



# YOUR INSPECTION REPORT

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PREPARED BY:

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FOR THE PROPERTY AT:

209 Indian Road Cres Toronto, ON

PREPARED FOR:
JENNIFER PERCIVAL

INSPECTION DATE:

Tuesday, August 1, 2017



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August 2, 2017

Dear Jennifer Percival,

RE: Report No. 2145 209 Indian Road Cres Toronto, ON

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Please feel free to contact us with questions about the report or the home itself any time for as long as you own the home. Our consulting service via telephone is available at no cost to you for as long as you own the home.

Thanks again for allowing us to work with you.

Sincerely,

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This Summary outlines some of the potentially short-term significant issues from a cost standpoint. This section is provided as a COURTESY ONLY and cannot be considered a substitute for reading the entire report. Please read the complete document.

It is not possible for a home inspector to predict the future. It would be advisable to annually budget between 0.5% to 1% of the value of the home for unforeseen repairs and maintenance. This would hold true for any house that you were considering.

Things will wear out, break down, and fail without warning. This is a fact of home ownership.

NOTE: ALL ELECTRICAL ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY ITEMS

NOTE: FOR BALLPARK COSTS THE TERM 'MINOR' REFERS TO COSTS UNDER \$500

NOTE: FOR DIRECTIONAL PURPOSES USED THROUGHOUT THE REPORT, THE "FRONT" OF THE HOUSE IS REFERENCED AS FACING THE FRONT DOOR FROM THE EXTERIOR.

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During a home inspection we inspect all visible systems and components. There are literally hundreds of potential minor issues found in every home, new and old. The focus of this inspection was not to list all the minor deficiencies. But rather, the focus of this inspection was to identify MAJOR issues with MAJOR systems and components. To simplify and give you a better understanding of what is considered a major issue, the inspection can generally be categorized as follows.

- 1)OBSERVABLE STRUCTURAL DEFECTS
- 2)OBSERVABLE WATER LEAKAGE/DAMAGE Roof, Plumbing, and basement moisture intrusion.
- 3)OBSERVABLE ELECTRICAL DEFECTS
- 4)LIFESPAN SYSTEMS- Roof Covering, Heating System, Cooling System, Windows

\*\*\*OVERALL CONDITION OF PROPERTY: AS COMPARED TO HOMES OF THIS AGE, THIS HOME IS IN ABOVE AVERAGE CONDITION

For Ballpark costs of various home components, please click here:

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# Roofing

## **SLOPED ROOFING \ Asphalt shingles**

Condition: • Near end of life expectancy

Typical life expectancy for this type of roof covering is 13-17 years. The current sloped roof covering at front and Mud room is aging with typical wear - Granule loss, widening tabs due to shrinkage.

Here are some ballpark costs:

- 1. Strip asphalt shingles: \$0.75-\$1.50 per sq. ft.
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Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

Location: Front Exterior Roof and Mud room addition

Task: Replace

**Time**: Less than 2 years **Cost**: \$2,000 - \$4,000

# Heating

#### **GAS FURNACE \ Cabinet**

Condition: • Rust

The furnace is only 4 years old however we noted rust and some moisture inside the unit. This is likely a furnace condensate leak. Also note that sometimes the A/C evaporator coil/tray inside the furnace can leak into the furnace.

Service the furnace

Implication(s): Reduced system life expectancy | Material deterioration

Location: Furnace Task: Service

Time: Prior to first use

#### **FIREPLACE \ General**

**Condition:** • Fireplace, flue and chimney should be inspected and swept as needed by a WETT certified technician and any recommended repairs completed before the fireplace is used. (WETT - Wood Energy Technology Transfer Inc. is a non-profit training and education association.) See www.wettinc.ca.

Time: Prior to first use

# Cooling & Heat Pump

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Condition: • Old

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Implication(s): Equipment failure | Reduced comfort

**Location**: Exterior **Task**: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: \$3,000 - and up

This concludes the Summary section.

The remainder of the report describes each of the home's systems and also details any recommendations we have for improvements. Limitations that restricted our inspection are included as well.

The suggested time frames for completing recommendations are based on the limited information available during a pre-purchase home inspection. These may have to be adjusted based on the findings of specialists.

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**Descriptions** 

Sloped roofing material: • Asphalt shingles

Flat roofing material: • Modified bitumen

# Observations and Recommendations

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview**

Condition: • As per homeowner, the flat roof coverings, and sloped porch covering and the rear sloped covering are newer.

Condition: • Due to height of roof, we did not access flat roof. ALL flat roofs should be inspected annually by a professional roofing contractor.

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2. Near end of life expectancy

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**Inspection performed:** • Through Window - Limited View

Inspection performed: • With binoculars

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# **Descriptions**

Gutter & downspout material: • Aluminum

Gutter & downspout discharge: • Above grade

Lot slope: • Away from building • Flat

Wall surfaces - masonry: • Brick

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Wall surfaces and trim:

 Vinyl siding mud room

# Observations and Recommendations

## **ROOF DRAINAGE \ Downspouts**

**Condition:** • Loose connections

Implication(s): Leakage Location: Right Side Exterior

Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: Minor



3. Loose connections

Condition: • Should discharge 6 feet from building

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

Location: Right Side Exterior

Task: Improve

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

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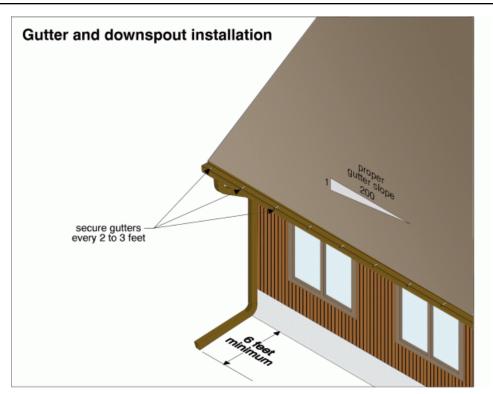
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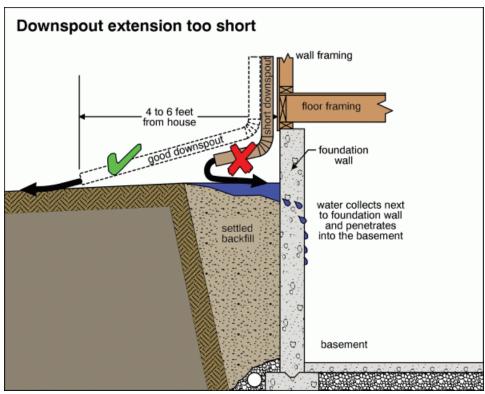
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4. Should discharge 6 feet from building

## WALLS \ Flashings and caulking

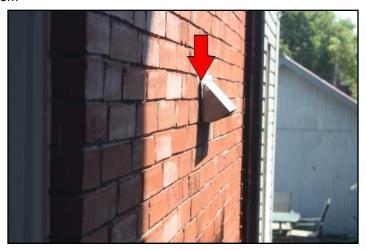
Condition: • Caulking missing or ineffective

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

**Location**: Exterior Wall

Task: Improve

**Time**: Regular maintenance **Cost**: Regular maintenance item



5. Caulking missing or ineffective

## WALLS \ Brick, stone and concrete

**Condition:** • Most masonry walls have small cracks due to shrinkage or minor settlement. These will not be individually noted in the report, unless leakage, building movement or similar problems are noted

Condition: • Parging damaged or missing

Implication(s): Chance of damage to structure | Shortened life expectancy of material

Location: Various Exterior Wall

Task: Repair

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**Time**: Regular maintenance **Cost**: Regular maintenance item

## **LANDSCAPING \ Lot grading**

**Condition:** • During rainfall, walk the exterior to view if any water is draining towards the home. Improve these areas as needed

#### **GARAGE \ General**

Condition: • Typical low quality structure

This is your standard older style lower-quality Toronto Garage. Improvements have been made to the electrical system. The metal cladding is old. The metal roof is old. Repairs ongoing as needed. Cost to replace a garage this size is expensive. \$15,000 and up.

**Implication(s)**: Physical injury | Chance of pests entering building | Chance of structural movement | Chance of water entering building

Location: Exterior Garage

Task: Repair

Time: Ongoing as needed





6. Typical low quality structure



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# Inspection Methods and Limitations

Upper floors inspected from: • Ground level

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# **Descriptions**

Configuration: • Basement

Foundation material:

• Stone

Not visible

Covered by Parging - Likely Brick or Stone based on age of property

Floor construction: • Joists

Exterior wall construction: • Masonry

Roof and ceiling framing: • Not visible

# Observations and Recommendations

#### **FOUNDATIONS \ Performance opinion**

Condition: • Not determined

Most of the foundation was not visible

# Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Inspection limited/prevented by:** • Finishes, insulation, furnishings and storage conceal structural components,

preventing/restricting inspection

Attic/roof space: • Inspected from access hatch

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# Descriptions

General: • ALL ELECTRICAL CONDITIONS ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY ITEMS

Service entrance cable and location: • Overhead - cable type not determined

Service size: • 200 Amps (240 Volts)

Main disconnect/service box type and location: • Breakers - basement

Distribution panel rating: • 200 Amps

Distribution panel type and location: • Breakers - basement

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 - bathroom and exterior

Smoke detectors: • Present

## Observations and Recommendations

#### SERVICE DROP AND SERVICE ENTRANCE \ Service drop

Condition: • Branches, vines interfering with wires

Monitor Service Drop electrical wires to ensure that wires are not being interfered with by tree branches. Have specialist trim branches back from wires where needed.

Implication(s): Interruption of electrical service | Electric shock | Damage to wire

Location: Front Exterior

Task: Correct Time: Ongoing

Cost: Regular maintenance item



9. Branches, vines interfering with wires

## **DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Wiring - installation**

Condition: • Flexible conduit needed

Indoor wiring used on exterior wall. Provide conduit

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Implication(s): Electric shock
Location: Exterior Wall

Task: Provide conduit for conductors

Time: As Soon As Possible





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11. Flexible conduit needed



12. Flexible conduit needed

## **DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Knob-and-tube wiring**

Condition: • Replace when renovating

Based on the age of the property Knob and Tube may be present in the walls or ceiling, although no active knob and tube was observed or found during the inspection. The home wiring appears to have been upgraded throughout. Sometimes knob and tube wiring is found during renovations. If found during renovations, replacement is recommended to satisfy insurance companies. \$1500 per room

Implication(s): Nuisance | Potential problem when obtaining home insurance

Task: Remove Time: if found

#### **DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Smoke detectors**

Condition: • Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors should be provided at every floor level of every home. Smoke

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detectors should be close to sleeping areas, and carbon monoxide detectors should be in any room with a wood-burning stove or fireplace. These devices are not tested as part of a home inspection. Once you take possession of the home, detectors should be tested regularly, and replaced every 10 years. If unsure of the age of a smoke detector, it should be replaced. Smoke detector batteries should be replaced annually.

# **Inspection Methods and Limitations**

System ground: • Quality of ground not determined

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**Descriptions** 

System type: • Furnace Fuel/energy source: • Gas

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Heat distribution: • Ducts and registers Approximate capacity: • 80,000 BTU/hr

Efficiency: • High-efficiency Approximate age: • 4 years

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

Fireplace/stove: • Wood-burning fireplace

## Observations and Recommendations

#### General

- Set up annual service plan which includes coverage for parts and labour.
- A home inspection cannot determine if the heat exchanger is damaged because the heat exchanger is not visible without removal of furnace components. Have HVAC licensed technician inspect the furnace prior to first use and annually.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview**

Condition: • The thermostat was not functional. We did not confirm if the floor radiant heating in the bathroom is functional

**Location**: Basement Bathroom Task: Further evaluation

**Time**: Discretionary

#### **GAS FURNACE \ Cabinet**

Condition: • Rust

The furnace is only 4 years old however we noted rust and some moisture inside the unit. This is likely a furnace condensate leak. Also note that sometimes the A/C evaporator coil/tray inside the furnace can leak into the furnace.

Service the furnace

Implication(s): Reduced system life expectancy | Material deterioration

Location: Furnace Task: Service

Time: Prior to first use

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**13.** Rust

## **CHIMNEY AND VENT \ Masonry chimney cap**

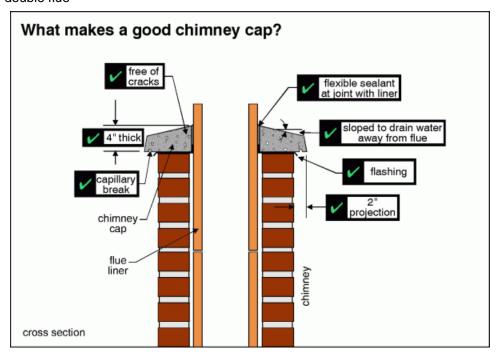
Condition: • Missing

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Shortened life expectancy of material

Location: Chimney

Task: Provide chimney Cap Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: \$500 - \$900 double flue



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14. Missing Chimney Cap

## FIREPLACE \ General

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Time: Prior to first use

# Inspection Methods and Limitations

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

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

Heat exchanger: • Not visible

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# **Descriptions**

## Air conditioning type:

• Air cooled

Independent system

Newer - 2 years as per homeowner

Cooling capacity: • 30,000 BTU/hr

#### Compressor approximate age:

• 17 years

For main central a/c unit

Typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

## Observations and Recommendations

## **AIR CONDITIONING \ General**

Condition: • Service air conditioner

Implication(s): Reduced comfort | Increased cooling costs | Reduced system life expectancy

Task: Service annually

## **AIR CONDITIONING \ Life expectancy**

Condition: • Old

Typical life expectancy for a/c units are 10-15 years. The current unit is 17 years old and is beyond its life expectancy.

The unit functioned when tested. Continue to use and plan for replacement.

Implication(s): Equipment failure | Reduced comfort

Location: Exterior Task: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: \$3,000 - and up



**15.** *Aging* 

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

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# Descriptions

Attic/roof insulation material: • Not determined • Not visible

Attic/roof insulation amount/value: • Not visible Attic/roof air/vapor barrier: • Spot Checked Only

Attic/roof air/vapor barrier: • Not visible

Attic/roof ventilation: • Roof vent

Foundation wall insulation material: • Spray foam

## Observations and Recommendations

## **FOUNDATION \ Interior insulation**

Condition: • Exposed combustible insulation

Some types of spray foam insulation have a fire retardant added and some do not. We cannot determine during a home inspection which type of spray foam was used. Some types require that drywall be installed over top.

Implication(s): Fire hazard

Location: Basement

Task: Further evaluation and cover if necessary

Time: Less than one year Cost: Depends if work needed



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# **Inspection Methods and Limitations**

Inspection prevented by no access to: • Walls, which were spot checked only

Attic inspection performed: • From access hatch

Roof ventilation system performance: • Not evaluated

Air/vapor barrier system: • Continuity not verified

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# **Descriptions**

Service piping into building: • Copper

**Supply piping in building:** • PEX (cross-linked Polyethylene)

Main water shut off valve at the: • Front of the basement

Water flow and pressure: • Functional Water heater type: • Conventional

Water heater fuel/energy source: • Gas

Tank capacity: • 189 liters

Water heater approximate age: • 19 years

Typical life expectancy: • 10 - 15 years Waste and vent piping in building: • Plastic Floor drain location: • Near heating system

Backwater valve: • Present. These valves help prevent sewer backup. Many insurance companies insist these be

installed before they will offer a sewer backup endorsement, which we strongly recommend you obtain.

## Observations and Recommendations

#### WATER HEATER \ Life expectancy

Condition: • Old

Typical life expectancy for water heaters is 10-15 years. The current water heater is 19 years old. Replacement recommended

Implication(s): No hot water

Location: Basement

Task: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: Rental?

## WATER HEATER - GAS BURNER AND VENTING \ Combustion air

Condition: • Inadequate combustion air

Have HVAC specialist evaluate if there is sufficient combustion air in the area. (only needed for water heater. The furnace is receiving it's combustion air from the exterior)

Implication(s): Increased operating costs | Hazardous combustion products entering home | Equipment not operating properly

Location: Basement water heater area

Task: Service / Correct Time: As Soon As Possible

## WASTE PLUMBING \ Drain piping - performance

**Condition:** • Sewage backup insurance is recommended.

Implication(s): drainage and/or leakage problems

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Task: Provide Time: Immediate

Condition: • Drain line video camera inspection recommended We recommend this ON ALL HOMES BUILT PRIOR TO 1960

Implication(s): Drainage and/or leakage problems

Location: Basement Task: Camera inspection

Time: Immediate

## **WASTE PLUMBING \ Venting system**

Condition: • Venting pipe noted on exterior wall. We often see this application in older homes where fixtures have been added after original construction where venting through the house is too invasive. We always recommend that a licensed plumber check and verify that the installation work.

**Location**: Exterior right side. Task: Further evaluation Time: Less than one year

Cost: Depends on work needed if any.



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**Items excluded from a building inspection:** • Tub and basin overflows are not tested as part of a home inspection. Leakage at the overflows is a common problem.

Items excluded from a building inspection: • Well • Water quality • Septic system • Isolating/relief valves & m ain shut-off valve • Concealed plumbing • Tub/sink overflows • Water treatment equipment • Pool • Spa

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# **Descriptions**

Major floor finishes: • Hardwood • Ceramic

Major wall and ceiling finishes: • Plaster/drywall • Stucco/texture/stipple

Windows: • Fixed • Single/double hung

Glazing: • Double

Exterior doors - type/material: • Hinged

## Observations and Recommendations

#### General

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

## FLOORS \ Wood/laminate floors

Condition: • Exposed tongues

Implication(s): Reduced system life expectancy

Location: Various Task: Improve **Time**: Discretionary

Cost: Regular maintenance item

## **STAIRS \ Guardrails**

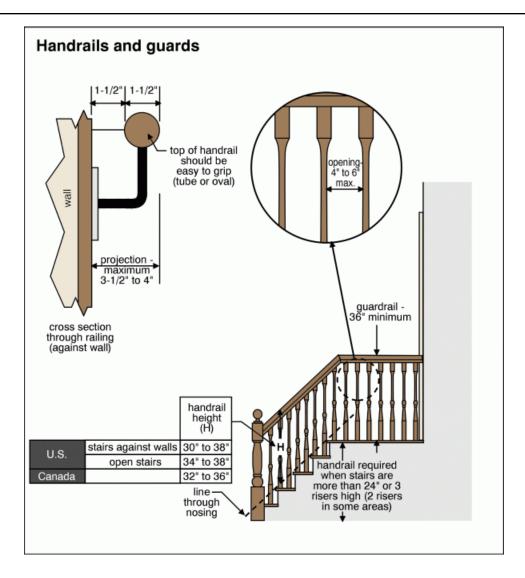
Condition: • Too low Below modern standards Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Various Task: Upgrade Time: Discretionary

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## **STAIRS \ Spindles or balusters**

Condition: • Too far apart Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Third Floor (one extra spindle is needed)

Task: Correct

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: Minor

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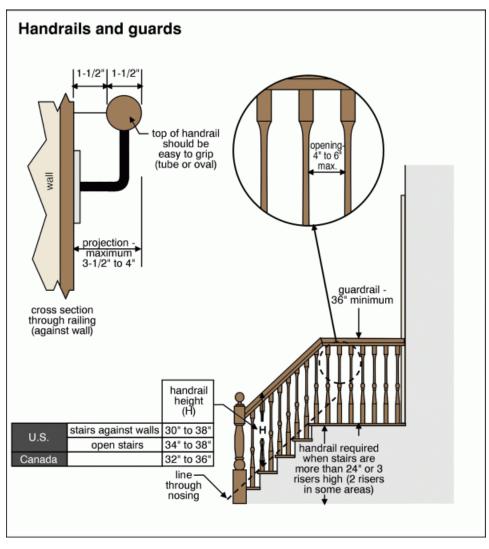
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#### **BASEMENT \ Leakage**

Condition: • \*\*\*FOR FUTURE REFERENCE\*\*\* Basement Leakage 4-step method.

Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. Based on a one-time visit, it's impossible to know how often or severe leaks may be. While we look for evidence of past leakage during our inspection, this is often not a good indicator of current conditions. Exterior conditions such as poorly performing gutters and downspouts, and ground sloping down toward the house often cause basement leakage problems. To summarize, wet basement issues can be addressed in 4 steps: 1. First, ensure gutters and downspouts carry roof run-off away from the home. (relatively low cost) 2. If problems persist, slope the ground (including walks, patios and driveways) to direct water away from the home. (Low cost if done by homeowner. Higher cost if done by contractor or if driveways, patios and expensive landscaping are disturbed.) 3. If the problem is not resolved and the foundation is poured concrete, seal any leaking cracks and form-tie holes from the inside. (A typical cost is \$300 to \$600 per crack or hole.) 4. As a last resort, dampproof the exterior of the foundation, provide a drainage membrane and add/repair perimeter drainage tile. (High cost

#### BASEMENT \ Wet basements - corrective action noted

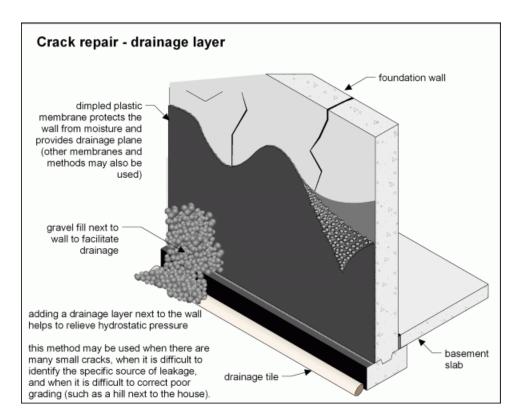
**Condition:** • Drainage membrane

For Your Information - Homeowner noted that a drainage membrane was added to the foundation wall

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

**Location**: Exterior Wall

Task: Monitor Time: Unknown



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19. Example Drainage membrane

#### **BASEMENT \ Wet basements - vulnerability**

Condition: • Typical of many homes with stone, brick, or block foundations, some moisture can be expected from time to time and is not unusual. Exterior grading and water management improvements are generally effective at reducing basement moisture. A dehumidifier can also be used to keep humidity levels down.

# Inspection Methods and Limitations

General: • Up until about 1985, Asbestos was used in a multitude of building materials including but not limited to: Insulation on hydronic piping, attic insulation, flooring and ceiling tiles, stucco ceilings, glue, insulation around heating ducts and registers and so on. Identification of asbestos is outside the scope of a home inspection. If you have concerns about asbestos, consult with a professional environmental company that specializes with asbestos lab testing.

**Inspection limited/prevented by:** • Absence of historical clues due to finishes.

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

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Carbon monoxide detectors, security systems, central vacuum • Cosmetic issues • Appliances • Perimeter drainage tile around foundation, if any

Cosmetics: • No comment offered on cosmetic finishes

Appliances: • Appliances are not inspected as part of a building inspection • Appliances are not moved during an inspection

Percent of foundation not visible: • 100 %

Basement leakage: • Cannot predict how often or how badly basement will leak • Storage in basement limited inspection

#### **END OF REPORT**

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STRUCTURE ELECTRICAL

COOLING

INSULATION

PLUMBING

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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
- 02. EXTERIOR
- 03. STRUCTURE
- 04. ELECTRICAL
- 05. HEATING
- 06. COOLING/HEAT PUMPS
- 07. INSULATION
- 08. PLUMBING
- 09. INTERIOR
- 10. APPLIANCES
- 11. LIFE CYCLES AND COSTS
- 12. SUPPLEMENTARY

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