

Home Inspection Checklist

Exterior

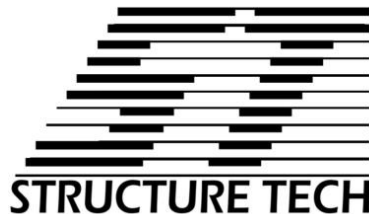
- ✓ Roof
 - View all sides.
 - Irregularities? Curled shingles? Missing granules? Cracks or splits?
 - Patched shingles? Sliding shingles? Missing shingles?
- ✓ Chimney
 - View all sides.
 - Missing bricks? Cracks?
 - Stucco-covered chimney (pre-1940s).
- ✓ Siding - Hardboard
 - Check for rot at the north side, areas not protected by soffits, and areas closest to ground.
- ✓ Siding - Newer Stucco/stone (~1990s +)
 - This is all suspect. Beware of brown stains.
- ✓ Windows - Wood
 - Look carefully for patching / soft areas. North sides and unprotected areas are most susceptible to rot.
- ✓ Windows – Aluminum Clad
 - Squeeze or push on several.
 - Open casement (crankout) windows and look at sashes from underneath.
- ✓ Decks
 - Look underneath for rot.
 - Look for sagging from a distance.
- ✓ Water Management
 - Gutters?
 - Downspout extensions?
 - Ground pitched away from building?

Interior

- ✓ Foundation
 - Concrete block: cracks > ¼" ?
 - Poured concrete: cracks > ⅛" ?
 - Long horizontal cracks?
 - Recently patched cracks?
- ✓ Water Intrusion with a Finished Basement
 - Proper water management at exterior?
 - Look for stains at the outside corners. Staining will always start at the floor.
 - Look for wall patching at inside corners.
 - Look behind furniture and carpeting if possible.
 - If sub-slab heat ducts are present, try to look inside every register for signs of moisture. Use a real flashlight.
- ✓ Plumbing – Galvanized Steel Pipes
 - Test water flow by running several fixtures in different parts of the house at the same time.
 - Galvanized steel supply pipe from street?
 - If drains are galvanized steel, run a lot of water through every drain.
- ✓ Heating Plant
 - Look for rust, debris, soot, and scorching.
- ✓ Electric Hazards
 - Main Panel – “Stab-Lok”? Fuses?
 - 1965 – 1974: Aluminum Wiring?
 - Pre-1940s – Knob and Tube wiring?
- ✓ Interior Stains
 - Stains at floor around patio doors
 - Stains at corners of window frames

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