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This month the discussion and review include the following conditions; A chimney termination cap spark screen/rain cap with melted material all over the rim and a furnace exhaust vent pipe that has been installed short in the roof jack and vents directly onto the roof decking.

In our pre-meeting education hour presentation, we will also review the ASHI and CREIA 'Standards of Practice' covering these sample conditions as well as code citations or manufacture's installation guidelines that we can find outlining requirements to support the inspector's written report comments.

Inspection example #1

You are inspecting the living room chimney cap from the roof and notice the spark screen/rain cap has melted material all over the rim. The source of this material was not determined.

What is your narrative comment regarding this condition and the risk to proper function?

Example photo for #1



Inspection example #2

You are inspecting the attic above the furnace closet and find the exhaust vent pipe has been installed short in the roof jack and vents directly onto the roof decking.

What is your narrative comment regarding the installation of the vent and the risk of fire?

Example photo for #2



Contributions wanted; Please help make the discussion informative and interesting by sharing your narrative report comments, manufacture's installation guidelines or related code citations for these inspection examples. Or if you have unique inspection photos or new house technology you find on your daily inspections send them in and we will share them in the presentation. Together we learn through education. Email your material to perryfarnum@gmail.com (format can be; copy and paste into the email, attachment as word .doc, .jpeg or .pdf). Everyone submitting comments, related code citations or photos and new house technology examples used in the presentation will be entered in our monthly \$25 gas card drawing. **(The new year is here and restarts the random month larger \$50 gas card drawing)** So don't miss out, driving for free is always good.

Work sheet provided; Every month we print 15 handout worksheets with the samples above and the inspector provided comments we use in class to assist with the educational hour and for your reference. (**If you wish any report comments you provide not to be printed on our class worksheet, please make note of that in the email.)

Best regards, and thanks for your help,
Always a humble home inspector,
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