

The 22 findings in every inspection report

Walk your house in this order and tick each line once it is right. Address: _____

Do not remove the panel cover yourself. Lines marked E are checked by a licensed electrician with the cover off.
Burning smell, scorch marks or a shock? Stop using the circuit and call an electrician today.

THE PANEL AND THE BREAKERS

☐	1 Two wires under one breaker terminal E	NEC 110.14(A)
	One wire per screw, unless the breaker is listed for two.	
☐	2 Breaker too large for the wire E	NEC 240.4(D)
	Breaker size matches the wire: 14 AWG on 15 A, 12 AWG on 20 A.	
☐	3 Neutrals and grounds joined in a subpanel E	NEC 250.24(A)(5)
	Neutral bar isolated in every panel after the main one.	
☐	4 Circuit directory	NEC 408.4(A)
	Every breaker label names a room and a use.	
☐	5 Open knockouts	NEC 110.12(A)
	No open holes in the panel cabinet or its cover.	
☐	6 Cables without connectors E	NEC 312.5(C)
	Every cable enters the panel through its own connector.	
☐	7 Working space in front of the panel	NEC 110.26
	30 in wide, 36 in deep, 6 ft 6 in high, kept clear.	
☐	8 Panel location	NEC 240.24(D)(E)
	Not in a clothes closet, a bathroom or above a stairwell.	
☐	9 Panel brand	Inspector note
	Federal Pacific Stab Lok or Zinsco? Deal with this first.	

GROUNDING AND BONDING

☐	10 Ground rods	NEC 250.53(A)(2)
	Two rods, or one with a measured value of 25 ohms or less.	
☐	11 Grounding electrode conductor	NEC 250.64
	Intact, protected, clamped within 5 ft of the water entry.	
☐	12 Bonding of metal piping	NEC 250.104
	Bond carried across wherever copper was replaced with plastic.	
☐	13 Three prong outlets without a ground	NEC 406.4(D)(2)
	Plug in tester; no ground means GFCI plus the label.	

WIRING AND CONNECTIONS

☐	14 Buried junction boxes	NEC 314.29
	Every box reachable without cutting a wall or ceiling.	
☐	15 Splices outside a box	NEC 300.15
	No wire nuts or tape loose in the attic or crawl space.	
☐	16 Overfilled boxes E	NEC 314.16
	Devices sit flat and wires are not crushed behind them.	
☐	17 Cable close to the framing edge	NEC 300.4(D)
	Steel nail plate where cable is under 1 1/4 in from the face.	
☐	18 Unsupported or unprotected cable	NEC 334.30
	Stapled within 12 in of boxes, protected in open basements.	

RECEPTACLES AND WET AREAS

☐	19 GFCI protection near water	NEC 210.8(A)
	Kitchen, bath, garage, basement, laundry, outdoors, near sinks.	
☐	20 AFCI protection	NEC 210.12
	AFCI breakers present for living areas and the test button works.	
☐	21 Outdoor outlet covers	NEC 406.9(B)(1)
	Cover stays closed with a cord plugged in.	
☐	22 Tamper resistant outlets and plates	NEC 406.12
	TR marking on outlets, a cover plate on every box.	