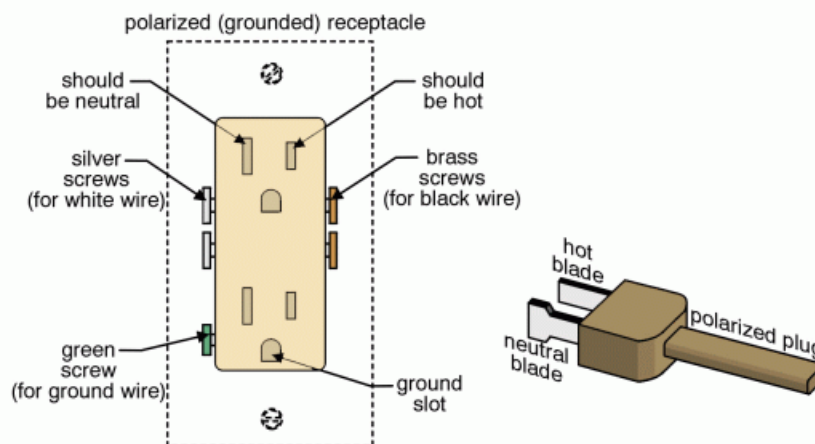
Modern outlets have a large slot (neutral) and small slot (hot). If the wires are connected improperly, this is referred to as reversed polarity. A reversed polarity outlet can compromise the safety of an electric appliance. Some outlets found had open neutral, hot and ground reversed and hot and hot and neutral reversed. A grounded appliance may have its grounding made ineffective by any one of these issues.

Stickers were placed on cover plates of accessible outlets that were tested and found to have an issue.

**Implication(s):** Electric shock

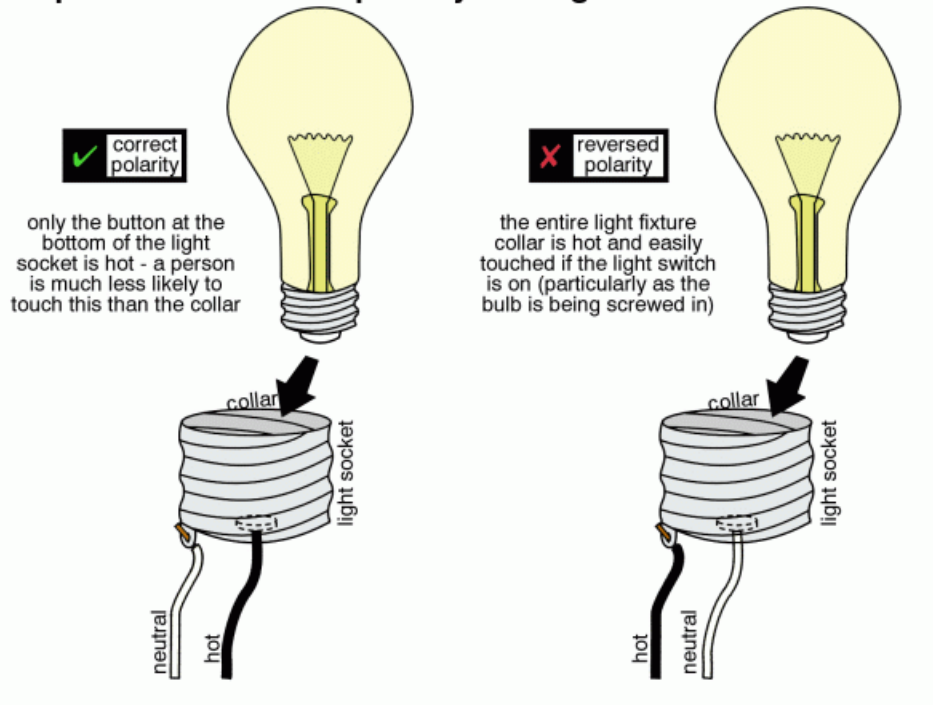
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### Reversed polarity



when the polarity is reversed, the wide receptacle slot is (incorrectly) hot and the narrow slot is neutral - this is not uncommon when people forget that the black wire should be attached to the receptacle's brass screws

## Importance of correct polarity with light fixtures



47. Reversed polarity

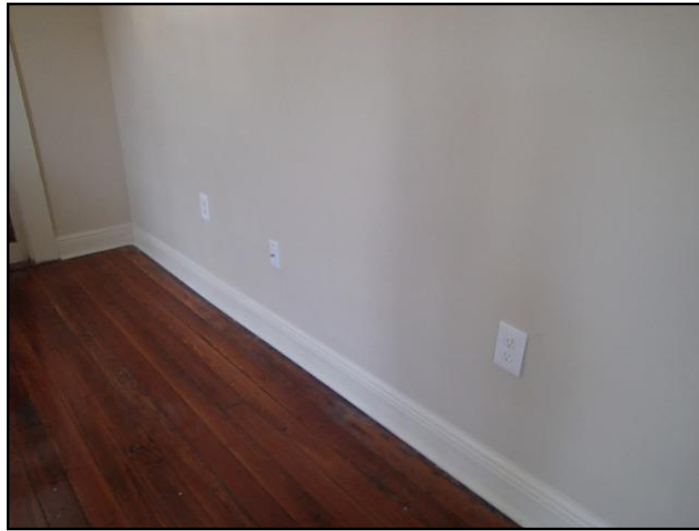
### 35. Condition: • [Loose](#)

Several outlets were loose or poorly secured.

**Implication(s):** Electric shock | Fire hazard

**Task:** Contact a licensed electrician for further evaluation and/or correction





48. Loose

**36. Condition:** • [GFCI/GFI needed \(Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter\)](#)

Outlets nearest sink were not GFCI protected. For safety, GFCI protected outlets in wet locations are a safety feature you may want to consider.

**Implication(s):** Electric shock

**Task:** Contact a licensed electrician for further evaluation and/or correction

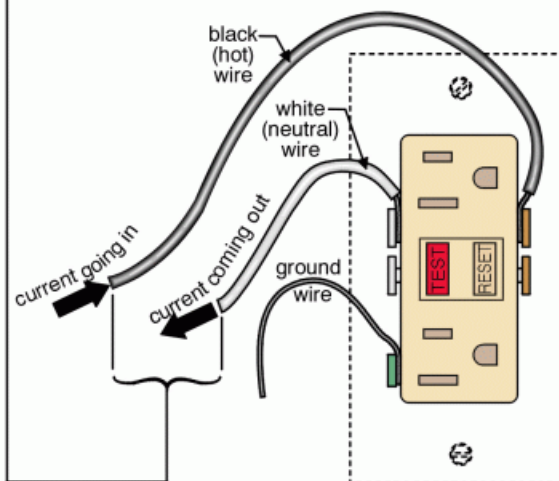
## Ground fault interrupter

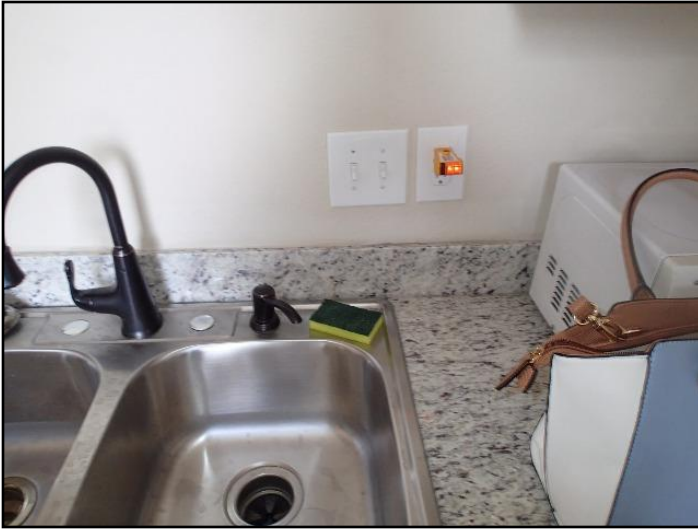
the GFI circuitry within the outlet checks constantly for a difference between the current in the black and white wires

if there is a difference (even as little as 5 milliamps), there is a current leak (possibly through your body) and the GFI shuts down the receptacle and other receptacles downstream

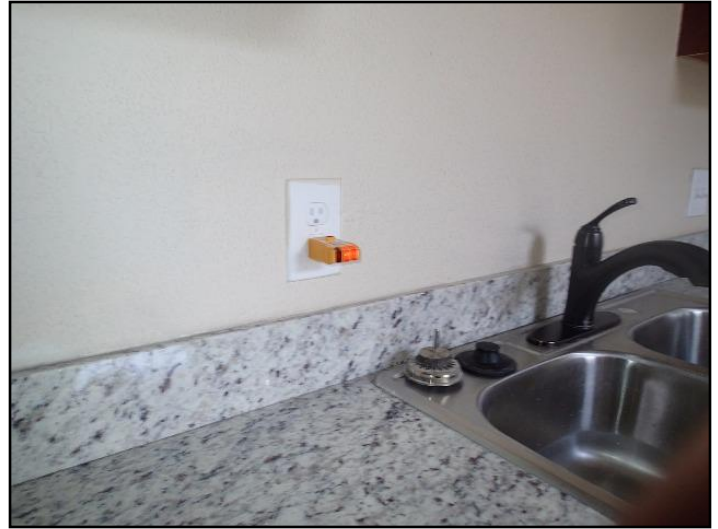
**note:**

if the GFI is in the panel, the entire circuit will be shut down





49. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI)...



50. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI)...

## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Cover plates

37. Condition: • [Missing](#)

Some cover plates were missing and/or damaged on outlets and/or switches.

**Implication(s):** Electric shock

**Task:** Replace cover plates where needed.



51. Missing

## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Lights

38. Condition: • [Damage](#)

Damaged fixture on exterior wall of left unit.

**Implication(s):** Electric shock | Fire hazard

**Task:** Contact a licensed electrician for further evaluation and/or correction

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52. Damage

## **DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Smoke detectors**

**39. Condition:** • For safety, it is recommended smoke alarms to be placed in all sleeping rooms, outside each sleeping area, and on each floor level including basements and habitable attics. They should be hardwired with a battery backup.



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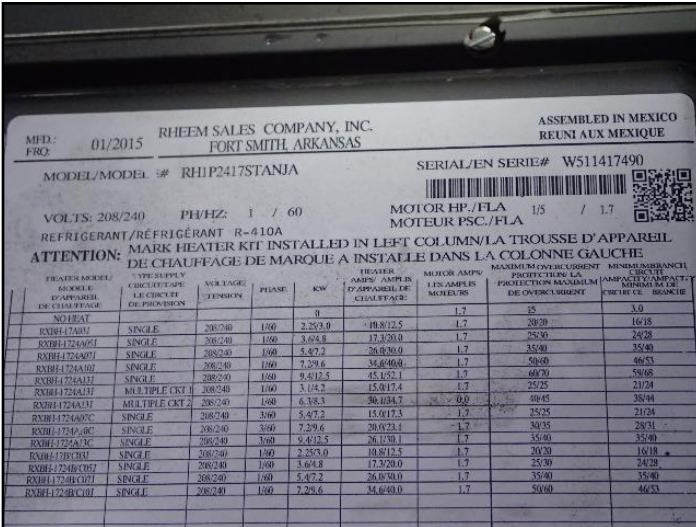
System type: • [Furnace](#)

Fuel/energy source: • [Electricity](#)

Furnace manufacturer:

• Rheem

Model number: RH1P2417STANJA Serial number: W511417490

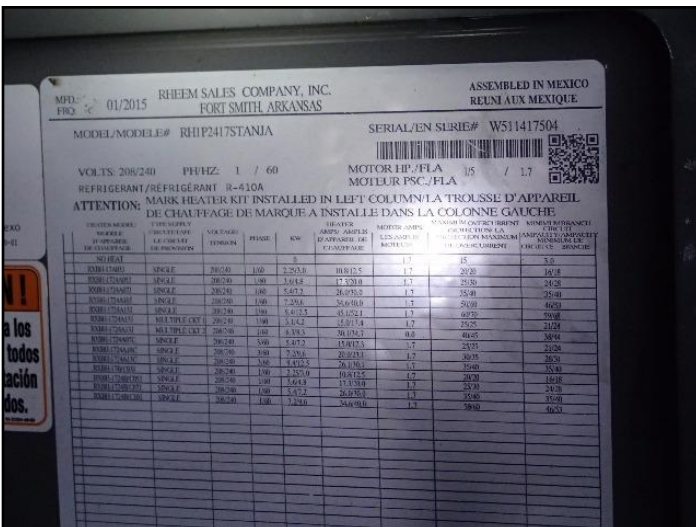


53. Rheem

54. Rheem

• Rheem

Model number: RH1P2417STAMJA Serial number: W511417504



55. Rheem

56. Rheem

Heat distribution: • [Ducts and registers](#)

Approximate capacity: • Not marked/not visible

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## Approximate age:

- [1 year](#)

Both units manufactured January 2015.

**Typical life expectancy:** • Furnace (conventional or mid-efficiency) 18 to 25 years

**Main fuel shut off at:** • Breaker/safety switch at unit.

**Fireplace/stove:** • Decorative only • Non-functional

## Limitations

**General:** • Tested heater for normal function only.

**General:** • Maintenance records for unit(s) were not available

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

**Heat exchanger:** • Not accessible, not inspected. This is beyond the scope of a home inspection.

## Recommendations

### General

**40.** • Heating system should be serviced and evaluated to establish a baseline and then annually by a licensed HVAC contractor. This will ensure it is functioning efficiently and safely and will help extend the units useful life. This should be done in conjunction with the cooling system, each prior to the appropriate season, annually.

### GAS FURNACE \ Cabinet

**41. Condition:** • There should be a minimal 30 inch by 30 inch level flooring work space on control side of unit for servicing.

**Task:** A licensed HVAC technician is recommended for further evaluation and/or correction.

**Time:** Prior to closing



57. No flooring for servicing unit

Description

Air conditioning type:

- [Air cooled](#)

Central cooling is by a "split-system", with the condenser/compressor unit located outside and the evaporator unit, with coil, located inside in the plenum near the furnace. Two refrigerant lines run between the compressor and the evaporator, the larger (vapor line) should be insulated to maintain temperature and prevent it from sweating. There is also a condensate drain line from the indoor evaporator to a drain point. This central system shares the same duct work, blower and filter as the furnace.

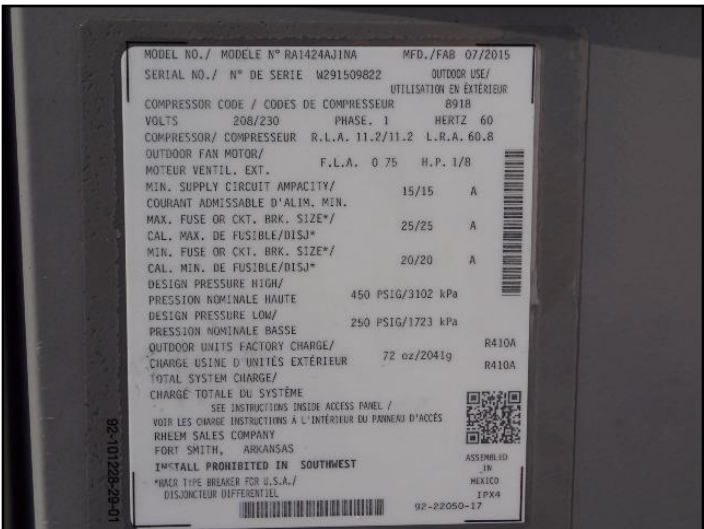


58. Air cooled

Manufacturer:

- Rheem

Model number: RA1424AK1NA    Serial number: W291509822



59. Rheem

- Rheem

Model number: RA1424AJ1NA    Serial number: W291509822



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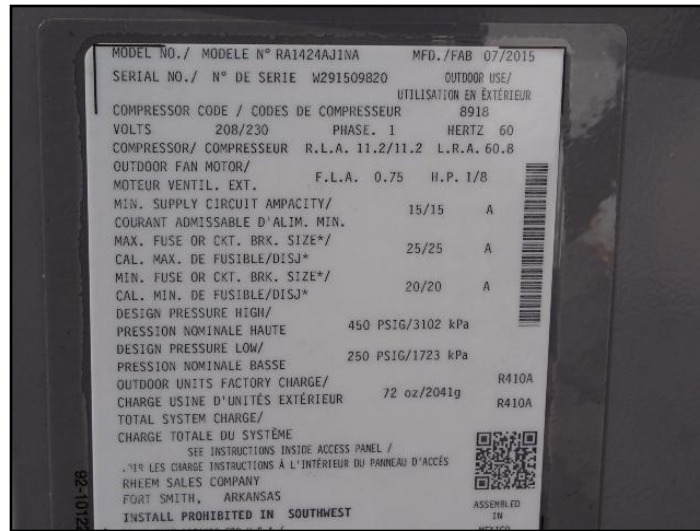
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60. Rheem

Cooling capacity: • [24,000 BTU/hr](#) • [2 Tons](#)

Compressor approximate age:

• 1 year

Both units manufactured July 2015.

Typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

## Limitations

**General:** • Tested for normal cooling function only. Tested OK.

**General:** • Maintenance records for unit(s) were not available.

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

## Recommendations

### General

**42.** • Condition: Service Air Conditioning system to establish a baseline and schedule annual maintenance by licensed HVAC contractor. This will ensure it is functioning efficiently and safely and will help extend the units useful life. This should be done in conjunction with the heating system, each prior to the appropriate season, annually. Both units came on but neither unit cooled below 83 degrees during entire inspection.

**Task:** Service units.

**Time:** Prior to closing

### AIR CONDITIONING \ Compressor

**43. Condition:** • Outdoor compressors were not secured to platform. Units should be secured to prevent walking effect or movement from vibration. Strap units to prevent damage.

**Implication(s):** Fall hazard

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**Task:** A licensed HVAC technician is recommended for further evaluation and/or correction.

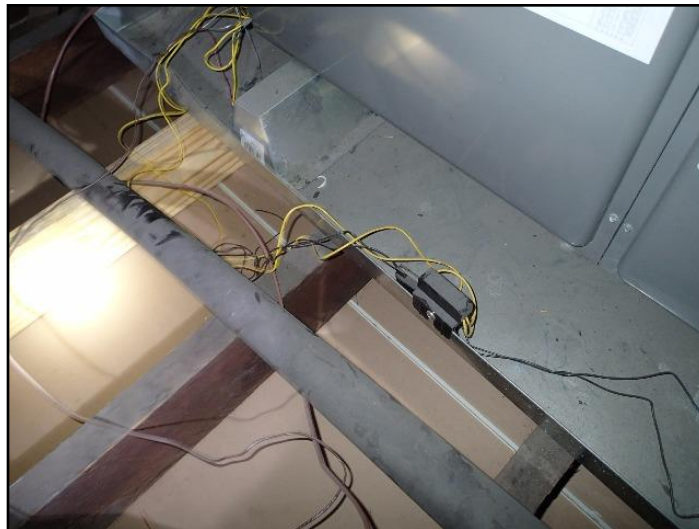
**Time:** Prior to closing



61. Net secured to platform

## AIR CONDITIONING \ Condensate system

**44. Condition:** • ITEM TO NOTE: The condensate pan has a float switch which turns off the cooling system if the pan fills with water. This may prevent ceiling damage from overflow if the drain line gets clogged. If the cooling system does not come on, check this first. Ask your HVAC technician about this. The float switch was not checked to determine if functioning or fastened properly, this is beyond the scope of a home inspection.



62. ITEM TO NOTE: The condensate pan has a floa...

**45. Condition:** • ITEM TO NOTE 2: The condensate drain line has a float switch which turns off the cooling system if the drain line backs up with water. This may prevent water damage from overflow if the drain line gets clogged. If the cooling system does not come on, check this first. Ask your HVAC technician about this.

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## AIR CONDITIONING \ Condensate drain line

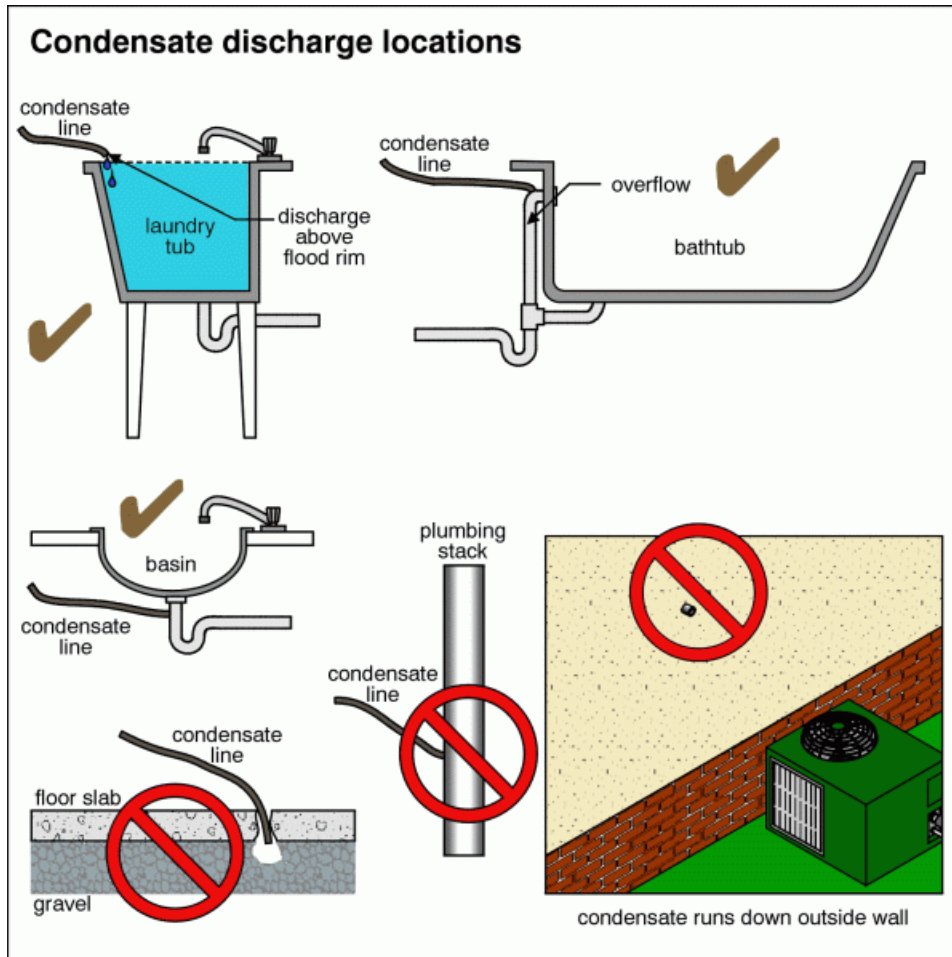
### 46. Condition: • [Improper discharge point](#)

Secondary drain lines discharge into crawl space.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Damage to equipment | Contaminants may enter building air

**Task:** A licensed HVAC technician is recommended for further evaluation and/or correction.

**Time:** Prior to closing





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63. Improper discharge point



64. Improper discharge point



65. Improper discharge point

## AIR CONDITIONING \ Ducts, registers and grilles

### **47. Condition:** • Change filters

The most important maintenance task is to routinely replace or clean its filters. Clogged, dirty filters block or restrict air flow and reduce the systems efficiency. With normal air flow obstructed, air that bypasses the filter may carry dirt directly into the evaporator coil and impair the coil's heat-absorbing capacity. A dirty filter may cause the evaporator coil to ice, possibly damaging the unit and/or reducing life expectancy of the unit. Keeping the filter clean can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5-15%. Some types of filters are reusable; others must be replaced. They are available in a variety of types and efficiencies. Clean or replace your air conditioning system's filter or filters every month or two during the cooling season. Filters may need more frequent attention if the air conditioner is in constant use, is subjected to dusty conditions, or you have fur-bearing pets in the house.

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## Description

### Attic/roof insulation material:

- [Glass fiber](#)

Minimal insulation found in isolated areas.



66. Glass fiber

**Attic/roof insulation amount/value:** • Not determined

**Attic/roof air/vapor barrier:** • [None found](#)

**Attic/roof ventilation:** • [Gable vent](#)

**Wall insulation material:** • Not visible

**Wall insulation amount/value:** • Not determined

**Floor above basement/crawlspace insulation material:** • No floor insulation

*Note:* Insulation below the floor in a crawl space is not substantially effective or recommended for this climate. Moisture may get trapped between insulation, sub-floor or joists eventually causing material damage or rot.

**Floor above basement/crawlspace air/vapor barrier:** • None found

**Crawlspace ventilation:** • Open between piers, cross ventilation.

*Note:* On right and rear only. Front and left for Brick with no ventilation

## Limitations

**Inspection prevented by no access to:** • Lack of attic flooring • Low height clearance areas in attic limited access. • Furnace and ducts limited access.

**Attic inspection performed:** • Inspected and accessed attic by hatch and ladder

**Attic inspection performed:** • By entering attic, but access was limited

**Crawlspace inspection performed:** • Inspected from edge of crawl space at openings. • Low height clearance and debris limited access.

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**Roof ventilation system performance:** • Not evaluated

**Mechanical ventilation effectiveness:** • Not verified

## Recommendations

### ATTIC/ROOF \ Insulation

**48. Condition:** • [Amount less than current standards](#)

Isolated piles of insulation were noted in attic. Most areas were not insulated. Increasing attic insulation up to a recommended amount of R-30 would increase comfort and reduce utility bills.

**Implication(s):** Increased heating and cooling costs

**Location:** Attic

**Task:** Improve



67. Amount less than current standards



68. Amount less than current standards

### FOUNDATION \ Crawlspace ventilation

**49. Condition:** • Inadequate

Crawlspace ventilation may be inadequate. Only two sides were open between piers. Front and left side was blocked by brick chain wall.

**Implication(s):** Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure



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## Description

**Water supply source:** • Public

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

**Supply piping in building:** • [PEX pipe \(cross-linked polyethylene\) is approved for potable hot- and cold-water plumbing systems and hot-water \(hydronic\) heating systems in all model plumbing and mechanical codes across the U.S. \(read more\)](#)

**Supply piping in building:** • [Copper](#)

**Main water shut off valve at the:** • Left side of house below hose bib.

**Water flow and pressure:** • [Functional](#)

**Water heater type:** • [Conventional](#)

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

**Water heater manufacturer:**

• Rheem

*Model number: XE40M06ST45U0 Serial number: A041507722*



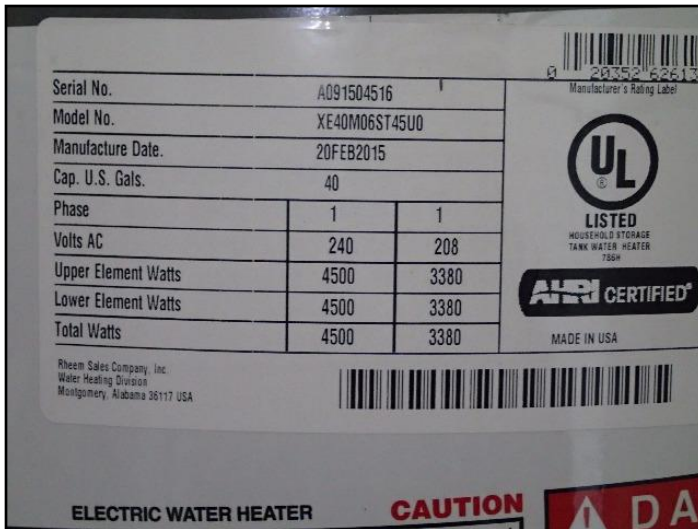
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Cap. U.S. Gals.	40	
Phase	1	1
Volts AC	240	208
Upper Element Watts	4500	3380
Lower Element Watts	4500	3380
Total Watts	4500	3380
Rheem Sales Company, Inc. Water Heating Division Montgomery, Alabama 36117 USA		

69. Rheem

• Rheem

*Model number: XE40M06ST45U0 Serial number: A091504516*

70. Rheem



71. Rheem

72. Rheem

**Tank capacity:** • [40 gallons](#)

**Water heater approximate age:**

• 1 year

Manufactured January & February 2015.

**Typical life expectancy:** • Typical life expectancy: The typical life expectancy of a water heater is 10-15 years. Even if they continue to work beyond this period, some efficiency and performance is lost.

**Waste disposal system:** • [Public](#)

**Waste and vent piping in building:** • [PVC plastic](#)

**Gas piping:** • No gas service to building.

## Limitations

**Items excluded from a building inspection:** • Garden sprinkler or irrigation systems.

**Items excluded from a building inspection:** • Water quality • Isolating/relief valves & main shut-off valve • Concealed plumbing • Tub/sink overflows • Water treatment equipment • Water heater relief valves are not tested

## Recommendations

### General

**50.** • All fixtures, supply lines faucets and drains tested, including tubs, showers, toilets, sinks and basins. No issues found except where otherwise noted.

**51.** • Consider a complete evaluation of the system by a licensed professional plumber. They should be engaged to verify and quantify the total of these issues, as well as a more detailed evaluation of the entire system. This should include recommendations and cost estimates. It may be beneficial to verify that the recent or past work was done with a proper permit and passed Parish inspection.

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## SUPPLY PLUMBING \ Supply piping in building

### **52. Condition:** • [Poor support](#)

Poor support on supply line or faucet not completely installed. Able to turn faucet 180 degrees.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Leakage

**Task:** A licensed plumber is recommended for further evaluation and/or correction.



73. Poor support

## WASTE PLUMBING \ Drain piping - installation

### **53. Condition:** • [Poor support](#)

No supports noted on waste lines in crawl space. Waste lines laying on ground. Primer was not visible on all connections.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Sewage entering the building

**Task:** A licensed plumber is recommended for further evaluation and/or correction.



74. Poor support



75. Poor support



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## FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Hose bib or bibb

54. Condition: • [Damage](#)

No handle on front hose bib.

**Implication(s):** Leakage | Equipment inoperative

**Task:** A licensed plumber is recommended for further evaluation and/or correction.



76. Missing handle

## FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Faucet

55. Condition: • [Stiff or inoperative](#)

Faucet on right side did not work when tested.

**Implication(s):** System inoperative or difficult to operate



77. Stiff or inoperative

## FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Bathtub

56. Condition: • Drain stop missing

Drain stop not installed on either bathtub.

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**Implication(s):** Reduced operability

**Task:** A licensed plumber is recommended for further evaluation and/or correction.



**78.** *Drain stop missing*

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## Description

**General:** • All exterior doors and a representative number of interior doors, windows, cabinets, and drawers were inspected. All were found to be functioning properly except as otherwise noted below.

**Major floor finishes:** • [Hardwood](#) • Tile

**Major wall finishes:** • [Plaster/drywall](#)

**Major ceiling finishes:** • [Plaster/drywall](#)

**Windows:** • Transom

**Windows:** • [Single/double hung](#)

**Glazing:** • [Single](#) • [Double](#)

**Exterior doors - type/material:** • [Wood](#) • [Metal](#)

**Doors:** • Inspected

**Oven fuel:** • Electricity

**Range fuel:** • Electricity

**Appliances:** • All listed appliances checked for normal operation and appear to be functioning properly with exceptions noted in the recommendations section.

**Appliances:** • Range.

**Appliances:** • Oven

**Appliances:** • Dishwasher

*Note:* Left side only. Right side has no dishwasher.

**Appliances:** • Refrigerator

**Appliances:** • Waste Disposal

**Laundry facilities:** • Washer and dryer

*Note:* Right side only

**Laundry facilities:** • Hot/cold water supply • 120-Volt outlet • 240-Volt outlet • Waste standpipe

**Counters and cabinets:** • Inspected

**Stairs and railings:** • Inspected

## Limitations

**General:** • Every effort will be made to check for broken seals on double or triple glazed windows. However, it may not be possible to identify a failed seal during a home inspection

**Not tested/not in service:** • Washer and dryer not tested

**Not included as part of a building inspection:** • Minor cosmetic defects are generally not addressed unless requested by client or client's agent.

**Not included as part of a building inspection:** • Carbon monoxide detectors • Security systems and intercoms • Central vacuum systems • Cosmetic issues

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## Recommendations

### WALLS \ Plaster or drywall

#### **57. Condition:** • [Water damage](#)

Water damage on window frames in right unit. Several windows had damage but only one is pictured.

**Implication(s):** Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

**Task:** Further evaluation and correction.



79. Water damage

#### **58. Condition:** • [Poor joints](#)

Poor measurement or drywall work. Opening in drywall above return air vent.

**Implication(s):** Damage or physical injury due to falling materials

**Task:** Repair hole/opening.



80. Poor joints



## WINDOWS \ Glass (glazing)

**59. Condition:** • [Glass may be strengthened by tempering. Fully tempered glass is made three to five time stronger than](#) ordinary glass by heating it and then cooling it very quickly. Tempered glass is also safer than ordinary glass because it breaks into small rectangular pieces, less likely to cut people. Tempered glass is used in sliding doors, bathtub and shower doors and skylights, for example.

When glass is less 18 inches from a walking surface or located within reach while in a bathtub, tempered glass should be installed. Tempered glass was designed to reduce injury when a person has accidental contact with glass.

Tempered glass is required to be permanently identified by the manufacturer. Identification can be acid etched, sand blasted, ceramic fired, laser etched, embossed or of a type that once applied, cannot be removed without being destroyed.

**Task:** Improve



**81.** *Low windows*

## WINDOWS \ Hardware

**60. Condition:** • Front left window on left side may be damaged. Window frame falls inward when opened.

**Task:** Repair / Replace

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## DOORS \ Doors and frames

**61. Condition:** • Possible water stains on door frame below return air vent.

**Task:** Further evaluation to determine cause of water stains.



83. Stains

## DOORS \ Hardware

**62. Condition:** • Door stop missing.

Installing door stops may help prevent wall damage from door hardware. Only one door is pictured.

**Task:** Install door stops where needed.

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84. Door stop missing.

## CARPENTRY \ Cabinets

63. Condition: • [Not well secured to wall](#)

Left side unit - Cabinet next to range was not secured to wall.

**Implication(s):** Damage to equipment | Damage or physical injury due to falling materials

**Task:** Secure cabinet.



85. Not well secured to wall

## EXHAUST FANS \ Duct

64. Condition: • [Termination point not found](#)

Bathroom exhaust fan ducts were not found. Bathroom exhaust fans should vent to the exterior or at minimum, to the soffit vents. This will keep moisture created in the bathroom from entering attic. Excess moisture in the attic can cause rot and corrosion. While this is a common problem and found in many homes, it should be corrected.

**Implication(s):** Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure

**Task:** Vent to an exterior location.



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**Cost:** Minor

## APPLIANCES \ Range

**65. Condition:** • Burner inoperative

Right side unit - Front right burner did not function when tested.

**Implication(s):** System inoperative



**86.** *Burner inoperative*

## APPLIANCES \ Dishwasher

**66. Condition:** • No dishwasher installed on right side.



**87.** *Missing*

**67. Condition:** • Kick plate not installed on left side dishwasher.

**Task:** install kick plate.

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88. Kick plate not installed.

## APPLIANCES \ Waste disposal

68. Condition: • Inoperative

Left side disposal did not function when tested. Hummed but did not turn on. Right side disposal had no power source. Unable to test.

Implication(s): Equipment inoperative



89. No power source.

## APPLIANCES \ Washing machine

69. Condition: • Rust on washing machine.

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90. Rust/opening

## APPLIANCES \ Dryer

70. Condition: • Clothes left in dryer.



91. Clothes in dryer.

71. Condition: • Dryer not vented to exterior

Dryer not vented to exterior. No opening or vent provided in laundry area.

**Implication(s):** Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure

**Location:** Both units.

**Task:** Provide vent for dryer.



# INTERIOR

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**92.** *Dryer not vented to exterior*

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## Description

**Weather:** • Partly cloudy

**Approximate temperature:** • 94°

**Attendees:** • Buyer • Buyer's Agent

**Access to home provided by:** • Buyer's agent

**Occupancy:** • The home was vacant during the inspection.

**Approximate inspection start and end time:** • The inspection started at 9:00 a.m. • The inspection ended at 11:30 a.m.

**Building type:** • Craftsman Style

*Note:* (Circa 1910-1940) Bungalow - Also referred to as California Style or Craftsman was very popular in New Orleans throughout the twenties and thirties. This style favored simpler, hand-crafted elements--elements that could generally be fashioned with a carpenter's saw on the construction site. In most cases these were one-story or 1 1/2-story structures with low, simple lines and large projecting roofs with exposed roof rafters in the eaves. Construction was typically wood frame on brick piers with weatherboard siding, wood shingles, or stucco. It is quite common to find weatherboard siding on the main body of a house with stucco, or a combination of wood siding and stucco, on the porch. Porch roofs were most often supported by large tapered, square pedestals with straight or tapered wooden posts on top. A multi-light attic window is usually found in the front gable and knee brackets under the front roof.

High-style Arts and Crafts residences typically have irregular bungalow floor plans. Irregularities included rectilinear window bays, heavy horizontal massing, windows with many small patterned panes and/or leaded/stained glass windows, over sized windows under the porch overhang. They may also be raised a half story above grade with a masonry or stucco foundation wall. Typically style is expressed through doors and windows with square or rectangular panes or patterns, plain shingles or wood cladding and tapered wood columns, usually with masonry bases.

**Number of dwelling units:** • Double

**Number of stories:** • 1

**Number of bedrooms:** • 4

**Number of bathrooms:** • 2

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## Smoke Alarm Safety at Home



Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

### SAFETY TIPS

- » INSTALL smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- » Larger homes may need ADDITIONAL smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- » For the best protection, INTERCONNECT all smoke alarms so when one sounds they all sound.
- » An IONIZATION smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a PHOTOELECTRIC smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.
- » Smoke alarms should be INSTALLED away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- » REPLACE all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



Your Source for SAFETY Information [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)  
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### FACTS

- ! Roughly **two thirds** of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in **half**.

**AND DON'T FORGET...**  
All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.





## Mold Information Fact Sheet

According to Louisiana laws regulating home inspections (Title 46, Part XL, Chapter 3 §309.A.7.), licensed home inspectors are not required to inspect or report on the presence or absence of any suspected or actual adverse environmental condition or hazardous substance, including but not limited to mold. This is due to the fact that mold cannot be definitively identified without being properly sampled and tested by a qualified laboratory. While these services are available for an additional charge, sampling and testing are not performed as part of a routine home inspection. However, in 2014 the state legislature passed the following law:

*A licensed home inspector shall include in his written report of the home inspection the presence of suspected mold growth if during the course of inspecting the systems and components of the structure in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and board rules and regulations, the licensed home inspector discovers visually observable evidence of suspected mold growth on the inside of the structure.*

As a result of this law, this information is being provided to you during your home inspection process. This information is being provided as a general guideline, and is not to be considered complete information on mold and suspected mold growth. Please consult with your physician, appropriate mold professional and provided reference sources for additional information regarding any concerns that you may have regarding this house.

According to the EPA, Mold spores are ubiquitous; they are found both indoors and outdoors. This means that mold is everywhere, and that all houses (including this one) have mold present inside of the structure. Mold spores cannot be eliminated from indoor environments. Some mold spores will be found floating through the air and in settled dust; however, they will not grow if moisture is not present. Mold is not usually a problem indoors—unless mold spores land on a wet or damp spot and begin growing. As molds grow they digest whatever they are growing on. Unchecked mold growth can damage buildings and furnishings; molds can rot wood, damage drywall, and eventually cause structural damage to buildings. Mold can cause cosmetic damage, such as stains, to furnishings. The potential human health effects of mold are also a concern. It is important, therefore, to prevent mold from growing indoors. Standards for judging what is an acceptable, tolerable or normal quantities of mold have not been established by any governmental or health organizations. There are no EPA or other federal standards for airborne mold or mold spores, so sampling cannot be used to check a building's compliance with federal mold standards, as there are none.

Mold can grow very quickly. The spores of some varieties can begin to germinate in as little as 4 to 12 hours, if the environmental conditions are favorable. It can be assumed that when building materials get wet, mold growth is likely to start immediately. In wet porous materials, mold can become extensive within 24 to 48 hours. ***Due to this fact, the home inspector cannot be held liable for any mold growth that is discovered in the home after the home inspection has been completed.*** If you see any suspected mold growth in the home during the inspection process, it is your responsibility to alert the home inspector of your suspicions so that the information may be included in your inspection report. A standard home inspection is not a mold inspection, and home inspectors are not inspecting the house with the express goal of discovering suspected mold growth. Any discoveries will be noted in the report, but the inspector is performing a general home inspection, not a mold inspection.

### Resource List

EPA Mold Homepage - links to EPA mold documents and non-EPA resources <http://www.epa.gov/mold/index.html>  
 EPA Resource: A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home [www.epa.gov/mold/moldguide.html](http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldguide.html)  
 Biological Contaminants [www.epa.gov/iaq/biologic.html](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/biologic.html)  
 Fact Sheet: Flood Cleanup - Avoiding Indoor Air Quality Problems <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/pdfs/floods.pdf>  
 EPA Hurricane Information <http://www.epa.gov/hurricanes/>  
 Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Home Page [www.epa.gov/iaq](http://www.epa.gov/iaq)  
 Indoor Air Quality Building Education and Assessment Model (I-BEAM) <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/largebldgs/i-beam/index.html>  
 IAQ in Large Buildings/Commercial Buildings <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/largebldgs/index.html>  
 IAQ Tools for Schools [www.epa.gov/iaq/schools](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools)  
 Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings [http://www.epa.gov/mold/mold\\_remediation.html](http://www.epa.gov/mold/mold_remediation.html)  
 Regulating Antimicrobial Pesticides [www.epa.gov/oppad001](http://www.epa.gov/oppad001)

The links below connect you to a series of documents that will help you understand your home and how it works. These are in addition to links attached to specific items in the report.

Click on any link to read about that system.

» 01. ROOFING, FLASHINGS AND CHIMNEYS

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» 11. LIFE CYCLES AND COSTS

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Asbestos

Radon

Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UFFI)

Lead

Carbon Monoxide

Mold

Household Pests

Termites and Carpenter Ants

» 13. HOME SET-UP AND MAINTENANCE

» 14. MORE ABOUT HOME INSPECTIONS