# **Duke's Home Inspections**

**Property Inspection Report** 



303 Deep Dale Ln, Conroe, TX 77304 Inspection prepared for: Ronald Woodard

Real Estate Agent: Sherry Fulton - Coldwell Banker United, Willis

Date of Inspection: 8/25/2021 Time: 10:00 AM

Age of Home: 1997 Size: 1795 Weather: Sunny and 84 degrees.

Pre inspection.

Home faces South.

Agent present.

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Prepared For:	Ronald Woodard	
	(Name of Client)	
Concerning:	303 Deep Dale Ln, Conroe TX, 7730	)4
· ·	(Address or Other Identification of Inspected Property	<b>(</b> )
By:	James Duke, License #21718	8/25/2021
	(Name and License Number of Inspector)	(Date)

#### PURPOSE, LIMITATIONS AND INSPECTOR / CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

This property inspection report may include an inspection agreement (contract), addenda, and other information related to property conditions. If any item or comment is unclear, you should ask the inspector to clarify the findings. It is important that you carefully read ALL of this information.

This inspection is subject to the rules ("Rules") of the Texas Real Estate Commission ("TREC"), which can be found at www.trec.texas.gov.

The TREC Standards of Practice (Sections 535.227-535.233 of the Rules) are the minimum standards for inspections by TREC licensed inspectors. An inspection addresses only those components and conditions that are present, visible, and accessible at the time of the inspection. While there may be other parts, components or systems present, only those items specifically noted as being inspected were inspected. The inspector is NOT required to turn on decommissioned equipment, systems, utility services or apply an open flame or light a pilot to operate any appliance. The inspector is NOT required to climb over obstacles, move furnishings or stored items. The inspection report may address issues that are code-based or may refer to a particular code; however, this is NOT a code compliance inspection and does NOT verify compliance with manufacturer's installation instructions. The inspection does NOT imply insurability or warrantability of the structure or its components. Although some safety issues may be addressed in this report, this inspection is NOT a safety/code inspection, and the inspector is NOT required to identify all potential hazards.

In this report, the inspector shall indicate, by checking the appropriate boxes on the form, whether each item was inspected, not inspected, not present or deficient and explain the findings in the corresponding section in the body of the report form. The inspector must check the Deficient (D) box if a condition exists that adversely and materially affects the performance of a system or component or constitutes a hazard to life, limb or property as specified by the TREC Standards of Practice. General deficiencies include inoperability, material distress, water penetration, damage, deterioration, missing components, and unsuitable installation. Comments may be provided by the inspector whether or not an item is deemed deficient. The inspector is not required to prioritize or emphasize the importance of one deficiency over another.

Some items reported may be considered life-safety upgrades to the property. For more information, refer to Texas Real Estate Consumer Notice Concerning Recognized Hazards or Deficiencies below.

THIS PROPERTY INSPECTION IS NOT A TECHNICALLY EXHAUSTIVE INSPECTION OF THE STRUCTURE, SYSTEMS OR COMPONENTS. The inspection may not reveal all deficiencies. A real estate inspection helps to reduce some of the risk involved in purchasing a home, but it cannot eliminate these risks, nor can the inspection anticipate future events or changes in performance due to changes in use or occupancy. It is recommended that you obtain as much information as is available about this property, including any seller's disclosures, previous inspection reports, engineering reports, building/remodeling permits, and reports performed for or by relocation companies, municipal inspection departments, lenders, insurers, and appraisers. You should also attempt to determine whether repairs, renovation, remodeling, additions, or other such activities have taken place at this property. It is not the inspector's responsibility to confirm that information obtained from these sources is complete or accurate or that this inspection is consistent with the opinions expressed in previous or future reports.

ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT DO NOT OBLIGATE ANY PARTY TO MAKE REPAIRS OR TAKE OTHER ACTIONS, NOR IS THE PURCHASER REQUIRED TO REQUEST THAT THE SELLER TAKE ANY ACTION. When a deficiency is reported, it is the client's responsibility to obtain further evaluations and/or cost estimates from qualified service professionals. Any such follow-up should take place prior to the expiration of any time limitations such as option periods.

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Evaluations by qualified tradesmen may lead to the discovery of additional deficiencies which may involve additional repair costs. Failure to address deficiencies or comments noted in this report may lead to further damage of the structure or systems and add to the original repair costs. The inspector is not required to provide follow-up services to verify that proper repairs have been made.

Property conditions change with time and use. For example, mechanical devices can fail at any time, plumbing gaskets and seals may crack if the appliance or plumbing fixture is not used often, roof leaks can occur at any time regardless of the apparent condition of the roof, and the performance of the structure and the systems may change due to changes in use or occupancy, effects of weather, etc. These changes or repairs made to the structure after the inspection may render information contained herein obsolete or invalid. This report is provided for the specific benefit of the client named above and is based on observations at the time of the inspection. If you did not hire the inspector yourself, reliance on this report may provide incomplete or outdated information. Repairs, professional opinions or additional inspection reports may affect the meaning of the information in this report. It is recommended that you hire a licensed inspector to perform an inspection to meet your specific needs and to provide you with current information concerning this property.

#### TEXAS REAL ESTATE CONSUMER NOTICE CONCERNING HAZARDS OR DEFICIENCIES

Each year, Texans sustain property damage and are injured by accidents in the home. While some accidents may not be avoidable, many other accidents, injuries, and deaths may be avoided through the identification and repair of certain hazardous conditions. Examples of such hazards include:

- malfunctioning, improperly installed, or missing ground fault circuit protection (GFCI) devices for electrical receptacles in garages, bathrooms, kitchens, and exterior areas;
- malfunctioning arc fault protection (AFCI) devices;
- ordinary glass in locations where modern construction techniques call for safety glass;
- malfunctioning or lack of fire safety features such as smoke alarms, fire-rated doors in certain locations, and functional emergency escape and rescue openings in bedrooms;
- malfunctioning carbon monoxide alarms;
- excessive spacing between balusters on stairways and porches;
- improperly installed appliances;
- improperly installed or defective safety devices;
- lack of electrical bonding and grounding; and
- lack of bonding on gas piping, including corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST).

To ensure that consumers are informed of hazards such as these, the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) has adopted Standards of Practice requiring licensed inspectors to report these conditions as "Deficient" when performing an inspection for a buyer or seller, if they can be reasonably determined.

These conditions may not have violated building codes or common practices at the time of the construction of the home, or they may have been "grandfathered" because they were present prior to the adoption of codes prohibiting such conditions. While the TREC Standards of Practice do not require inspectors to perform a code compliance inspection, TREC considers the potential for injury or property loss from the hazards addressed in the Standards of Practice to be significant enough to warrant this notice.

Contract forms developed by TREC for use by its real estate licensees also inform the buyer of the right to have the home inspected and can provide an option clause permitting the buyer to terminate the contract within a specified time. Neither the Standards of Practice nor the TREC contract forms require a seller to remedy conditions revealed by an inspection. The decision to correct a hazard or any deficiency identified in an inspection report is left to the parties to the contract for the sale or purchase of the home.

INFORMATION INCLUDED UNDER "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INSPECTOR", OR PROVIDED AS AN ATTACHMENT WITH THE STANDARD FORM, IS NOT REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION AND MAY CONTAIN CONTRACTUAL TERMS BETWEEN THE INSPECTOR AND YOU, AS THE CLIENT. THE COMMISSION DOES NOT REGULATE CONTRACTUAL TERMS BETWEEN PARTIES. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT OF ANY CONTRACTUAL TERM CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION OR ANY ATTACHMENTS, CONSULT AN ATTORNEY.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INSPECTOR

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- •Ordinary glass in locations where modern construction techniques call for safety glass;
- •The lack of fire safety features such as smoke alarms, fire-rated doors in certain locations, and functional emergency escape and rescue openings in bedrooms;
- •Excessive spacing between balusters on stairways and porches;
- Improperly installed appliances;
- •Improperly installed or defective safety devices; and
- ·Lack of electrical bonding and grounding.

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### I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

- Slab foundation
- Comments:
- In the inspectors opinion the foundation was performing as intended. If buyer has any concerns they should have a professional home leveler further evaluate it.
- Unable to see all of the slab due to high soil, decks, porches etc. There should be 4 inches of clearance for brick and stone.6 inches for wood and 8 inches for stucco.
- Corner cracks noticed. Not uncommon to see.



Corner cracks noticed. Not uncommon to see.

## **B.** Grading and Drainage

### Comments:

• Gutter downspout not installed correctly.

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Gutter downspout not installed correctly.

# C. Roof Covering Materials

- Asphalt composition shingles noted
- Viewed from the Ground.

#### Comments:

- Recommend all nails, penetrations, flashing be painted and caulked every three to four years. Asphalt or composition shingles have a service life from {15-30} years depending upon the shingle quality, installation and maintenance. Metal roofs tend to have {25-35} year life.
- Inspector could not access the roof due to either roofing material damage, rainy weather, dangerous slope of roof and/or above the reachable height; therefore, the roof was observed from ground level and or eve with ladder. Also with homes being so close together is makes it hard to see ares of the roofing systems. If buyer has any concerns they should have a professional roofer further evaluate the system.
- Vent pipes should be painted to protect them from UV rays.
- Some moss covered areas were observed on the roof from possible shade bearing tree branches which may promote acidity and shorten shingle life

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- D. Roof Structure and Attics
  - Interior of the attic
  - Blown-in insulation was noted at 10" plus Comments:
  - Insulation is missing in spots.Should be replaced.





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Insulation is missing in spots. Should be replaced.

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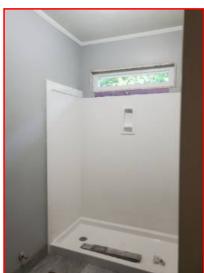
- Exterior brick veneer and/or structural walls noted
- Exterior Hardiboard like {fiber cement} siding noted Comments:
- The areas between the exterior cladding / veneer and ALL wall penetrations need to be properly sealed such as utility connections, downspouts, hose bibs, lighting fixtures, receptacles, window frames etc with an exterior grade elastomeric sealant. This is regular maintenance.
- The foliage growing on, over or around the exterior walls of the structure should be trimmed back at least {12"}. The plant material may limit the Inspectors visual observation of the existing surfaces.(Regular home Maintenance)
- Bushes should be trimmed back at least 12 inches.
- Cracks were noted.
- Earth to siding contact was observed on the exterior siding and should be a minimum of {4"} clearance from the ground for brick/stone {6"} for wood and {8"} for stucco. Common in older homes.
- Flashing not installed correctly.





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Flashing not installed correctly.





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- ✓ □ □ F. Ceilings and Floors
   Ceiling is made of drywall with popcorn and/or texture finish Floor cover is tiled in areas Floors are cover with wood Comments: Satisfactory at time of inspection
   ✓ □ □ G. Doors (Interior and Exterior)
   Comments: Satisfactory condition at the time of the inspection
   ✓ □ □ H. Windows
   Windows are made of vinyl. Comments: Satisfactory condition at the time of the inspection.
   □ □ ✓ □ I. Stairways (Interior and Exterior)
   Comments:
  - Living room
  - Wood burning and or gas

J. Fireplaces and Chimneys

Comments:

• Satisfactory condition at the time of the inspection

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### K. Porches, Balconies, Decks, and Carports

### Comments:

- Wood to ground contact
  Boards need replaced
  Ceiling joist hangers should be installed.





Boards need replaced

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Ceiling joist hangers should be installed.

		<b>✓</b>		L. Other
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Comments:

### II. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

A. Service Entrance and 1	Panels	and	Entrance	A. Service	]	1				1
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• Panel is located on the exterior wall.

### Comments:

- Inspector recommends that a licensed electrician look at the panel and or the branch system to further evaluate any issues.
- Inspector was stung by wasp while trying to open panel.

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

appliances should have carbon monoxide detectors.

- Copper wiring Comments:
- Recommend **GFCI** protection(If not present) on 15A/20A circuits providing power to kitchens, bathrooms, garages, laundry rooms, exterior receptacles, pools, spas and whirlpool tubs. GFCI receptacles are required in the kitchen within {2'} of the sink and bathroom within {3'} of the sink edge. Also recommended to upgrade smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in home after closing. Homes with attached garages and gas

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

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- Central forced air furnace
- The furnace is electrically powered Comments:
- The functional testing and/or inspection of the heating system was unable to be conducted due to an outside temperature in excess of {80} degrees. A limited visual inspection was performed.



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	~		<b>/</b>	B. Cooling Equipment

- Central forced air furnace Comments:
- As is not uncommon for homes of this age and location, the air conditioning system is older. It may require a slightly higher level of maintenance, and may be more prone to major component breakdown. Predicting the frequency or time frame for repairs on many mechanical device is virtually impossible.
- Supply temperature typically +/- {55} degrees. Return air should be between {15 20} degrees greater
- Recommend a licensed HVAC tech to look at the system. Due to high supply temp.

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Supply temp 65 degrees.



Return temp 76 degrees.



### C. Duct Systems, Chases, and Vents

### Comments:

- Register(s) was missing.Ductwork should not be touching.



Ductwork should not be touching.



Register(s) was missing.

IV. PLUMBING SYSTEM

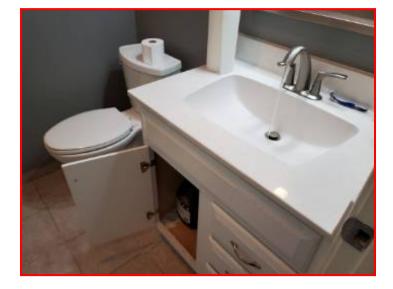
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- Front of structure
- At the meter Comments:
- The homes water system is supplied with copper pipes.
- Water ran for several minutes at each fixture. We do not preform water leak tests on drain lines. We simply look for active leaks, which is quite limited by our short time at the property.
- The anti static water pressure readings are typically at {40-80 psi} in the normal operating range. Pressure exceeding these limits or higher than {80 psi} is likely to put excessive pressure on the household water system. It is recommended that a licensed plumber and/or the city water department further evaluate in the event a pressure reducing valve is required for safety concerns
- Water pressure was 52 psi
- Master bathroom was under construction at time of inspection.
- Flex drain pipes are not recommended because they can enhance clogs.





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1					B. Drains,	Wastes,	and	Vents
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Comments:

- Satisfactory. No issues were noted at time of inspection
- C. Water Heating Equipment
  - Water heater is gas fired
  - Located in the attic
  - 40 gallons

Comments:

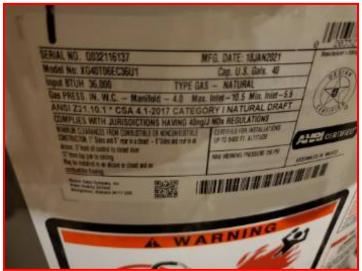
- The typical life expectancy and/or operational life of a water heater is approximately {10} years depending on usage and maintenance
- Insulation should not be touching exhaust pipe.

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D. Hydro-Massage Therapy Equipment

Comments:

E. Other

Comments:

V. APPLIANCES

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	A. Dishwashers			

### Comments:

• Some rusting and/or corrosion was evident on the interior of the unit



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### Comments:

• The range venting system was functional at the time of the inspection



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### Comments:

- · Gas fired
- Anti-tip bracket is missing from range installation. All free-standing, slide-in ranges include an anti-tip device and is essential in the safe operation of the range. It provides protection when excess force or weight is applied to an open oven door



### **E.** Microwave Ovens

#### Comments:

• Microwave ovens are tested using normal operating controls. Unit was tested and appeared to be serviceable at time of inspection. Leak and/or efficiency testing is beyond the scope of this inspection. If concerned, client should seek further review by qualified technician prior to closing.



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	Comments: • The bath fan{s} were f	ust Vents and Bathro				
	G. Garage Door Op	erators				
	years	span of a standard garage	door opener is normally about {12} e inspection			
		303				
	H. Dryer Exhaust Systems					

• Recommend dryer duct to be cleaned periodically to keep it clear of lint.

I. Other

Observations:

### VI. OPTIONAL SYSTEMS

A. Landscape Irrigation (Sprinkler) Systems

Comments:

- The sprinkler system requires further evaluation by a professional irrigation contractor
  One or more of the sprinkler heads were either damaged and/or missing

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	B. Swimming Pools,	Spas, Hot Tubs, and	d Equipment
	<ul><li> Above-Ground Comments:</li><li> Top was damaged and I</li></ul>	holding water.	
	C. Outbuildings	16	op was damaged and holding water.
	• Tool Shed Comments:  D. Private Water Weet	ells (A coliform anal	lysis is recommended)
	Comments:  E. Private Sewage D	isposal (Septic) Syst	ems
	Comments:  F. Other  Comments:		

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### Report Summary

STRUCTURAL	L SYSTEMS			
Page 4 Item: B	Grading and Drainage	Gutter downspout not installed correctly.		
Page 5 Item: C	Roof Covering Materials	<ul> <li>Vent pipes should be painted to protect them from UV rays.</li> <li>Some moss covered areas were observed on the roof from possible shade bearing tree branches which may promote acidity and shorten shingle life</li> </ul>		
Page 6 Item: D	Roof Structure and Attics	• Insulation is missing in spots.Should be replaced.		
Page 8 Item: E	Walls (Interior and Exterior)	<ul> <li>Bushes should be trimmed back at least 12 inches.</li> <li>Cracks were noted.</li> <li>Earth to siding contact was observed on the exterior siding and should be a minimum of {4"} clearance from the ground for brick/stone {6"} for wood and {8"} for stucco. Common in older homes.</li> <li>Flashing not installed correctly.</li> </ul>		
Page 12 Item: K	Porches, Balconies, Decks, and Carports	<ul> <li>Wood to ground contact</li> <li>Boards need replaced</li> <li>Ceiling joist hangers should be installed.</li> </ul>		
ELECTRICAL	SYSTEMS			
Page 13 Item: A	Service Entrance and Panels	<ul> <li>Inspector recommends that a licensed electrician look at the panel and or the branch system to further evaluate any issues.</li> <li>Inspector was stung by wasp while trying to open panel.</li> </ul>		
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Page 15 Item: C	Duct Systems, Chases, and Vents	<ul><li>Register(s) was missing.</li><li>Ductwork should not be touching.</li></ul>		
PLUMBING SY	YSTEM	-		
Page 16 Item: A	Plumbing Supply, Distribution System and Fixtures	• Flex drain pipes are not recommended because they can enhance clogs.		
Page 17 Item: C	Water Heating Equipment	• Insulation should not be touching exhaust pipe.		
APPLIANCES				
Page 19 Item: A Dishwashers • Some rusting and/or corrosion was evident on the interior of the unit				
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Page 20 Item: D	Ranges, Cooktops, and Ovens	• Anti-tip bracket is missing from range installation. All free-standing, slide-in ranges include an anti-tip device and is essential in the safe operation of the range. It provides protection when excess force or weight is applied to an open oven door			
Page 21 Item: H	Dryer Exhaust Systems	• Recommend dryer duct to be cleaned periodically to keep it clear of lint.			
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Page 22 Item: B	Swimming Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs, and Equipment	Top was damaged and holding water.			