

Insulation Inspection Checklist: Attic, Walls, and Ducts

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Property	
INSPECTION DATE	INSPECTED BY
PROPERTY ADDRESS	
OCCUPANCY	IECC CLIMATE ZONE
ATTIC ACCESS LOCATION	
ATTIC ACCESS METHOD	INSULATION TYPE OBSERVED
APPROXIMATE AVERAGE ATTIC DEPTH	UNDER-FLOOR SPACE
RADIANT BARRIER	☐ Owner or agent present

Attic insulation

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Attic entered or reason for viewing from the hatch only	☐	☐	☐	
Insulation present at the unfinished attic floor or roof	☐	☐	☐	
Insulation looks even, with no large bare spots or thin eaves	☐	☐	☐	
Insulation not sitting at or below the joists across most of the attic	☐	☐	☐	
Insulation not wet, matted, or stained from a roof or exhaust leak	☐	☐	☐	
No vermiculite, or vermiculite noted and left undisturbed	☐	☐	☐	
Attic hatch or pull-down stairs insulated on the attic side	☐	☐	☐	
Eave or soffit intake path not buried under insulation	☐	☐	☐	
Insulation held back from metal flues and masonry chimneys	☐	☐	☐	
No knob-and-tube wiring in contact with insulation	☐	☐	☐	
Attic ventilation openings present if the attic is a vented design	☐	☐	☐	

Walls if visible

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Exterior wall cavity shows insulation at a representative outlet or opening	☐	☐	☐	
Same visible check on more than one floor or on an addition	☐	☐	☐	
Open wall cavities (remodel, damage, or unfinished) are filled, not empty	☐	☐	☐	

Visible rim or band joists insulated	☐	☐	☐	_____
No claim that hidden walls meet a climate-zone R-value	☐	☐	☐	_____

Crawl space and basement

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Crawl or basement reached, or reason it was viewed from the opening only	☐	☐	☐	_____
Floor insulation present over an unconditioned crawl, garage, or similar void	☐	☐	☐	_____
Floor batts in contact with the subfloor, not hanging or fallen	☐	☐	☐	_____
Foundation-wall insulation present if that is the thermal boundary	☐	☐	☐	_____
Crawl-wall insulation permanently attached, not loose on the dirt	☐	☐	☐	_____
Exposed earth in an unvented crawl covered with a Class I vapor retarder	☐	☐	☐	_____
Insulation not wet, moldy, or sitting in standing water	☐	☐	☐	_____
Faced batts oriented as installed, not ripped open into the crawl air	☐	☐	☐	_____

Ducts

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Visible ducts in attic, crawl, basement, or garage walked	☐	☐	☐	_____
Ducts in unconditioned space have insulation wrap or a factory jacket	☐	☐	☐	_____
Duct insulation not torn, missing at joints, or crushed	☐	☐	☐	_____
Joints and connections look sealed with mastic or foil tape, not cloth duct tape	☐	☐	☐	_____
Flexible ducts not kinked, torn, disconnected, or piled in a heap	☐	☐	☐	_____
Register boots tight to the floor, wall, or ceiling they pierce	☐	☐	☐	_____
No disconnected supply or return that you can see	☐	☐	☐	_____

Air sealing clues

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Attic hatch, pull-down stairs, or kneewall door weatherstripped or gasketed	☐	☐	☐	_____
No dirty, frosty, or water-stained insulation at obvious attic bypasses	☐	☐	☐	_____
Plumbing, wiring, and bath-fan penetrations at the attic floor look sealed	☐	☐	☐	_____
Recessed lights and other ceiling cans not open holes into the attic	☐	☐	☐	_____
Kitchen, bath, and dryer exhaust terminate outdoors, not into the attic	☐	☐	☐	_____
Dropped soffits and open kneewall cavities blocked if you can see them	☐	☐	☐	_____
Gaps at furnace flues and masonry chimneys sealed with high-temperature materials	☐	☐	☐	_____

Garage-to-house ceiling or wall not an open leak path if visible

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Findings and sign-off

FINDINGS

ACTION

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE

OWNER OR AGENT SIGNATURE

TIME SIGNED

Reference only. Verify against local codes, a licensed inspector or a qualified contractor.