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CONFIDENTIAL INSPECTION REPORT

PREPARED FOR:

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PROPERTY LOCATION: 1313 Mockingbird Lane **S/D:** DRESDEN MANOR

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Atlanta, GA 30345

DATE OF INSPECTION: December, 18, 2013 [TH] **TIME OF INSPECTION:** ~9:00 AM

STYLE OF DWELLING: Ranch on Basement AGE OF PROPERTY: ~52 YEARS

WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING INSPECTION: Sunny 53°F

PEOPLE PRESENT DURING INSPECTION: Inspector Only

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THE BUILDING INSPECTORS OF GEORGIA PRE-INSPECTION AGREEMENT & LIABILITY LIMITS

PURPOSE OF REPORT...

* To provide a professional non-biased opinion of a real estate property in it's "as is" condition, as of the date of the inspection, limited to the definitions, limitations and guidelines established in this report.

OBJECTIVE OF REPORT...

* To provide the purchaser with an analysis of a real estate property, consisting of a series of visual inspections of items contained in pages four through ten of this report, which the purchaser may disclose to other interested parties.

DEFINITION OF REPORT...

- * A visual examination and status report of the items listed on pages four through ten. The reporting of apparent defects (not cosmetic related) that require corrective action is limited to three categories:
- 1) STRUCTURE: A load bearing member of a building (including, but not limited to, footings, foundation walls, posts, beams, floor joists, bearing walls, or roof framing), is defective if it has one or more of these characteristics:
 - a) abnormal cracking or splitting:
 - b) unusual settling or erosion:
 - c) deterioration such as rot, excessive weathering, or pest infestation damage; any of which might pose a threat to the safety and/or stability of any portion of the structure.
 - d) improper alignment or structural integrity compromised by modification or abuse;
 - e) other stated characteristics that might affect the building's structural integrity.
- 2) UNSAFE OR HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS: Any item that is defined as a safety defect or hazard, the presence or absence of which would bedangerous. (Suspected, visible, "friable" asbestos is to be reported. The reporting of the possible presence of lead paint, UFFI, radon gas, electromagnetic radiation, toxic wastes, and other indoor pollutants is outside the scope of this report, unless specifically requested to be tested for).
- 3) INOPERATIVE SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES: Any installed systems or built-in appliances that do not operate properly or perform their intended function in response to normal use. (Excluding refrigerators, stand alone ice makers, security systems, sprinkler systems or any other system or appliance that in the inspectors opinion is not standard or common to most homes).

LIMITATIONS OF REPORT...

- * The information contained in this report does not imply, guarantee or warrantee any future conditions of any component(s) of the propertydescribed. This report is limited to only the components that are clearly visible at the time of the inspection and will not require the inspector to remove any of the component's fixed coverings (such as electrical outlet covers, carpets, wall boards and coverings, etc.) to inspect underlying components. The item statuses included in this report are based on the physical conditions visible to the inspector at the time of inspection. They are not based on representations by third parties, opinions as to the adequacy or appropriateness of the design, code compliance, cosmetic or aesthetic considerations. Such issues cannot be addressed within the scope of a general property inspection. When appropriate, the inspector may recommend engaging the services of a qualified professional specializing in the specific area of expertise.
- * When there are numerous similar items to be inspected, such as electrical outlets, windows, etc., a representative number, such as one per room, will be checked unless there is reason to believe substantial differences or deficiencies are likely to exist.
- * The information contained in this report is for the exclusive use of the persons or parties listed on the front page of the report and cannot betransferred to any other persons or parties without the expressed written consent of The Building Inspectors of Georgia
- * In the event of any implied errors and/or omissions dispute, The Building Inspectors of GA reserves the right to re-inspect any item(s) in question, in a timely manor, before any corrective action is taken or settlement is agreed upon!
- * It is understood and agreed upon by the undersigned client and any other persons relying on this report or any subsequent reports pursuant to it that, should The Building Inspectors of GA or any of its' agents, representatives or employees, be found liable, whether as a result of breach of contract, negligence, violation of statutory rights or otherwise, for any loss or damage resulting from either a failure to perform or a failure to properly perform any part of this basic comprehensive inspection, the liability of The Building Inspectors of GA, such agents or representatives shall be limited to the amounts paid by the client to The Building Inspectors of GA for any inspection services outlined in this report. It is further understood and agreed that, under no circumstances, will The Building Inspectors of GA be liable for consequential damages of any sort.
- * It is also agreed that in the absence of the client's signature on this agreement, usage of and/or compensation for this inspection report by the client or the client's representative(s), will be the same as agreeing to the terms herein.
- * This agreement is the entire agreement between the parties and neither party is relying on representations by the other. This be amended except in writing and agreed to by all parties. This agreement is made under the laws of the state of Georgia.

Acceptance and understanding of this agreem	ent is here by acknowledged:	
The Building Inspectors of Georgia		
Inspector	Date	Date
Amount Rec'd:		
*Checks payable to: B-I-G		Date
	e-mail:	
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STATUS DEFINITIONS...

AC = ACCEPTABLE: THE ITEM IS PERFORMING IT'S INTENDED FUNCTION AT THE TIME OF THE

INSPECTION, MODIFIED BY AGE AND NORMAL WEAR WITHIN REASON.

NP = NOT PRESENT: THE ITEM DOES NOT EXIST IN THE PROPERTY BEING INSPECTED, OR

THE ITEM IS COMPLETELY HIDDEN FROM VIEW.

NI = NOT INSPECTED: THE ITEM WAS NOT INSPECTED DUE TO INACCESSIBILITY, SEASONAL

IMPEDIMENTS, OR OTHER STATED REASON.

DE = DEFECTIVE: THE ITEM IS EITHER: STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND, UNSAFE, HAZARDOUS,

OR INOPERATIVE, AS DEFINED ON PAGE 2.

MR = MARGINAL: PERFORMING, BUT WITH SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED PERFORMANCE OR

SIGNS INDICATING IMMINENT FAILURE OR UNACCEPTABLE EFFECT ON OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE PROPERTY. CORRECTION, REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS NEEDED OR ADVISABLE.

SC = SEE COMMENTS: AN EXPLANATION, QUALIFICATION OR RECOMMENDATION IS INCLUDED

IN THE COMMENTS SECTION.

LG-3........* There is visible deterioration and cracking in and on the surface of the driveway that appears to be from age, erosion and poor construction methods common to the area. The present condition does not pose a threat to the structure of the house. However, potential trip hazards may exist.







* While there are foundation vents they are unnecessary due to the concrete floor in the area that appears to have been a crawl space. The openings can be filled with insulation to prevent drafts.

LG-5.......* The rear tile patio is cracked and deteriorated and will most likely need to be replaced with a concrete slab patio.





R-6,7......* The gutters and down spouts need to be cleared, repaired and extended to carry roof water away from the base of the foundation of the home.







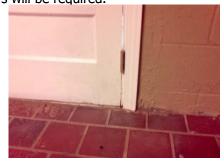
	STATUS	ITEMS									
LINE											
1 AC NP	C NP NI DE MR SC WALLS: BRICK SYN-STUCCO STUCCO STONE CEMENT FIBER										
	SIDING: CEDAR MASONITE WAFERWOOD VINYL WOOD PLANK										
2 AC NP	□NI □DE □MR□SC	EAVES: SOFFITS FASCIAS	VENTS								
3 AC NP	NI □DE □MR□SC	WOOD TRIM: WINDOWS CHIMNEY	EXTERIOR WALLS								
4 ☐ AC ☐ NP	NI □DE □MR■SC	EXT. DOORS: FRAME/TRIM HARDWARE	WEATHERSTRIPS								
	□NI □DE □MR□SC		SINGLE PANE								
LINE		GARAGE / CARPORT (G/C)									
1 AC NP	NI □DE □MR□SC	GARAGE CARPORT	DETACHED								
		OVERHEAD DOOR(S) CONDITION & OPERATION									
3 ☐ AC NP	□NI □DE □MR□SC	AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENER(S) / AUTO REVERSE; MFG	i: N/A								
	□NI □DE □MR□SC	CONDITION: (STRUCTURAL, ROOF, ELECTRICAL, FL									
LINE		STRUCTURE (S)									
1∐AC ∐NP [NI □DE □MR■SC	FOUNDATION: BASEMENT	CRAWL SLAB								
2 ☐ AC ☐ NP [NI □DE □MR■SC	STRUCTURAL WALLS: CONCRETE	BLOCK FRAME								
3 AC NP	□NI □DE □MR□SC	PIERS / POSTS: WOOD	STEEL MASONRY								
		VISIBLE FLOOR JOISTS / TRUSSES									
5 AC NP	□NI □DE □MR□SC	VISIBLE BEAMS: WOOD	STEEL								
		VISIBLE SUB FLOORING									
		BASEMENT INTERIOR LOAD BEARING AND/OR FRAME	WALLS								
	□NI □DE □MR□SC		CARPET OTHER:								
9 ☐ AC ■ NP	_NI	SUMP PUMP / FRENCH DRAIN									
10 AC NP	_NI	BASEMENT/CRAWL CHIMNEY / FIREPLACE									
11 ☐ AC ☐ NP	NI □DE □MR■SC	BASEMENT WINDOWS & SILLS	_								
		BASEMENT FINISHED: YES NO	PARTIALLY								
			TILE DRYWALL								
14	NI □DE □MR■SC	EVIDENCE OF CHRONIC MOISTURE PENETRATION	YES NO								
LINE ITEM	(8):	C	_								

* There is visible cracking in the exterior brick walls from past settling that should have been patched and sealed prior to painting. While the cracking is not a threat to the structure moisture could seep into the cracks and cause further damage.



* The exterior door to the unfisnished shop in the rear corner of the basement is very old and has ineffective or missing weather strips and thresholds. Repairs will be required.







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LINE ITEM(S):

COMMENTS

The basement of this home is said to be finished and there are two rooms with carpeting and an acceptable ceiling height, electrical outlets and windows to be considered living spaces however there is no visible insulation installed to define the living envelope. While the exterior walls could not be verified the interior frame walls and doors separating the living from non-living spaces are not insulated and in the doors have no weather stripping. Additionally the exposed ceilings in the unfinished areas need to be insulated to R-19 and the exposed frame walls in the front basement need to be insulated to R-13. The laundry area would have to be isolated from the rear unfinished shop in the rear corner as the exterior walls of this area are not finished and there are no electrical outlets in the large area further making in a non-living area.







* There is water damaged and rotted wood trim at the exterior doors of the basement and to the rear deck that will require repair, caulk and paint.







S-2,14.....* There are several significant patches of the block foundation walls and there is a professionally installed water control system along the exterior walls the result of settling and moisture penetration into the basement of this home. Repairs were professionally done and a warranty should be included for the system and work. Recommend monitoring for additional cracking and any possible moisture penetration.







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LINE ITEM(S):

COMMENTS

S-4,6......* There is some light surface mold visible on the floor joists and sub flooring in the front basement area that will need to cleaned with a bleach solution and dried out for health and welfare.







S-11......* There is a window in the basement on the side exterior wall toward the front of the basement that has hardware that does not line up and latch closed.







* While there have been two Arc-Fault Breakers installed in the main panel for what is labeled "kitchen porch" and "smoke family foyer hall bath master" current code requires this type of breaker on all outlet circuits in the home, this code upgrade is incomplete and does not comply with current code.



E-9,10,11...* Current code require all electrical outlets in the home to have safety grounds attached to a three prong outlet protected in the main panel with an Arc-Fault breaker. While most all of the electrical wiring have grounds attached in the main panel there are only ungrounded outlets in the main living spaces that had only cosmetic renovation. The one outlet opened had no ground wire in the box. Recommend evaluation by a qualified electrical contractor on options to ground outlets as ungrounded outlets will not protect attached equipment.



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* There is an open electrical outlet box and an outlet that is not GFCI protected, although grounded< outlet in the unfinished forward basement. The box needs a blank cover plate and the outlet must be GFCI protected to meet 1991 codes.





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LINE ITEM(S):

COMMENTS

- E-11.......* There is no light switch in the front unfinished basement, lights are operated with switched at the laundry room and unfinished shop area at the rear basement which is a code and safety violation.
- H/A-1,12..* Temperature in the house upon arrival was 81° with both thermostats well below that setting but the system still operating. It was determined the electronic zone control is ending conditioned air upstairs under the command of the lower level thermostat and the downstairs under the command of the downstairs thermostat explaining the high temperature upon arrival. The zone control needs to be properly wired prior to closing and as soon as possible to control energy bills, system was left on heat with both thermostats set to 60°.
- H/A-7......* There is an open gap in the AC coolant line visible in the front unfinished basement that will need to be sealed to prevent condensation from dripping off the line in the cooling mode.



STATUS				ITE	MS					
LINE					PLUMBING	(P)				
1 AC N	P NI	DE [MR	sc	WATER SUPPLY:	PUBLIC	WELL			
2 AC N	P 🗌 NI		MR	sc	SEWAGE SERVICE:	PUBLIC	SEPTIC			
3∐AC ∏N	P 🗌 NI		MR	SC	WATER PIPING:	COPPER	POLY-B	C-PVC	PLASTIC TUBING	
					DRAIN / WASTE PIPING:	PVC	CAST IRO	N		
					WATER PRESSURE	~65 PSIG				
					WATER HEATER:	MFG: A.O. SMITH				AGE: 5
					WATER HEATER:	CAPACITY: 40	(U.S. Gal.)	GAS	ELECTRIC	TANKLESS
					WATER HEATER:	MFG:				AGE:
7A AC N	P 🗌 NI 📗		MR	sc	WATER HEATER:	CAPACITY:	(U.S. Gal.)	GAS	ELECTRIC	TANKLESS
8 AC N	P 🗌 NI	DE [MR	sc	TEMPERATURE / PRESSU	URE RELIEF VALVE	& DISCHAR	GE LINE		
					BURNER / EXHAUST FLU				L VALVE	
					LAUNDRY ROOM / LAUNI					
11 ■ AC □ N	P 🗌 NI	DE	MR	SC	PLUMBING CONNECTION	NS; MISC. PLUMBIN	G; EXTERIO	R PLUMBIN	NG	
LINE					POOL / HOT 1	TUB (P/T)				
						IN GROUND	ABOVE G	ROUND		
2 ☐ AC ■ N	P 🗌 NI	DE [MR	sc		WOOD	MASONRY	<u> </u>		
						GAS	ELECTRIC	;		
					PUMP / ELECTRICAL (Wir					
5 AC N	P 🗌 NI 📗		MR	sc	FILTER / LINES & PIPING					
						VINYL MAS	ONRY (Gunr	nite)		
7□AC■N	P NI	DE [MR	sc	HOT TUB / SPA:	FIBERGLASS	MASONRY	/ N	VOOD	
LINE ITE	M(S):				COMME	E N T S	_			
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-3......* While the copper water piping does appear to be grounded there needs to be visible jumpers between the cold and hot water piping and a jumper around the pressure regulating valve for safety and code. Additionally where the piping is outside the insulated living envelope or against exterior masonry walls the pipe should be insulated.







P-4....* The majority of the main drain system is the original cast iron that fails from inside out corroding and clogging drain lines and rusting through in spots, as the piping fails it is replaced with PVC piping such as what was used for the laundry drain lines.

	STATUS				ITEMS	
					BATHROOMS (B)	
LINE					MASTER	
1 AC NF					SINKS / FAUCETS / DRAINS / VANITIES	
2 AC NF	р∏иі	DE [MR	sc	BATH TUB: JETTED STYLE GFCI PROTECTED? No Yes	
3 AC ☐ NF	Р∏ИП	DE	MR	sc	TOILET	
4■AC □NF						
					VENTILATION: EXHAUST FAN WINDOW	
6 AC ☐NF	P□NI	DE	MR	SC	FIOOR: TILE LINOLEUM CARPET HARDWOOD VINYL TILE	
7 AC NF	Р □ МІ	DE	MR	sc	WALLS & CEILING	
8 AC NF		DE	MR	SC	CAULKING & GROUTING	
LINE					UPSTAIRS: HALL	
9 AC NF					: SINKS / FAUCETS / DRAINS / VANITIES	
					BATHTUB / SHOWER	
11 AC NF						
					VENTILATION: EXHAUST FAN WINDOW	
13 AC NF						
14 AC NF	Р □ ИІ	DE	MR	sc	WALLS & CEILING	
	P □ NI	DE	MR	SC	CAULKING & GROUTING	
LINE					ADDITIONAL BATHROOMS:	
16 AC N	P ∐ NI	DE	MR	sc	SINKS / FAUCETS / DRAINS / VANITIES	
					BATHTUBS / SHOWERS	
18 AC NE						
					VENTILATION: EXHAUST FANS WINDOWS	
20 AC NF						
					WALLS & CEILINGS	
					: CAULKING & GROUTING	
23 AC NF	Р∏ИІ	DE	MR	SC	GFCI PROTECTION FOR ALL BATHROOMS OUTLETS	
LINE ITE	M(S):				C O M M E N T S	

B-1,9......* Typically where a sink meets a wall a backsplash is provided to protect the wall from inevitable water damage. There are no back splashes at the bathroom sinks in this home.



B-15.....* There is deterioration in the grouting of the seams of the hall bathroom tub/shower at the corner seams and at the walls and floor outside the tub that will require repair.







		STATL	JS		ITE	MS							
LINE				K	ITCHEN	(K)							
1	AC NP	NI DE	MR SC	SINKS / FAUG	ETS / DRAIN	NS / PLUMB	ING / SPRAYE	R					
2	AC NP	NI DE	MR	DISPOSAL									
				DISHWASHE									
4	AC NP	NI DE	_MR _SC	TRASH COM	PACTOR								
				COOKING AF		GAS	ELEC	CTRIC	MICR	OWAV	E		
				CABINETS / C									
7	AC NP	NI DE	MR	VENTILATOR	:	VENT TO E			RECIRCUL	ATING			
				FLOOR:		LINOLEUM	CAR	PET	HARDWOO	D	VINYL	TILE	
9	AC NP	NI DE	_MR SC	WALLS & CE	ILING								
10	AC NP	NI DE	MRSC	ELECTRICAL	OUTLETS		r Outlets GFC	I Protect	cted?	NO	YES		
11	AC NP	NI DE	MRSC	LIGHT FIXTU									
LINE					PLACE(S								
1	AC NP	NI DE	MRSC	STRUCTURE		FACTORY	MAS	ONRY					
	AC NP												
3	AC NP	NI DE	MR	FLUE									
	AC NP												
5	AC NP	NI DE	MRSC	FIREBOX HE				START	ER	GAS	LOGS		
					RIOR RO		IR)						
LINE						•	<u>JS, BREAKFA</u>	ST, BE		C.			
				WALLS:	DRYW		PLASTER		OTHER:				
	AC NP				CARP		DWOOD	WOO	DD PARQUET		TILE	WOOD LA	AMINATE
3	AC NP	NI DE	MRSC	CEILINGS:	DRYW		PLASTER		TILE	WOC	D		
4	AC NP	NI DE	MR	ELECTRICAL	OUTLETS /	SWITCHES	LIGHT FIXTU	JRES / C	CEILING FANS	<u>s</u>			
	AC NP												
	AC NP												
	AC NP												
				STAIRS / HAI	IDRAILS								
9	AC NP	NI DE	MRSC	BAR SINK									
LII	VE ITEM(S):		C 0 1	и м е	N T S	•						
K-2				r is non-func			to be repla	ced. T	he internal	mecha	anism is	free to tui	rn however
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* The In-Sink Disposer is non-functional and may need to be replaced. The internal mechanism is free to turn however when power is applied the motor only hums.

[-6......* The backsplash/counter top seam in the kitchen will need to be caulk sealed.



* As stated on page 6, the electrical outlets in the main level living spaces are ungrounded outlets that will require adapters to accept three prong plugs and will not protect electronic equipment from surges or lightning strikes.





IR-8......* Current code requires hand rails to return to the walls at either end to prevent anything from hooking on the rail.

The handrail on the interior staircase is open ended.



	STATUS	Į.	TEMS			
LINE	<u> </u>	ATTIC ARE				
1 AC NF	NI DE MR	SC ACCESS: PULLDO	WN SCUTTLE	STAIRS DOOR		
2 ☐ AC ☐ NF	P NI DE MR	SC ROOF FRAMING:	RAFTERS	TRUSSES	OTHER:	
		SC ROOF SHEATHING:	PLYWOOD	WAFERBOARD	WOOD PLANKS	
4 ☐ AC ☐ NF	P □NI □DE □MR■S	SC VENTILATION:	GABLE RIDG	E SOFFIT	SURFACE	
		SC THERMOSTATICALLY	CONTROLLED ELECT	RIC ROOF FAN(S)		
		SC WHOLE HOUSE FAN				
		SC INSULATION TYPE:	FIBERGLASS/WOOL	LOOSE FILL	APPROX. "R" RATING:	
		SC ATTIC FLOOR JOISTS				
9∐AC ∐NF	P □NI □DE □MR■S	SC INTERIOR CHIMNEYS	& FLUES			
10	P NI DE MR	SC EVIDENCE OF CHRON	NIC MOISTURE PENETR	ATION?	TYES NO	
LINE		MISCELLA	NEOUS (M)			
		SC <u>SMOKE DETECTOR (S</u>		TED		
		SC <u>WELL/PUMP/WATE</u>	R STORAGE TANK			
	P NI DE MR S					
4 □AC ■ NF	P□NI□DE□MR□S	SC <u>OTHER:</u>				
WE	RE THERE ANY ARE	EAS OF THE PROPERT	Y OBSTRUCTED OR	INACCESSIBLE?	YES NO	
OBSTRUCT	TONS MAY INCLUDE, BUT	T ARE NOT LIMITED TO, WAL	L & FLOOR COVERINGS,	FIXED & DROPPED CEILING	SS, FURNITURE OR STORED ARTICLE	ES.
LINE ITE	M(S):	C O M M	E N T S			
A-1*	The back board of	the attic pulldown lac	lder should have sor	ne form of insulation	installed, either a styrofoam	1

insulating board or a fiberglass insulation mat. Weather stripping the edge of the back board is also recommended.

There is a wide spread mold or fungus visible on the roof framing and sheathing, primarily forward from the front of A-2,3..... attic access to the front gable vent. Recommend evaluation and remediation by a qualified Environmental Contractor

to identify and remediate the growth.







The ventilation for this attic is insufficient for current construction practices and could cause roof shingles to curl and lift prematurely due to the build up of heat in the attic. A ridge vent would be the best option for this roof type. Recommend adding ridge and more soffit vents when the roof shingles are next replaced which would eliminate the need for the surface and gable vents. There is a loose screen on a gable vent that needs immediate repair.



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LINE ITEM(S):

COMMENTS

A-7.....* Current code requires an insulation blanket in the attic with an R-30 rating which is approximately an average depth of 12 inches on the attic floor. The insulation in this attic, where properly spread may be an R-19 and there are areas where the insulation was moved or removed for work to be completed and was not put back in place. Recommend evaluation by a qualified insulation contractor to determine cost of upgrading this attic to an R-30 insulation rating.







* There is evidence of past rodent and/or squirrel activity on the insulation (trails, tunnels, droppings, etc.).







A-9,10.....* There are water stained roof sheathing boards around the roof penetrations from past leaks that should have been repaired when the roof shingles were replaced, the areas should be monitored during heavy storms to ensure leaks are not active as there was no moisture at the time of inspection. Boards may need to be replaced when the shingles are next replaced.







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