

# INSPECTION CONDITIONS

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### CLIENT & SITE INFORMATION:

**DATE OF INSPECTION:** 10/10/10.  
**TIME OF INSPECTION:** 10:00am.  
**CLIENT NAME:** Joe Homeowner.  
**CLIENT PHONE #:** 239-989-3349.  
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**INSPECTION SITE:** 1010 Main Street, Cape Coral, FL 33910.

### CLIMATIC CONDITIONS:

**WEATHER:** Clear.  
**APPROXIMATE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE in F:** 83.

### BUILDING CHARACTERISTICS:

**ESTIMATED AGE OF HOUSE:** 2004.  
**BUILDING TYPE:** 1 family. Ranch.  
**STORIES:** 1.  
**SPACE BELOW GRADE:** Ground floor living area on concrete slab.

### UTILITY SERVICES:

**WATER SOURCE:** Public.  
**SEWAGE DISPOSAL:** Public.  
**UTILITIES STATUS:** All utilities on.

### OTHER INFORMATION:

**HOUSE OCCUPIED?** Yes.  
**CLIENT PRESENT:** Yes.

**PEOPLE****PRESENT:**

Selling agent, Purchaser, Purchasers spouse, Purchasers children.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:****TOTAL FEE:**

\$295.

**PAID BY:**

Check #1010.

**REPORT LIMITATIONS**

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

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We certify that our inspectors have no interest, present or contemplated, in this property or its improvement and no involvement with tradespeople or benefits derived from any sales or improvements. To the best of our knowledge and belief, all statements and information in this report are true and correct.

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# GROUNDS

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

## DRIVEWAY:

**TYPE:** CONCRETE.  
**CONDITION:** Cracks noted are typical, Sealant recommended.

## SIDEWALKS:

**TYPE:** Concrete.  
**CONDITION:** Cracks noted are typical, Sealant recommended.

## LANDSCAPING:

**CONDITION:** Maintenance needed, Trim plants away from structure, Trees planted close to structure. Removal may be needed, Trees are touching or overhanging the roof. Damage is possible.

## GRADING:

**SITE:** Stair step site, Grade at foundation needs correction, Evidence of poor drainage.

## LANAI/PATIO/PORCH COVER:

**TYPE:** Same as structure, Metal Screen cage, with screens.  
**CONDITION:** Torn screens noted, repairs needed.

## EXTERIOR STAIRS/STOOPS:

**TYPE:** CONCRETE.  
**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable.

## FENCES & GATES:

**TYPE:** Chain link.  
**CONDITION:** Repairs needed, Loose posts, Gate needs repair or adjustment.

# EXTERIOR - FOUNDATION - SLAB-BASEMENT

Areas hidden from view by finished walls or stored items can not be judged and are not a part of this inspection. Minor cracks are typical in many foundations and most do not represent a structural problem. If major cracks are present along with bowing, we routinely recommend further evaluation be made by a qualified structural engineer. All exterior grades should allow for surface and roof water to flow away from the foundation. All concrete floor slabs experience some degree of cracking due to shrinkage in the drying process. In most instances floor coverings prevent recognition of cracks or settlement in all but the most severe cases. Where carpeting and other floor coverings are installed, the materials and condition of the flooring underneath cannot be determined.

## **WALLS:**

**MATERIAL:** Concrete block construction, Cement based coating over concrete block.  
**CONDITION:** Needs repair, Cracks noted are typical.

## **TRIM: To include all eave, soffit, fascia, rake and trim material**

**MATERIAL:** Metal.  
**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable.

## **SLAB ON GRADE:**

**CONDITION:** Slab is not visible at exterior due to grade, shrubs or other obstructions, no observation noted.

# ROOF/ATTIC SYSTEM

The foregoing is an opinion of the general quality and condition of the roofing material. The inspector cannot and does not offer an opinion or warranty as to whether the roof leaks or may be subject to future leakage. This report is issued in consideration of the foregoing disclaimer. The only way to determine whether a roof is absolutely water tight is to observe it during a prolonged rainfall. Many times, this situation is not present during the inspection.

## ATTIC AND INSULATION:

### ACCESSIBILITY AND CONDITION:

Attic is partial, Truss framing, Viewing was limited, A light is provided, No walk/floor boards are provided, Ventilation is provided.

### SHEATHING:

Plywood, With clips. (prevents sag at the seams between boards)

### HURRICANE PROTECTION;

Single wrap ties noted.

### INSULATION TYPE AND CONDITION:

Fiberglass batts, Appears serviceable.

## ROOF:

### STYLE:

Hip.

### TYPE:

Composition shingles, usually an asphalt base with colored granuals.

### ROOF ACCESS:

Viewed from ground with binoculars.

### ROOF COVERING

### STATUS:

Appears serviceable/within useful life.

## EXPOSED FLASHINGS:

### TYPE AND CONDITION:

Metal, Appears serviceable.

## GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS:

### TYPE & CONDITION:

Partial, Gutter spikes loose and or missing, service all fasteners, gutter "clips" instead of spikes have better holding power, Missing downspouts, Consider installing additional gutters and downspouts to help with site drainage, Route downspouts away from the building.

# KITCHEN - APPLIANCES - LAUNDRY

Inspection of stand alone freezers and built-in ice makers are outside the scope of the inspection. No opinion is offered as to the adequacy of dishwasher operation. Ovens, self or continuous cleaning operations, cooking functions, clocks, timing devices, lights and thermostat accuracy are not tested during this inspection. Appliances are not moved during the inspection. Portable dishwashers are not inspected, as they require connection to facilitate testing.

## **KITCHEN SINK:**

### **TYPE AND**

### **CONDITION:**

Stainless Steel, Appears serviceable, Faucet is serviceable, Hand sprayer is serviceable.

## **RANGE/COOK TOP AND OVEN:**

### **TYPE/**

### **CONDITION:**

Electric, Appears serviceable.

## **VENTILATION:**

### **TYPE AND**

### **CONDITION:**

Internal, Fan/Hood operational. Light is inoperative.

## **REFRIGERATOR:**

### **TYPE AND**

### **CONDITION:**

Appears serviceable.

## **DISHWASHER:**

### **CONDITION:**

Appears serviceable, Air gap device or high-loop is present on drain line- Proper.

## **GARBAGE DISPOSAL:**

### **CONDITION:**

Rusting noted at interior impeller blades, Unit makes unusual noises.

## **KITCHEN COMPONENTS:**

### **COUNTERS:**

Granite, Appear serviceable.

### **CABINETS:**

Cabinets appear serviceable.

### **WALLS/CEILINGS/**

### **FLOORS:**

Walls and ceilings appear serviceable, Floor covering tile, Floor has cracked tiles.

### **WINDOWS/**

### **DOORS:**

Appear serviceable.

### **SWITCHES/**

### **FIXTURES/**

### **OUTLETS:**

GFCI's working as intended.

Laundry appliances are not tested or moved during the inspection and the condition of any walls or flooring hidden by them cannot be judged. Drain lines and water supply valves serving washing machines are not operated. Water supply valves may be subject to leaking if turned.

**LAUNDRY:**

**LOCATION:**

Service area main floor.

**CONDITION:**

Plumbing appears serviceable, Suggest use of non bursting metal braided lines for plumbing washing machine Electrical outlet is grounded, 220 Service-operational, Dryer venting is provided, Sink repairs are needed.

# INTERIOR

The condition of walls behind wall coverings, paneling and furnishings cannot be judged. Only the general condition of visible portions of floors is included in this inspection. As a general rule, cosmetic deficiencies are considered normal wear and tear and are not reported. Determining the source of odors or like conditions is not a part of this inspection. Floor covering damage or stains may be hidden by furniture. The condition of floors underlying floor coverings is not inspected. Determining the condition of insulated glass windows is not always possible due to temperature, weather and lighting conditions. Check with owners for further information. All fireplaces should be cleaned and inspected on a regular basis to make sure that no cracks have developed. Large fires in the firebox can overheat the firebox and flue liners, sometimes resulting in internal damage.

## **DOORS:**

### **MAIN ENTRY**

**DOOR:** Dead Bolt is not operational.

### **OTHER**

### **EXTERIOR**

**DOORS:** Sliding glass, Standard side/rear door, Appears serviceable.

### **INTERIOR**

**DOORS:** Adjustments needed, Hardware operational.

## **WINDOWS:**

### **TYPE &**

**CONDITION:** Clad-Metal/Vinyl, Single hung, A representative sampling was taken. Windows as a grouping are generally operational.

## **INTERIOR WALLS:**

### **MATERIAL &**

**CONDITION:** Drywall, General condition appears serviceable.

## **CEILINGS:**

### **TYPE &**

**CONDITION:** Drywall, General condition appears serviceable.

## **FLOORS:**

### **TYPE &**

**CONDITION:** Carpet, Tile, General condition appears serviceable.

# BATHROOMS

Shower pans are visually checked for leakage, but leaks often do not show except when the shower is in actual use. Determining whether shower pans, tub/shower surrounds are water tight is beyond the scope of this inspection. It is very important to maintain all grouting and caulking in the bath areas. Very minor imperfections can allow water to get into the wall or floor areas and cause damage. Proper ongoing maintenance will be required in the future.

## **BATHROOM AREA:**

**BATH LOCATION:** Hall.

**CONDITION OF SINK:** Appears serviceable, Drain appear serviceable, Counters/cabinets appear serviceable.

**CONDITION OF TOILET:** The following problems were noted at the toilet: Toilet is loose at floor.

**TUB/SHOWER PLUMBING FIXTURES:** Appears serviceable, Drain appears serviceable, Shower head appears serviceable.

**TUB/SHOWER AND WALLS:** Tub and shower areas appear serviceable, Shower walls appear serviceable.

**BATH VENTILATION:** Exhaust fan did not operate. Repairs or replacement needed.

## **BATHROOM AREA:**

**BATH LOCATION:** Master bedroom.

**CONDITION OF SINK:** The following problems were noted at the sink: Faucet leaks at O-rings. Drain appear serviceable, Counters/cabinets appear serviceable.

**CONDITION OF TOILET:** Appears serviceable.

**TUB/SHOWER PLUMBING FIXTURES:** Appears serviceable, Drain appears serviceable, Shower head appears serviceable.

**TUB/SHOWER AND WALLS:** Tub and shower areas appear serviceable, Caulk and seal all tub and shower areas as a precaution.

**BATH VENTILATION:** Appears serviceable.

# PLUMBING

Water quality or hazardous materials (lead) testing is available from local testing labs. All underground piping related to water supply, waste, or sprinkler use are excluded from this inspection. Leakage or corrosion in underground piping cannot be detected by a visual inspection. The temperature pressure relief valve, at the upper portion of the water heater, is a required safety valve which should be connected to a drain line of proper size terminating just above floor elevation. If no drain is located in the floor a catch pan should be installed with a drain extending to a safe location. The steam caused by a blow-off can cause scalding. Improper installations should be corrected.

## MAIN LINE:

**MATERIAL:** Plastic.  
**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable, Valve is operational, Main line is 3/4 inch diameter, Water pressure appears adequate.

## SUPPLY LINES:

**MATERIAL:** Combination of materials.  
**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable.

## WASTE LINES:

**MATERIAL:** Plastic.  
**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable, Plumbing vents appear serviceable.

## HOSE FAUCETS:

**OPERATION:** Sample operated, appeared serviceable.

## WATER HEATER:

**MANUFACTURE AND AGE OF UNIT:** RUUD 2004.  
**TYPE:** Electric.  
**SIZE:** 40 Gallons.  
**LOCATION:** Garage.  
**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable, Pressure relief valve noted, not tested, A water shutoff valve is installed.

# GARAGE - CARPORT

Notice: Determining the heat resistance rating of firewalls is beyond the scope of this inspection. Flammable materials should not be stored within closed garage areas.

**TYPE:**

**LOCATION:** Two car. Attached.

**ROOF:**

**CONDITION:** Same as house.

**FLOOR:**

**CONDITION:** Typical cracks noted.

**FIRE WALL:**

**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable.

**GARAGE DOOR(S):**

**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable, Wind resistant protection, Automatic door opener(s)-operational, Automatic reverse feature is, operational.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**HURRICANE  
REINFORCEMENT**

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Wind bracing reinforcement noted at overhead door.

# ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Any electrical repairs attempted by anyone other than a licensed electrician should be approached with caution. The power to the entire house should be turned off prior to beginning any repair efforts, no matter how trivial the repair may seem. Aluminum wiring requires periodic inspection and maintenance by a licensed electrician. Operation of time clock motors is not verified. Inoperative light fixtures often lack bulbs or have dead bulbs installed. Light bulbs are not changed during the inspection, due to time constraints. Smoke Alarms should be installed within 15 feet of all bedroom doors, and tested regularly.

## SERVICE:

### TYPE AND

### CONDITION:

Overhead, 110/220 Volt, Circuit breakers, Appears serviceable.

## ELECTRICAL PANELS:

### MAIN PANEL

### LOCATION AND

### NOTES:

Garage, Appears serviceable.

### Inspector Notes:

Circuit and wire sizing correct so far as visible, Grounding system is present, G.F.C.I.'S noted in panel.

## CONDUCTORS:

### ENTRANCE

### CABLES:

Aluminum- OK.

### BRANCH

### WIRING:

Copper, Appears serviceable.

## SWITCHES & OUTLETS:

### CONDITION:

A representative sampling of switches and outlets was tested. As a whole, outlets and switches throughout the house are in serviceable condition. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets are recommended for installation at exterior, garage, bath rooms & kitchen outlets.

# HEATING - AIR CONDITIONING

The inspector is not equipped to inspect furnace heat exchangers for evidence of cracks or holes, as this can only be done by dismantling the unit. This is beyond the scope of this inspection. Some furnaces are designed in such a way that inspection is almost impossible. The inspector can not light pilot lights. Safety devices are not tested by the inspector.

NOTE: Asbestos materials have been commonly used in heating systems.

Determining the presence of asbestos can ONLY be performed by laboratory testing and is beyond the scope of this inspection. Thermostats are not checked for calibration or timed functions. Adequacy, efficiency or the even distribution of air throughout a building cannot be addressed by a visual inspection. Electronic air cleaners, humidifiers and de-humidifiers are beyond the scope of this inspection. Have these systems evaluated by a qualified individual. The inspector does not perform pressure tests on coolant systems, therefore no representation is made regarding coolant charge or line integrity. Subjective judgment of system capacity is not a part of the inspection. Normal service and maintenance is recommended on a yearly basis. Determining the condition of oil tanks, whether exposed or buried, is beyond the scope of this inspection. Leaking oil tanks represent an environmental hazard which is sometimes costly to remedy.

## HEATING SYSTEM DESCRIPTION:

**LOCATION OF  
PRIMARY UNIT:** Basement.  
**SYSTEM TYPE:** Forced Air.  
**FUEL TYPE AND  
NOTES:** Electric.  
**APPROXIMATE  
AGE IN YEARS:** 2004.

## HEATING SYSTEM CONDITION:

**PRIMARY UNIT:** Appears operational.  
**BLOWER/ FAN:** Appears Serviceable.  
**AIR PLENUM:** Appears serviceable.  
**AIR FILTERS:** Suggest cleaning/changing filter.  
**NORMAL  
CONTROLS:** Appear serviceable.

## AIR CONDITIONING:

**TYPE:** Central, Electric, Appears operational.  
**POWER  
SOURCE:** 220 Volt, Electrical disconnect present.  
**COMPRESSOR  
AGE IN YEARS:** 2004.  
**SYSTEM  
CONDITION:** Appears serviceable.  
**CONDENSATE  
LINE:** Condensate line installed.  
**NORMAL  
CONTROLS:** Appear serviceable.

**DUCTWORK:**

<b>TYPE:</b>	Flexible Round.
<b>DUCTS/AIR SUPPLY:</b>	Appears serviceable.

# LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEM

It is not within the scope of this report to determine the degree of salinity or volume of any well water. Inquire with the sellers of the property or check with the local agricultural extension service for these tests. We suggest you have the sellers instruct you as to the operation of this system. Ongoing maintenance of damaged or clogged sprinkler heads is necessary with most sprinkler systems.

## **WATER SOURCE:**

Well.

## **DISTRIBUTION VALVES:**

**TYPE:** Electric, Automatic operation.

**NUMBER OF ZONES:** 4.

**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable.

## **VISIBLE SUPPLY LINES:**

**TYPE:** PVC.

**MINOR LEAKS?** No.

## **ELECTRIC CONTROLS:**

**SUBPANELS AND TIMERS:** Appears serviceable.

## **SPRINKLER HEADS:**

**CONDITION:** Individual sprinkler heads are not checked for operation. Some sprinkler heads need adjustment. Some sprinkler heads are missing and need replacement.

# POOL/HOT TUB & EQUIPMENT

Inspection was limited to those areas which are above ground or water level. The only way to detect an underground leak in a supply line, buried pipe fitting, or pool surface crack is by observation of the persistent and continuous loss of water from the pool over an extended period of time. Pool filtering devices are not disassembled to determine the condition of any installed filter elements. Operation of time clock motors and thermostatic temperature controls cannot be verified during a visual inspection. Pilot lights on LP gas pool heaters are not lit during the inspection.

## POOL SURFACE:

**TYPE:** Concrete/Plaster.  
**CONDITION:** Appears Serviceable.

## SKIMMER & BASKET:

**CONDITION:** Appears Serviceable.

## POOL LIGHT:

Operable.

## PUMPING EQUIPMENT:

**PUMP/MOTOR**  
**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable.  
**LEAKAGE?** No.  
**LEAF BASKET:** Appears serviceable.  
**PRIMARY**  
**FILTERING:** Appears serviceable.  
**CHLORINATOR:** In-line type.

## VISIBLE PLUMBING LINE:

**CONDITION:** Appears serviceable.

## HEATERS:

**TYPE AND**  
**CONDITION:** Electric Heat Pump.

## ELECTRIC CONTROLS:

Timer is serviceable.

## POOL DECKING:

**TYPE AND**  
**CONDITION:** Scored concrete/Keystone, Appears serviceable.

## POOL ENCLOSURE:

**TYPE AND**  
**CONDITION:** Screen cage, A few screens have minor tears or areas of looseness.