



# Inspection Report

**Travis Blake**

**Property Address:**

123 Austin Park  
Autin TX 78645



**Home Critique Property Inspections LLC**

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## PROPERTY INSPECTION REPORT

<b>Prepared For:</b>	Travis Blake _____ (Name of Client)
<b>Concerning:</b>	123 Austin Park, Autin, TX 78645 _____ (Address or Other Identification of Inspected Property)
<b>By:</b>	Glen Kotulek TREC #5951 / Home Critique Property Inpsctions LLC 2/19/2009 _____ (Name and License Number of Inspector) (Date) _____ (Name, License Number and Signature of Sponsering Inspector, if required)

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INSPECTOR:**

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Additional pages may be attached to this report. Read them very carefully. This report may not be complete without the attachments. If an item is present in this property but is not inspected, the "NI" column will be checked and an explanation is necessary. Comments may be provided by the inspector whether or not an item is deemed in need of repair.

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**I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS**

**A. Foundations**

**Type of Foundation:** Poured concrete

**Foundation Performance:** Foundation appears to be performing as designed

*Comments:*

*(An opinion on performance is mandatory)*

**B. Grading & Drainage**

*Comments:*


**C. Roof Covering Materials**


**Type (s) of Roof Covering:** 3-Tab asphalt

**Viewed roof covering from:** Binoculars

**Roof Ventilation:** Passive


*Comments:*

 The inspector does not speculate on the remaining life expectancy of the roof covering. The inspector does not lift or remove shingle or tiles. Inspection of fastening system under the shingle tabs is not inspected as this could damage the shingles.

 The 'rain collar' on the right rear water heater vent pipe is not positioned properly and may allow water penetration. The collar needs to be moved downward and sealed near the pipe boot jack joint.



C. Picture 1

 Seal all exposed roofing fasteners in various locations (i.e. plumbing vents, flue pipe roof jacks, flashings, and ridges lines.)

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C. Picture 2 Example of roof fasteners

Roof edge shingles have been damaged on the front of the home in several locations, most notably on the left side of the main peak and on the "eyebrow" roof on the lower left corner. Repairs are needed to prevent water damage to wood components below.



C. Picture 3 Left front of home



C. Picture 4 Lower left roof corner



C. Picture 5 Left front corner damage

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**D. Roof Structure & Attic**

**Method used to observe attic:** Walked

**Attic Insulation:** Blown, Fiberglass

**Approximate Average Depth of Insulation:** 11 inches

**Approximate Average Thickness of Vertical Insulation:** Not visible and therefore unknown

*Comments:*

Attic access stair door needs to be properly insulated to improve energy efficiency as is now the standard.


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D. Picture 1

 Attic access stairs are not installed according to manufacturer's instructions. It is recommended that additional appropriate fasteners be installed to ensure secure installation. (typically 16d or 1/4" lag bolts are recommended) The stairs need to be shimmed and fastened more securely to prevent catastrophic failure. Very few deck screws are installed and are in need of augmenting.



D. Picture 2 Shimming needed

 Several roof rafters have somewhat poor connections to the ridge beams that they are attached to. This was most notably seen at the left front roof peak and near the attic access opening of the home. Recommend further evaluation by reputable contractor to augment or support these connections more satisfactorily where there are gaps that have been spanned with nails.



D. Picture 3 Left front of home



D. Picture 4 Left front rafter gap



D. Picture 5 Left front of home

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D. Picture 6 Right rear of home



D. Picture 7 Right rear of home

**E. Walls (Interior & Exterior)**

*Comments:*

 Seal all areas on exterior of home to prevent water damage to unprotected wood, most notably: pipe penetration openings, seams in trim and siding, around window frames and any bare wood.



E. Picture 1 Front porch window frames



E. Picture 2 Rear upper story window



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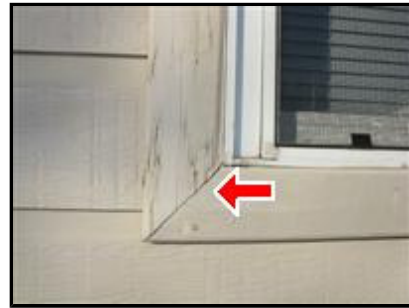
E. Picture 3 Rear of home



E. Picture 4 Siding gaps on right side



E. Picture 5 Right rear corner trim



E. Picture 6 Lower rear bedroom window



E. Picture 7 Trim beside chimney



E. Picture 8 Weathered chimney trim



E. Picture 9 Back hose bib



E. Picture 10 Back door trim damage needs sealing




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E. Picture 11 Garage trim needs sealing



E. Picture 12 Weathered trim needs sealing

 Damaged and water softened around home needs to be repaired or sealed to prevent further deterioration.



E. Picture 13 Left rear corner of upper story



E. Picture 14 Bottom edge of garage door, left side



E. Picture 15 Rear window beside fireplace



E. Picture 16 Rear window beside chimney



E. Picture 17 Chimney trim below upper roofline



E. Picture 18 Lower edge of chimney

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E. Picture 19 Left rear corner trim

Downstairs hall bathtub has cracks in the tilework grout that need to be sealed to prevent water damage at the back corners.

The left side garage door trim on the right door is damaged where it has been impacted and pulled slightly away from the brickwork. The trim along the back has broken off and leaves a gap between the door and trimwork. Recommend repair or at least sealing to prevent water damage.



E. Picture 20 Damage to garage door trim



E. Picture 21 Gap between brickwork

**F. Ceilings & Floors**

*Comments:*

The ceiling in the garage has a water stain on a sheetrock joint from unknown previous moisture. There was no current moisture present as monitored by electronic moisture meter and any continuing leakage would damage the sheetrock. I believe that this staining is likely from an overflow event in the bathroom or laundry room above.



F. Picture 1 Slight water staining

**G. Doors (Interior & Exterior)**

*Comments:*


Back door has damaged weather-stripping due to pet activity, but the door does not

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appear to be allowing air intrusion.



G. Picture 1 Damaged weatherstripping

 Garage doors have had previous damage to the top edge and have been repaired and strengthened to maintain satisfactory operation.




G. Picture 2

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**H. Windows**


*Comments:*

 Approx. 17 windows were found to have condensation between the double panes from humid air entry. The factory seals have failed and let in ambient air that has condensed onto the panes during cold weather. Repairs can be done to replace the panes if desired.

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**I. Stairways (Interior & Exterior)**


*Comments:*


 Stair handrail newel post is somewhat loose at the bottom and having it strengthened may be desirable.

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**J. Fireplace / Chimney**

*Comments:*

 I do not inspect the shape of fireplace or the design to determine if your fireplace has a proper air draw.

 Seal opening around log lighter pipe to prevent excessive heat escape into wall void. Recommend caulking with an available fire-proof material.

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J. Picture 1

**K. Porches, Balconies, Decks and Carports**  
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**II. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS**

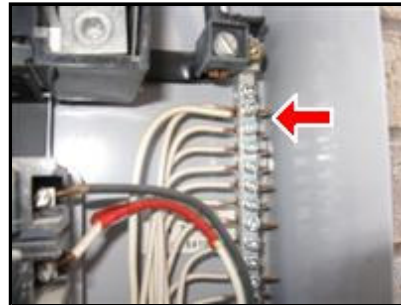
**A. Service Entrance and Panels**

**Electrical Service Conductors:** Below ground

**Panel Capacity:** 150 AMP

*Comments:*

 Neutral wires (white) are not individually secured to the busbar at the sub panel as required to meet current standards. This is very commonly seen and is typically as simple as moving wires within panel by a licensed electrician.





A. Picture 1 Electrical panel

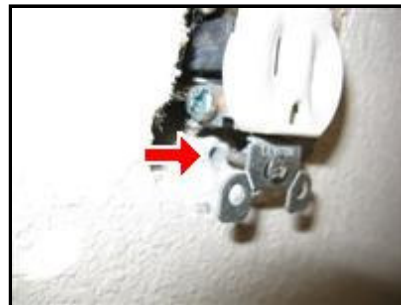
**B. Branch Circuits - Connected Devices, and Fixtures**

**Branch wiring:** 15 and 20 AMP circuits: Copper


*Comments:*

 Modern standards now require properly functioning arc fault circuit interrupter (AFCI) devices at interior room locations (family/living rooms, dining rooms, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, or similar rooms or areas) These breakers became a requirement in 2008 and help prevent fires from electrical arcing.

 Electrical outlet on the left rear wall of living room is loose in wall and the screw is stripped out. The bottom half of the outlet is also not "hot" and needs to be repaired by licensed electrician. (half wall near back door)



B. Picture 1 Screw stripped

 Light bulb enclosures are needed to prevent contact from combustibles, most notably: garage

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**III. HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS**

**A. Heating Equipment**

**Type of System (Heating):** Natural Gas

*Comments:*

 Modern standards require rigid piping where gas supply enters HVAC housing to prevent rubbing and potential for causing a leak. (these units are not as likely to be a concern due to the close proximity of the gas connection inside)




A. Picture 1 Furnace gas pipe

**B. Cooling Equipment**

**Type of System (Cooling):** Electric forced air system


**Central Air Manufacturer:** CARRIER

*Comments:*

 The a/c drainpan for the upstairs has had considerable previous moisture inside, most likely from condensation that dripped off the exposed cold freon line on the back side. Recommend insulating the exposed section and cleaning rust from pan to ensure it is not rusted through.



B. Picture 1 Upstairs a/c unit

 Recommend insulating the a/c primary condensation drainlines as is now the standard.



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B. Picture 2 A/C condensation line

Water stains on attic flooring appears to be from the a/c freon line condensation where there is a seam in the bottom that is allowing water to drip out and onto the flooring below. Recommend better sealing this insulation to prevent humid air from reaching it.



B. Picture 3 Black insulation needs repair

 The upstairs a/c unit is in need of servicing as it is not cooling properly. The air temperature differentials were approx. 28 degrees where only 15-21 degrees is normal. Recommend further evaluation by HVAC professional to determine what repairs are needed.


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**C. Duct System, Chases, and Vents**

**Filter Location:** Ceiling areas of home

**Filter Size:** (Two filters), 14x30, 20x30

*Comments:*

 The downstairs a/c housing has minor air leakage at the joint between the a/c and furnace housings that needs to be resealed.



C. Picture 1 Air leaks

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### IV. PLUMBING SYSTEM

Note: Only visible plumbing components were inspected. Plumbing and all associated plumbing components underground, interior to wall, floors, and ceilings, not attached to the home or readily visible in the attic, or other wise inaccessible or hidden from view, could not be observed by the inspector and are excluded from this inspection.

The water shutoff valves are not operated on the sink and commode fixtures to prevent potential for leakage when operated with dry seals as develop over time.

Water meter was inspected for unwanted water usage, which could indicate underground leakage. The meter did not show any indications of flow while being observed.

Water pressure was checked and found to be approx. 70 PSI which is within acceptable ranges. (excessive pressure can be damaging to pipes)



Shutoff valve buried



70 PSI

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**A. Water Supply System and Fixtures**

**Plumbing Water Supply (into home):** Not visible  
**Plumbing Water Distribution (inside home):** Copper  
**Location of main water supply valve:** At water meter near street  
*Comments:*

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**B. Drains, Waste, and Vents**

*Comments:*

Sewer cleanout cap on the left side of the home is damaged and needs repair to prevent debris from clogging up the sewer drainpipe below. The PVC pipe is broken off and will need repair. (left front corner of home)



B. Picture 1

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**C. Water Heating Equipment**

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**Energy Source (Water Heater):** Natural Gas  
**Capacity (Water Heater):** (2) 40 Gallon Units  
**Water Heater Manufacturer:** RHEEM  
*Comments:*

 One of the water heaters has minor corrosion at the water connections that needs to be cleaned to prevent deterioration and eventual leakage.



C. Picture 1 Minor corrosion

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**D. Hydro-Massage Therapy Equipment**

*Comments:*


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**V. APPLIANCES**


**A. Dishwasher**

*Comments:*

 A sanitary loop is needed on the dishwasher drainline to prevent sink backup from flowing into dishwasher.

**B. Food Waste Disposer**

*Comments:*

 The food disposer wiring is missing a romex connector (anti-strain device) where wiring enters bottom of unit. Repairs recommended.



B. Picture 1

**C. Range Exhaust Vent**

*Comments:*

**D. Ranges, Cooktops and Ovens**

*Comments:*


The oven was tested using the standard test and was within 5 degrees of 350 degrees setting which is considered satisfactory.



D. Picture 1

**E. Microwave Oven**

*Comments:*

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>K. Smoke Detectors</b> <i>Comments:</i>   Smoke detectors in the back downstairs bedroom and in the hallway upstairs near the bathroom did not have audible sound when activated but were interconnected to all the other detectors. Replacement of these units is recommended.

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## General Summary



### Home Critique Property Inspections LLC

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**Customer  
Travis Blake**

**Address  
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The interior of the home was inspected and reported on with the above information. While the inspector makes every effort to find all areas of concern, some areas can go unnoticed. The inspection did not involve moving furniture and inspecting behind furniture, area rugs or areas obstructed from view. Please be aware that the inspector has your best interest in mind. Any repair items mentioned in this report should be considered before purchase. It is recommended that qualified contractors be used in your further inspection or repair issues as it relates to the comments in this inspection report.




The home inspector shall observe: Walls, ceiling, and floors; Steps, stairways, balconies, and railings; Counters and a representative number of installed cabinets; and A representative number of doors and windows. The home inspector shall: Operate a representative number of windows and interior doors; and Report signs of abnormal or harmful water penetration into the building or signs of abnormal or harmful condensation on building components. The home inspector is not required to observe: Paint, wallpaper, and other finish treatments on the interior walls, ceilings, and floors; Carpeting; or Draperies, blinds, or other window treatments.

The roof of the home was inspected and reported on with the above information. While the inspector makes every effort to find all areas of concern, some areas can go unnoticed. Roof coverings and skylights can appear to be leak proof during inspection and weather conditions. Our inspection makes an attempt to find a leak but sometimes cannot. Please be aware that the inspector has your best interest in mind. Any repair items mentioned in this report should be considered before purchase. It is recommended that qualified contractors be used in your further inspection or repair issues as it relates to the comments in this inspection report.


## I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

### C. Roof Covering Materials

#### Inspected, Deficiency




-  The inspector does not speculate on the remaining life expectancy of the roof covering. The inspector does not lift or remove shingle or tiles. Inspection of fastening system under the shingle tabs is not inspected as this could damage the shingles.
-  The 'rain collar' on the right rear water heater vent pipe is not positioned properly and may allow water penetration. The collar needs to be moved downward and sealed near the pipe boot jack joint.
-  Seal all exposed roofing fasteners in various locations (i.e. plumbing vents, flue pipe roof jacks, flashings, and ridges lines.)

## I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

-  Roof edge shingles have been damaged on the front of the home in several locations, most notably on the left side of the main peak and on the "eyebrow" roof on the lower left corner. Repairs are needed to prevent water damage to wood components below.





### D. Roof Structure & Attic

#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  Attic access stair door needs to be properly insulated to improve energy efficiency as is now the standard.
-  Attic access stairs are not installed according to manufacturer's instructions. It is recommended that additional appropriate fasteners be installed to ensure secure installation. (typically 16d or 1/4" lag bolts are recommended) The stairs need to be shimmed and fastened more securely to prevent catastrophic failure. Very few deck screws are installed and are in need of augmenting.
-  Several roof rafters have somewhat poor connections to the ridge beams that they are attached to. This was most notably seen at the left front roof peak and near the attic access opening of the home. Recommend further evaluation by reputable contractor to augment or support these connections more satisfactorily where there are gaps that have been spanned with nails.


### E. Walls (Interior & Exterior)

#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  Seal all areas on exterior of home to prevent water damage to unprotected wood, most notably: pipe penetration openings, seams in trim and siding, around window frames and any bare wood.
-  Damaged and water softened around home needs to be repaired or sealed to prevent further deterioration.
-  Downstairs hall bathtub has cracks in the tilework grout that need to be sealed to prevent water damage at the back corners.
-  The left side garage door trim on the right door is damaged where it has been impacted and pulled slightly away from the brickwork. The trim along the back has broken off and leaves a gap between the door and trimwork. Recommend repair or at least sealing to prevent water damage.



### F. Ceilings & Floors

#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  The ceiling in the garage has a water stain on a sheetrock joint from unknown previous moisture. There was no current moisture present as monitored by electronic moisture meter and any continuing leakage would damage the sheetrock. I believe that this staining is likely from an overflow event in the bathroom or laundry room above.


### G. Doors (Interior & Exterior)

#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  Back door has damaged weather-stripping due to pet activity, but the door does not appear to be allowing air intrusion.
-  Garage doors have had previous damage to the top edge and have been repaired and strengthened to maintain satisfactory operation.


### H. Windows

#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  Approx. 17 windows were found to have condensation between the double panes from humid air entry. The factory seals have failed and let in ambient air that has condensed onto the panes during cold weather. Repairs can be done to replace the panes if desired.

### I. Stairways (Interior & Exterior)

#### Inspected, Deficiency


-  Stair handrail newel post is somewhat loose at the bottom and having it strengthened may be desirable.

### J. Fireplace / Chimney

#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  I do not inspect the shape of fireplace or the design to determine if your fireplace has a proper air draw.


## I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

-  Seal opening around log lighter pipe to prevent excessive heat escape into wall void. Recommend caulking with an available fire-proof material.

## II. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS




### A. Service Entrance and Panels

#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  Neutral wires (white) are not individually secured to the busbar at the sub panel as required to meet current standards. This is very commonly seen and is typically as simple as moving wires within panel by a licensed electrician.

### B. Branch Circuits - Connected Devices, and Fixtures


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-  Modern standards now require properly functioning arc fault circuit interrupter (AFCI) devices at interior room locations (family/living rooms, dining rooms, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms, recreation rooms, closets, hallways, or similar rooms or areas) These breakers became a requirement in 2008 and help prevent fires from electrical arcing.
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## III. HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS




### A. Heating Equipment

#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  Modern standards require rigid piping where gas supply enters HVAC housing to prevent rubbing and potential for causing a leak. (these units are not as likely to be a concern due to the close proximity of the gas connection inside)


### B. Cooling Equipment

#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  The a/c drainpan for the upstairs has had considerable previous moisture inside, most likely from condensation that dripped off the exposed cold freon line on the back side. Recommend insulating the exposed section and cleaning rust from pan to ensure it is not rusted through.
-  Recommend insulating the a/c primary condensation drainlines as is now the standard.
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### C. Duct System, Chases, and Vents


#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  The downstairs a/c housing has minor air leakage at the joint between the a/c and furnace housings that needs to be resealed.

## IV. PLUMBING SYSTEM

### B. Drains, Waste, and Vents

#### Inspected, Deficiency

-  Sewer cleanout cap on the left side of the home is damaged and needs repair to prevent debris from clogging up the sewer drainpipe below. The PVC pipe is broken off and will need repair. (left front corner

## IV. PLUMBING SYSTEM

of home)

### C. Water Heating Equipment

#### Inspected, Deficiency



One of the water heaters has minor corrosion at the water connections that needs to be cleaned to prevent deterioration and eventual leakage.

## V. APPLIANCES

### A. Dishwasher

#### Inspected, Deficiency



A sanitary loop is needed on the dishwasher drainline to prevent sink backup from flowing into dishwasher.

### B. Food Waste Disposer

#### Inspected, Deficiency



The food disposer wiring is missing a romex connector (anti-strain device) where wiring enters bottom of unit. Repairs recommended.

### K. Smoke Detectors

#### Inspected, Deficiency



Smoke detectors in the back downstairs bedroom and in the hallway upstairs near the bathroom did not have audible sound when activated but were interconnected to all the other detectors. Replacement of these units is recommended.

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