



# NUCENTURY HOME INSPECTIONS

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**THIS IS INTENDED TO BE A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT... PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.**

<b>Client:</b>	<b>Report #:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b><u>Subject Property</u></b>
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>	, CA

I/We (Client) hereby request a limited visual inspection of the structure at the above address to be conducted by NUCENTURY HOME INSPECTIONS, (Inspector), for my/our sole use and benefit. I/We warrant that I/We will read the following agreement carefully. I/We understand that I/We are bound by all the terms of this contract. I further warrant that I will read the entire inspection report when I receive it and promptly call the inspector with any questions I may have.

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### STANDARD INSPECTION AGREEMENT

**SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION:** The inspection to be performed for Client is a non-invasive physical examination, performed for the fee set forth below, designed to identify material defects in the systems, structures, and components of the subject primary dwelling and its associated primary parking structure as they exist at the time of inspection. The inspection shall be limited to those specific systems, structures, and components that are present and visually accessible, inspector shall prepare a written Inspection report for the sole use and benefit of Client. The inspection report shall describe and identify the inspected systems, structures, and components of the dwelling and shall identify material defects in those systems, structures, and components observed during the inspection. Client agrees to read the entire inspection report when it is received and shall promptly call the Inspector with any questions or concerns Client may have regarding the inspection report or the inspection. The inspection report shall be considered the final and exclusive findings of the Inspector regarding the inspection of the dwelling. Client shall not on any oral statements made by the Inspector prior to issuance of the inspection report. The inspection will be performed in accordance with the standards of practice of the American Society of Home Inspectors ("ASHI") in effect at the time of this inspection. A copy of the ASHI Standards is available upon request.

Components and systems operated during the inspection will be identified in the inspection report. The identified components and shall be operated with normal user controls only and as conditions permit. If a component or system is operated, it may be conducted without the aid of special protective clothing, exploratory probing, removing materials, testing, measuring, preparing calculations or using special equipment, including meters or devices of any kind. Testing, measuring, or preparing calculations for any system or component to determine adequacy, capacity, or compliance with any standard is outside the scope of this contract.

The term "material defects" means a condition that significantly affects the value, desirability, habitability, or safety of the dwelling. Style or aesthetics shall not be considered in determining whether a specific system, structure, or component is defective. This definition specifically excludes conditions that may be remedied with routine maintenance, miscellaneous minor repairs, and normal operating maintenance, and excludes conditions that generally do not present material defects of the dwelling.

Inspector is a home inspection generalist and is not acting as an expert in any specific craft or trade. The inspector may make recommendation to further evaluation by an individual who is an expert or specialist in one or more specific dwelling components or systems.

The inspection is not technically exhaustive. The cost of obtaining information or the time required to conduct a technically exhaustive inspection and prepare the inspection report could outweigh the usefulness of the information and could be detrimental to the orderly and timely completion of Client transaction.

No inspection can wholly eliminate the uncertainty regarding the presence of material defects and the performance of the dwelling's systems. Preparation of an inspection report in accordance with this contract is intended to reduce, but not eliminate, the uncertainty regarding the potential for component or system failure and to reduce the potential that such component or system may not be initially observed. Client recognizes the inherent subjective nature of the inspector's opinions offered in the inspection report and that such opinions generally are formed without detailed knowledge from those specifically familiar with the component's or system's performance.

The inspection report will contain a representative indication of the dwelling's condition at the time of the inspection and is dependent on the information available to the Inspector at that time.

It is Client's duty and obligation to exercise reasonable care to protect himself or herself regarding the condition of the dwelling, including those facts that are known to or within the diligent attention and observation of Client.

**CONFIDENTIAL REPORT:** The inspection report to be prepared for Client is solely and exclusively for Client's own information and may not be relied upon by any other person, except as expressly set forth in this Contract. Client agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the inspection report and agrees not to disclose any part of it to any other person, except as expressly set forth in this Contract. CLIENT AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD INSPECTOR HARMLESS FROM ANY THIRD PARTY CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF CLIENT'S UNAUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION OF THE INSPECTION REPORT.

**ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES:** Any dispute or claim between the parties hereto concerning the interpretation of this Agreement or arising from this inspection and report, except one for inspection fee payment, shall be resolved by neutral, BINDING ARBITRATION conducted in accordance with Part III, Title 9 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, except that the parties shall select an arbitrator who is familiar with the home inspection industry. The parties understand that they are waiving their rights to a court or jury trial. The parties shall be entitled to all discovery rights and legal motions as provided in the California Code of Civil Procedure and the arbitrator shall apply the substantive and procedural laws of the State of California to all issues submitted in the arbitration proceeding. The award of the arbitrator shall be final and a judgment may be entered on it by any court having jurisdiction. Client's agreement to this arbitration provision is voluntary

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Contract continued

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Report #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LIMITATIONS, EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:** Excluded from this inspection is any system, structure or component of the dwelling that is inaccessible, concealed from view, or cannot be inspected due to circumstances beyond the control of the inspector, or which Client has agreed is not to be inspected. Unless specifically agreed upon otherwise between the Inspector and Client, the following are excluded from the inspection.

- A. Building code or zoning ordinance violations
- B. Geological stability, soils conditions, structural stability, or engineering analysis
- C. All wood-destroying organisms. (Termites, etc.)
- D. Interior partition walls: tenant improvements and non-dwelling equipment.
- E. Americans With Disabilities Act inspections.
- F. Water testing for root, wall or window leaks. Concealed roofing membrane integrity
- G. Concealed floor cracks and a// underground components
- H. Product recalls or other such notices
- I. Specific components noted in the inspection report as being beyond the scope of the inspection
- J. Thermostatic, motion and time clock controls, low voltage electrical systems; or other non- primary electrical devices, components or systems.
- K. Permits or public records research.
- L. Fire and life safety systems.
- M. Elevators or lifts
- N. Dwelling security and security systems.
- O. Installation guidelines and manufacturer's specifications.
- P. Examination of conditions related to animals, rodents, insects, wood destroying Insects, organisms, mold, and mildew or the damage caused

Thereby

- Q. Personal property and other systems, structures, and components of the dwelling that are not permanently installed.
- R. Removing equipment or component covers, panels or plates.
- S. Common areas or the systems, structures, or components thereof.
- T. Sewage disposal systems or components, including septic tanks and/or any underground system or portion thereof, or ejector pumps for rain or waste
- U. Certain factors relating to any systems, structures, or components of the dwelling, including, but not limited to: adequacy; efficiency; durability or remaining useful life; costs to repair, replace or operate; fair market value; marketability; quality; or advisability of purchase or sale

Services for inspecting or evaluating the excluded items listed above may be available from Inspector for an additional fee or from specialists qualified to inspect or evaluate a particular category or item.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:** Client acknowledges that what is being contracted for is a home inspection and not an environmental evaluation and the inspection is not intended to detect, identify or disclose any environmental conditions or concerns regarding this dwelling or property, or the health threat posed by or the permissible exposure limits to any of the following, including, but not limited to, the presence of molds, mildew, fungi, lead, asbestos, radon, urea-formaldehyde, PCBs, or other toxic materials or substances in the water, air, soil or building materials.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS:** This inspection contract, the inspection, and the inspection report do not constitute a warranty, guarantee, or insurance policy of any kind whatsoever.

No legal action or proceeding of any kind, including those sounding in tort or contract, can be commenced against Inspector/Inspection Company, or its officers, agents or employees more than one year from the date the Client discovers, or through the exercise of reasonable diligence should have discovered, the cause of action. In no event shall the time for commencement of legal action or proceeding exceed two years from the date of the subject inspection. **THIS TIME PERIOD IS SHORTER THAN OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW**

In the event Client discovers a material defect or other deficiency in a component, system or equipment of the dwelling that was not identified and reported by Inspector, Client shall so notify Inspector in writing and allow Inspector and/or Inspector' designated representative to re-inspect and document the condition(s) of the material defect or deficiency prior to making any repair, alteration, or replacement to the material defect or deficiency.

Should any provision of this contract be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be either invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this contract shall remain in full force and effect, unimpaired by the court's holding.

This contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of only the undersigned parties and their heirs, successors, assigns, and duly authorized inspection report recipients, as expressly set forth in this Contract.

This contract constitutes the entire integrated agreement between the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof, and may be modified only by a written agreement signed by all of the parties hereto. No oral agreements, understandings, or representations shall change, modify, or amend any part of this contract.

Each party signing this contract warrants and represents that he/she has the full capacity and authority to execute this contract on behalf of the named party whether it is a corporation, partnership or other entity. If this contract is executed on behalf of Client by a third party, the person executing this contract expressly represents to Inspector that he/she has the full and complete authority to execute this contract on Client's behalf and to fully and completely bind Client to all of the terms, conditions, limitations, exceptions and exclusions of this contract

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector

PLEASE REFER TO  
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:  
ESCROW FEE:

INSPECTION FEE:  
TOTAL INSPECTION FEES:

PAYMENT:

**DUE:**

KEY TO THE INSPECTION REPORT

Report #: \_\_\_\_\_

The "Matrix" Report lists the systems and components inspected by this company. Items not found in this report are considered beyond the scope of this inspection, and should not be considered inspected at this time.

When "APPEAR SERVICEABLE" is checked it means that we did not observe conditions that would lead us to believe problems existed with this system or component. The item is capable of being used. Some serviceable items may, however, show wear and tear. Other conditions are checked, if applicable, in the body of the report.

Significantly deficient systems or components will be identified as: Not functional / unsafe / worn / near end of lifespan. When in the inspector's opinion, an item is "significantly deficient", the reason will be checked within the body of the report.

Please read the entire report for all items checked.

Notice: This report contains technical information that may not be readily understandable to the lay person. Therefore, a verbal consultation with the inspector is a mandatory part of this inspection report. If you choose not to consult with the inspector, this inspection company cannot be held liable for your understanding or misunderstanding of this report's contents. If you were not present during this inspection please call the office to arrange for your verbal consultation.

- (\*) This item or component warrants additional attention, monitoring or repair as needed.
- (1) Recommended evaluation by a qualified licensed structural engineer / geotechnical engineer.
- (2) Recommend further review and repairs as needed by a qualified licensed contractor or specialty tradesman dealing with that item or system.
- (3) Recommend further review for the presence of any wood destroying pests or organisms by qualified Pest Inspector.
- (4) This item is a safety hazard - correction is needed
- (5) Recommend upgrading for safety enhancement. This building may have been constructed before current safety standards were developed.

NOTICE: AN ABRIDGED VERSION OF THIS KEY IS PRINTED AT THE TOP OF EACH REPORT PAGE. If you do not understand how to read this report please contact our office.

I have read and understand the Key to the Matrix Inspection Report. Client's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Representative/Agent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to read the special "NOTICES" in each section of the report for further information concerning the limitations of this inspection. Client's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Representative/Agent's Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Present During The Inspection:  Client  Buyer's Agent  Seller's Agent  Seller

INSPECTOR : William Hall

Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Time: \_\_\_\_\_

The weather condition at the time of inspection was \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate temperature during inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Property Information:  
The subject property inspected was a (an): \_\_\_\_\_ # of units \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate age of building: \_\_\_\_\_ Stated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate age of roof: \_\_\_\_\_ Stated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additions / Alterations to: \_\_\_\_\_ Stated by: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: It is always wise to check with the building department for permit information, especially if additions or alterations are noted.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THIRD PARTIES OR OTHER PURCHASERS: RECEIPT OF THIS REPORT BY ANY PURCHASERS OF THIS PROPERTY OTHER THAN THE PARTY(IES) IDENTIFIED ON THE CONTRACT PAGE #1 IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE INSPECTOR. THE INSPECTOR STRONGLY ADVISES AGAINST ANY RELIANCE ON THIS REPORT. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU RETAIN A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL INSPECTOR TO PROVIDE YOU WITH YOUR OWN INSPECTION AND REPORT ON THIS PROPERTY.