

# New Construction Home Inspection Checklist



## **Foundation & Structure**

- ☐ Inspect for cracks or uneven settling in foundation or basement
- ☐ Check for moisture or water pooling around foundation
- ☐ Verify proper grading slopes away from house
- ☐ Examine structural beams and joists for damage or improper installation

## **Framing & Walls**

- ☐ Inspect drywall for cracks, dents, or nail pops
- ☐ Confirm insulation is properly installed in walls and ceilings
- ☐ Check caulking and sealants around windows and doors
- ☐ Look for gaps or holes that may cause drafts or leaks

## **Roof & Exterior**

- ☐ Verify proper shingle installation and flashing
- ☐ Check gutters and downspouts are secure and directing water away
- ☐ Inspect siding, trim, and exterior finishes for damage or missing parts
- ☐ Confirm windows and doors operate smoothly and seal properly
- ☐ Ensure kick-out flashing installed at roof-to-wall intersections

## **Plumbing**

- ☐ Test all faucets, showers, and toilets for leaks and water pressure
- ☐ Inspect under sinks and around toilets for moisture or leaks
- ☐ Verify water heater installation, venting, and capacity
- ☐ Check drainage flow and presence of cleanouts and vents

## **Electrical**

- ☐ Test all outlets and switches, including GFCI where required
- ☐ Inspect breaker panel for clear labeling and no damage
- ☐ Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for installation and function
- ☐ Verify lighting fixtures are secure and operational

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## **HVAC System**

- ☐ Test heating and cooling systems for proper operation
- ☐ Check thermostat functionality and calibration
- ☐ Inspect ductwork for proper installation and insulation
- ☐ Confirm vents and registers are clean and unobstructed

## **Interior Finishes**

- ☐ Inspect flooring, cabinetry, and countertops for damage
- ☐ Check paint finishes for smoothness and completeness
- ☐ Verify doors and windows open, close, and latch properly
- ☐ Test hardware installation (handles, knobs, hinges)

## **Appliances**

- ☐ Test operation of all installed appliances (oven, stove, dishwasher, garbage disposal)
- ☐ Confirm appliances installed per manufacturer instructions
- ☐ Collect warranty paperwork and manuals

## **Safety & Code Compliance**

- ☐ Ensure handrails and guardrails are installed on stairs and balconies
- ☐ Verify staircases have proper rise and run
- ☐ Check emergency egress windows for size and operability
- ☐ Ensure garage entry door has function self-closing hinges
- ☐ Confirm all safety features meet local building codes
- ☐ Look for exposed wiring or unfinished electrical work

## **General**

- ☐ Remove all construction debris and leftover materials
- ☐ Test garage doors for smooth operation and auto-reverse safety
- ☐ Inspect driveways, sidewalks, and patios for cracking or improper slope
- ☐ Verify all contracted upgrades and features are installed

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