

HORIZON

Faster, smarter report writing for home inspectors



"Your web-based approach to inspection reporting is ingenious. Congratulations on your achievement."
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Required Item List

You might refer to your association's Standards of Practice, or state licensing rules for what things are required in reports.

Here is a list based on the **ASHI / CAPHI Standards of Practice**. It will take you less than 10 minutes to enter these as **Required Items**:

- Describe the foundation
- Describe the floor structure
- Describe the wall structure
- Describe the ceiling structure
- Describe the roof structure
- Describe the cladding/siding
- Describe the roofing materials
- Describe the methods used to inspect the roofing (You might do this in Limitations.)
- Describe water supply, drain, waste, and vent piping materials
- Describe the water heating equipment including energy source(s)
- Describe the location of main water and fuel shut-off valves
- Describe the amperage and voltage rating of the service
- Describe the location of main disconnect(s) and sub panels
- Describe the presence of solid conductor aluminum branch circuit wiring
- Describe the presence or absence of smoke detectors
- Describe the wiring methods
- Describe the heating system
- Describe the energy source for the heating system
- Describe the cooling system
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- Describe the insulation and vapor retarders in unfinished spaces
- Describe the absence of insulation in unfinished spaces at conditioned surfaces
- Describe fireplaces and solid fuel burning appliances
- Describe chimneys

You can enter exclusions for each system. Many people put these in the Limitations section.

There are two schools of thought here. Some people like to put all the exclusions in their reports. Others think this creates a negative impression with readers, and refer readers to the Standards of Practice where the exclusions are listed. Your choice will probably depend on whether you are more marketing oriented or risk-management oriented.

