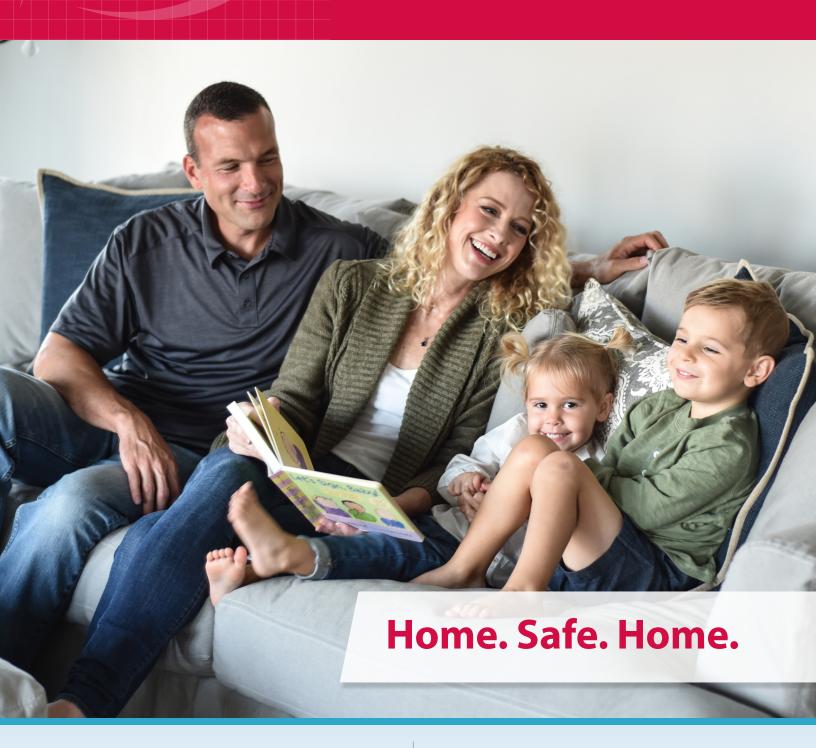
# HomeTeam<sup>®</sup> INSPECTION SERVICE

**HOME INSPECTION REPORT** 







### WHAT IS A HOME INSPECTION?

The purpose of a home inspection is to visually examine the readily accessible systems and components of the home. The inspectors are not required to move personal property, materials or any other objects that may impede access or limit visibility. Items that are unsafe or not functioning, in the opinion of the inspector, will be described in accordance with the standards of practice by which inspectors abide.

## WHAT DOES THIS REPORT MEAN TO YOU?

This inspection report is not intended as a guarantee, warranty or an insurance policy. Because your home is one of the largest investments you will ever make, use the information provided in this report and discuss the findings with your real estate agent and family to understand the current condition of the home.

# OUR INSPECTIONS EXCEED THE HIGHEST INDUSTRY STANDARDS.

Because we use a team of inspectors, each an expert in his or her field, our inspections are performed with greater efficiency and more expertise and therefore exceed the highest industry standards. We are pleased to provide this detailed report as a service to you, our client.

# WE BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAM OF HOME OWNERSHIP.

We want to help you get into your dream home. Therefore, we take great pride in assisting you with this decision making process. This is certainly a major achievement in your life. We are happy to be part of this important occasion and we appreciate the opportunity to help you realize your dream.

## WE EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS.

Buying your new home is a major decision. Much hinges on the current condition of the home you have chosen. That is why we have developed the HomeTeam Inspection Report. Backed by HomeTeam's experience with hundreds of thousands of home inspections over the years, the report in your hand has been uniquely designed to meet and exceed the expectations of today's homebuyers. We are proud to deliver this high-quality document for your peace of mind. If you have any questions while reviewing this report, please contact us immediately.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you.



FAST















Dear Angela Devanna,

On Monday, July 5, 2021 The HomeTeam Inspection Service made a visual inspection of 3465 Saigon Dr, Westerville, OH 43081. Enclosed please find a written, narrative report of our findings in accordance with the terms of our Inspection Agreement.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call me at (614) 701-7680. Thank your for choosing HomeTeam.

Sincerely,

Pete Hopkins
HomeTeam Inspection Service

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#### **SUMMARY**

The following is a summary of our findings. Please read this report, in its entirety, prior to the expiration of the home inspection contingency period in your contract. Do not rely on this summary report. You must read the entire inspection report containing detailed descriptions of the property, its systems, and its components. This summary report is not intended to be comprehensive or to replace the home inspection report.

Section headings in the summary report are for reference purposes only and do not affect the meaning or the interpretation of the report. The order of presentation of the systems and components of the property do not reflect upon the relative importance of any system or component. You must determine the value of each system and component of the property for yourself.

\*\* HYPERLINKS are ACTIVE. Click on a summary item below, and it will take you immediately to the appropriate section in the report.\*\*

#### **HVAC**

1. The insulation on the exterior air conditioning line set is missing.

#### **Exterior**

1. The condensate line for the HVAC system is discharging adjacent to the foundation.

NOTE: It is important for clients to work closely with your real estate professional in developing any repair requests. Please contact HomeTeam for clarification of any items in this report. Requests for reinspection of completed repairs should be in writing, accompanied with a legible copies of repair invoices from the appropriate licensed contractors. Upon receipt of this information, the reinspection will be scheduled and the reinspection report submitted.

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#### **PRFFACE**

A home inspection is intended to assist in evaluation of the overall condition of the dwelling. The inspection is based on observation of the visible and apparent condition of the structure and its components on the date of the inspection. We will not render an opinion as to the condition of any systems or components of the structure that are concealed by walls, floors, drywall, paneling, suspended ceiling tiles, insulation, carpeting, furniture or any other items on the property at the time of the inspection.

The results of this home inspection are not intended to make any representation regarding the presence or absence of latent or concealed defects that are not reasonably ascertainable in a competently performed home inspection. No warranty or guaranty is expressed or implied.

You may be advised to seek a specialist's opinion as to any defects or concerns mentioned in the report. At that time, additional defects may be revealed that may not have been identified in the initial home inspection. This is part of the normal due diligence process.

If the age, condition or operation of any system, structure or component of the property is of a concern to you, we recommend that a specialist in the respective field be consulted for a more technically exhaustive evaluation.

This inspection report includes a description of any material defects\* noted during the inspection, along with any recommendation that certain experts be retained to determine the extent of the named defects and other related defects and any corrective action that should be taken. Any material defect that poses an unreasonable risk to people on the property will be conspicuously defined as such. Any recommendations made to consult with other specialists for further evaluation as a result of our findings should be complete prior to the conclusion of the inspection contingency period. This may require an extension of the period. The Client warrants they will read the entire inspection report when received and shall promptly contact HomeTeam regarding any questions or concerns the Client may have regarding the inspection or the inspection report.

\* Material Defect: A problem with a residential real property or any portion of it that would have a significant adverse impact on the value of the property, or one that involves an unreasonable risk to the people on the property. The fact that a structural element, system or subsystem is near, at or beyond the end of the normal useful life of such a structural element, system or subsystem is not by itself a defect.

The majority of home inspections are performed on pre-existing structures. Building techniques have changed dramatically over the years, and a home inspection is not designed to identify methods that were previously acceptable that may have been superseded by superior methods. We will not determine the cause of any condition or deficiency, or determine future conditions that may occur, including the failure of systems and components or consequential damage of components or determine the operating costs of systems and components. The home inspection is not a 'code inspection'. All homeowners should anticipate normal problems and expenses as a normal part of home ownership. Things will go wrong in a home, appliances will malfunction, and you will discover additional problems over time; to expect otherwise is not realistic.

It is not uncommon to observe cracks or for cracks to occur in concrete slabs or exterior and interior walls. Cracks may be caused by curing of building materials, temperature variations and soil movement such as: settlement, uneven moisture content in the soil, shock waves, vibrations, etc. While cracks may not necessarily affect the structural integrity of a building, cracks should be monitored so that appropriate maintenance can be performed if movement continues at an abnormal rate. Proper foundation maintenance is key to the prevention of initial cracks or cracks enlarging. This includes, but is not limited to proper watering, foundation drainage and removal of vegetation growth near the foundation.

This report is intended for the sole, confidential, and exclusive use and benefit of the Client(s) under a written HomeTeam Inspection Agreement. This report is not intended for the benefit of, and may not be relied upon by, any other party. The disclosure or distribution of this report to the current owner(s) of the property inspected or to any real estate agent will not make those persons intended beneficiaries of this report. The HomeTeam Inspection Service has no liability to any party (other than the HomeTeam client named above, for whom this report was expressly prepared) for any loss, damage or expense (including, without limitation, attorney fees) arising from any claim relating to this report.

A home inspection bears conditions relevant to a specific time stamp and as conditions in a home can change from the time of the inspection to the time of closing, HomeTeam strongly recommends the client perform a thorough walk-through shortly prior to closing, turning on all faucets, flushing toilets, testing garbage disposals, turning on the furnace and air conditioner, and looking for any leakage, signs of water intrusion, stains, or other changes that may have occurred since the time of the inspection.

Any defects noted in the body of the report should be addressed by a professional in that field within the due diligence period. Additional assessments may uncover more extensive damage or needed repairs that a professional would have more significant knowledge of.

All pictures that may be included are to be considered as examples of the visible deficiencies that may be present. If any item has a picture, it is not to be construed as more or less significant than items with no picture included.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Throughout this report, the terms "right" and "left" are used to describe areas of the home as viewed from the street. A system or component has a material defect if it is either unsafe or not functioning and cannot be replaced or rendered safe or functional for less than \$1,000. The cosmetic condition of the paint, wall covering, carpeting, window coverings, to include drywall damage, etc., is not addressed. All conditions are reported as they existed at the time of the inspection. Routine maintenance and safety items are not within the scope of this inspection unless they otherwise constitute material, visually observable defects. Although some maintenance and/or safety items may be disclosed, this report does not include all maintenance or safety items and should not be relied upon for such items. When material defects are observed or minor repairs need to be made, we recommend you consult a qualified licensed professional. Cost estimates are advised prior to closing. All contractors should work for you, as their evaluation/observation may make you aware of findings not listed in this report.

A home inspection is not a home warranty, and HomeTeam strongly recommends purchasing a home warranty from a reputable company to cover items that will fail in the course of time.

It has been determined that this home was built before 1978 and therefore stands the risk of having lead based paint present. Under the EPA ruling 40 CFR Part 745 effective April 22, 2010, any renovation, remodeling or painting in a home built before 1978 with children under 6, day care centers, and learning facilities with children under 6 must be done by "Certified Lead-Based Paint Contractor" and they must follow a set of published procedures. The regulations require that if the renovation or repair work disturbs more than 6 square feet of painted surface per room for interior work or 20 square feet of painted surface of exterior work, the owner and tenants must receive information on lead-based paint hazards prior to beginning the renovation. If you are considering any renovations, now or in the future, we recommend having the home evaluated by a certified, state licensed lead risk assessor or contractor. For further information contact the Ohio Department of Health lead program or the Environmental Protection Agency.

#### **LOT AND GRADE**

The structure was situated on a level lot. The general grade around the structure appeared to be adequate to direct rain water away from the foundation, assuming normal drainage and downspout, gutter, and other systems are functioning properly.

The approximate temperature at the time of the inspection was 90 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit, and the weather was clear. The utilities were on at the time of the inspection. According to public records, the age of the structure is approximately 57 years.

#### STRUCTURE AND CLADDING

The inspected property consisted of a ranch wood-framed structure with brick and vinyl cladding that was occupied at the time of the inspection.

#### **GUTTERS**

The roof drainage system consisted of aluminum gutters and downspouts which appeared to be functional at the time of the inspection. Gutters and downspouts should receive routine maintenance to prevent premature failure and drainage problems that may lead to water intrusion. Observation of fascia behind the gutters is obscured by the gutters. Keeping the gutters clean will help reduce the likelihood of overflows and resulting damage to fascia. Homeowners should be aware that gutters that have been dirty or clogged for an extended time may have led to unobservable damage to fascia or roofing components.

Water flow from downspout extensions or splash blocks should be carried several feet from the foundation towards a down-slope to ensure water drains well away from the foundation. These measures will help ensure excessive water is not deposited in close proximity to the foundation, which can lead to interior water intrusion, particularly during periods of heavy rain or water-saturated soil. A properly-functioning drainage system is one of the most important items for extending the life expectancy of a house and its components.

Photo 1





Photo 5



Photo 2



Photo 4



Photo 6



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Photo 7



#### **ROOF**

The roof was a gable design covered with asphalt/fiberglass shingles. Observation of the roof surfaces and flashing was performed from a ladder at the eaves. There appeared to be one layer of shingles.

The roof shingles exhibited no curling and light surface wear. Several areas were tested for lifted edges, and lifted edges were not observed. Nail pops were not observed. Evidence of a hail event was not observed.

Previous repairs were not observed.

These conditions indicate the roof shingles were in the first half of their useful life.

NOTE: Sometimes our opinion of a roof may differ from that of an insurance provider/adjuster or roofer. Some insurance providers/adjusters or roofers are more particular than others. We are there to state the overall condition of the roof; the roof is not considered to be defective unless there are visible leaks and/or material damage or wear that indicates failure is imminent. If we note any moderate to serious curling or surface wear, lifted edges, or evidence of a hail event, we recommend getting a second opinion or approval from your insurance provider regarding the roof. We do not make installation judgments regarding roof covering, appropriate pitch, etc.

Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11



Photo 12



Photo 13



Photo 14



Photo 15



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Photo 28



Photo 29



Photo 30



Photo 31



#### ATTIC STRUCTURE

The attic was accessed via a scuttle in the garage and was entered.

The attic above the living space was insulated with fiberglass loose-fill insulation, approximately in excess of 12-inches in depth.

Ventilation throughout the attic was provided by soffit and ridge vents. The attic ventilation appeared to be adequate.

The roof structure consisted of two-inch by four-inch wood trusses spaced 24 inches on center and plywood sheathing.

There was no moisture visible in the attic space.

As with all aspects of the home inspection, attic and roof inspections are limited in scope to the visible and readily accessible areas. Due to configuration, parts of the attic were not accessible. Many areas of the roof are not visible from the attic especially near the base, where the largest volume of water drains. The presence or active status of roof leaks cannot be determined unless the conditions which allow leaks to occur are present at the time of the inspection, ie, heavy rain combined with high winds. Please be aware that rain alone is not always a condition that causes a leak to reveal itself. The conditions that cause leaks to occur can often involve wind direction, the length of time it rains, etc.

Photo 32



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Photo 34



Photo 35



Photo 36



Photo 37



Photo 38



Photo 39



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Photo 41



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Photo 44



Photo 45



Photo 46



Photo 47



Photo 48



Photo 49



#### **FOUNDATION**

The foundation was constructed of a slab on grade. A single inspection cannot determine whether movement of a foundation has ceased. Any cracks should be monitored regularly.

The full slab was not visible at the time of the inspection because of carpet or other floor coverings. There were no

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indications of moisture present. There were no material defects observed on the visible portions of the slab. Please note that the condition of any utilities within or under a slab-on-grade, such as plumbing or ductwork, are not within the scope of the inspection. Due to the nature and expense of these items, HomeTeam recommends having drain lines scoped by a plumber. This is particularly important in older homes since drain line problems are hidden from view.

#### **WATER HEATER**

A 40 gallon capacity, natural gas water heater was located in the laundry / utility room. The water heater was manufactured by Rheem, model number 22V40F1 and serial number RHLN0708410426. Information on the water heater indicated that it was manufactured 13 years ago. Hot water temperature was approximately 133 degrees F.

A temperature and pressure relief valve (T & P) was present. An overflow leg was present. It did terminate properly. Your safety depends on the presence of a T & P valve and proper termination of the overflow leg. The water heater was functional.

NOTE: Codes change for proper water heater installation. As a reminder, we do not inspect for current code compliance but for safety. When a water heater is replaced by a licensed technician it is necessary for him to bring the setup up to the then-current code. This may include altering the configuration of the water heater, including flue configuration.

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Photo 52



Photo 51



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Photo 54



The water heater may be past its design life. This is an informational note only to help give an idea of future budgeting considerations. The unit was functional unless noted otherwise. Please note that since codes change, it is possible the configuration for a water heater's flue and/or discharge may need to be altered at the time of a future replacement.

#### **HEATING SYSTEM**

The heating system was inspected by a qualified HomeTeam professional. Periodic preventive maintenance is recommended to keep this unit in good working condition. Annual maintenance of the heating and cooling equipment is essential for safe and efficient performance, which will maximize the system's useful life. The results of our visual and operational inspection of the heating system are described below:

The structure was heated by an American Standard natural gas forced air furnace, model number ADD100C945B1, serial number K10513686 which is 26 years old. The temperature split was measured at several locations and was approximately 30 degrees F, which is normal.

The unit was located in the laundry / utility room of the structure. The flue vent appeared to be configured in such a way as to properly vent the flue gases.

NOTE: Codes change for proper furnace installation. As a reminder, this is a visual and functional check of the system only. Whenever a furnace is replaced by a licensed HVAC technician it is necessary for him to bring the setup up to the then-current code. This may include altering the current configuration of the system. This is a functional test only; if a complete and exhaustive checkout of all of the components of the HVAC system is desired, or if your warranty company requires a specific inspection from their approved HVAC vendor list, contact a reputable and licensed HVAC company prior to closing.

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Photo 55



Photo 57



Photo 56

Photo 58



Photo 59



Photo 60





The furnace may be past its design life. This is an informational note only to help give an idea of future budgeting considerations. The system was functional at the time of the inspection unless noted otherwise. Please note that since codes change, it is possible the configuration for the flue and/or condensate lines may need to be altered at the time of a future replacement.

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#### AIR CONDITIONING

The electric outdoor air conditioner condensing unit was an American Standard, Model Number 7A0030A100A0 and Serial Number K264YGMCF. The unit is located in the back of the structure. This unit is approximately 26 years old. Periodic preventive maintenance is recommended to keep this unit in good working condition, and HomeTeam strongly recommends partnering with a reputable HVAC company for routine maintenance for the heating and cooling systems in the fall and spring. The air conditioning system was tested and found to be functional. As a reminder, this is functionality test and visual inspection only; we do not check suction pressures, contactor amps, or refrigerant levels. If a more detailed inspection is required, please consult with an HVAC company.

Photo 61



Photo 62



The air conditioner may be past its design life. Unless noted otherwise, the system was functional at the time of the inspection. As with a light bulb that functions normally one day but the next may not turn on, a system's age is a helpful factor that assists in budgeting for eventual replacement.

The insulation on the exterior air conditioning line set is missing. This could affect the efficiency of the system and should be replaced.





The condensate line for the HVAC system is discharging adjacent to the foundation. Condensate water is mildly corrosive and can cause damage to the foundation over time. The condensate drain line should be extended further away from the structure.

Photo 64



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#### REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS REGARDING A PROFESSIONAL HOME INSPECTION:

There may come a time when you discover something wrong with the house, and you may be upset or disappointed with your home inspection. There are some things we'd like you to keep in mind.

**Intermittent or concealed problems:** Some problems can only be discovered by living in a house. They cannot be discovered during the few hours of a home inspection. For example, some shower stalls leak when people are in the shower, but do not leak when you simply turn on the tap. Some roofs and basements only leak when specific conditions exist. Some problems will only be discovered when carpets are lifted, furniture is moved or finishes are removed.

**No clues:** These problems may have existed at the time of the inspection, but there were no clues as to their existence. Our inspections are based on the past performance of the house. If there are no clues of a past problem, it is unfair to assume we should foresee a future problem.

We always miss some minor things: Some say we are inconsistent because our reports identify some minor problems but not others. The minor problems that are identified were discovered while looking for more significant problems. We note them simply as a courtesy. The intent of the inspection is not to find the \$200 problems; it is to find the \$1000 problems. These are the things that affect people's decisions to purchase.

**Contractor's advice:** A common source of dissatisfaction with home inspectors comes from comments made by contractors. Contractors' opinions often differ from ours. Don't be surprised when three roofers all say the roof needs replacement, when we said that the roof would last a few more years with some minor repairs.

"Last man in" theory: While our advice represents the most prudent thing to do, many contractors are reluctant to undertake these repairs. This is because of the "last man in" theory. The contractor fears that if he is the last person to work on the roof, he will get blamed if the roof leaks, regardless of whether or not the roof leak is his fault. Consequently, he won't want to do a minor repair with high liability, when he could re-roof the entire house for more money and reduce the likelihood of a callback. This is understandable.

**Most recent advice is best:** There is more to the "last man in" theory. It suggests that it is human nature for homeowners to believe the last bit of expert advice they receive, even if it is contrary to previous advice. As home inspectors, we unfortunately find ourselves in the position of "first man in" and consequently it is our advice that is often disbelieved.

Why didn't we see it?: Contractors may say, "I can't believe you had this house inspected, and they didn't find this problem." There are several reasons for these apparent oversights:

- Conditions during inspection: It is difficult for homeowners to remember the circumstances in the house at the time of the inspection. Homeowners seldom remember that it was snowing, there was storage everywhere or that the furnace could not be turned on because the air conditioning was operating, etc. It's impossible for contractors to know what the circumstances were when the inspection was performed.
- This wisdom of hindsight: When the problem manifests itself, it is very easy to have 20/20 hindsight. Anybody can say that the basement is wet when there is 2" of water on the floor. Predicting the problem is a different story.
- A long look; If we spent half an hour under the kitchen sink or 45 minutes disassembling the furnace, we'd find more problems, too. Unfortunately, the inspection would take several days and would cost considerably more.
- We're generalists: We are generalists; we are not specialists. The heating contractor may indeed have more heating
  expertise than we do. This is because we are expected to have heating expertise and plumbing expertise, structural
  expertise, electrical expertise, etc.
- An invasive look: Problems often become apparent when carpets or plaster are removed, when fixtures or cabinets are pulled out, and so on. A home inspection is a visual examination. We don't perform invasive or destructive tests.

**Not insurance:** In conclusion, a home inspection is designed to better your odds. It is not designed to eliminate all risk. For that reason, a home inspection should not be considered an insurance policy. The premium that an insurance company would have to charge for a policy with no deductible, no limit and an indefinite policy period would be considerably more than the fee we charge. It would also not include the value added by the inspection.

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