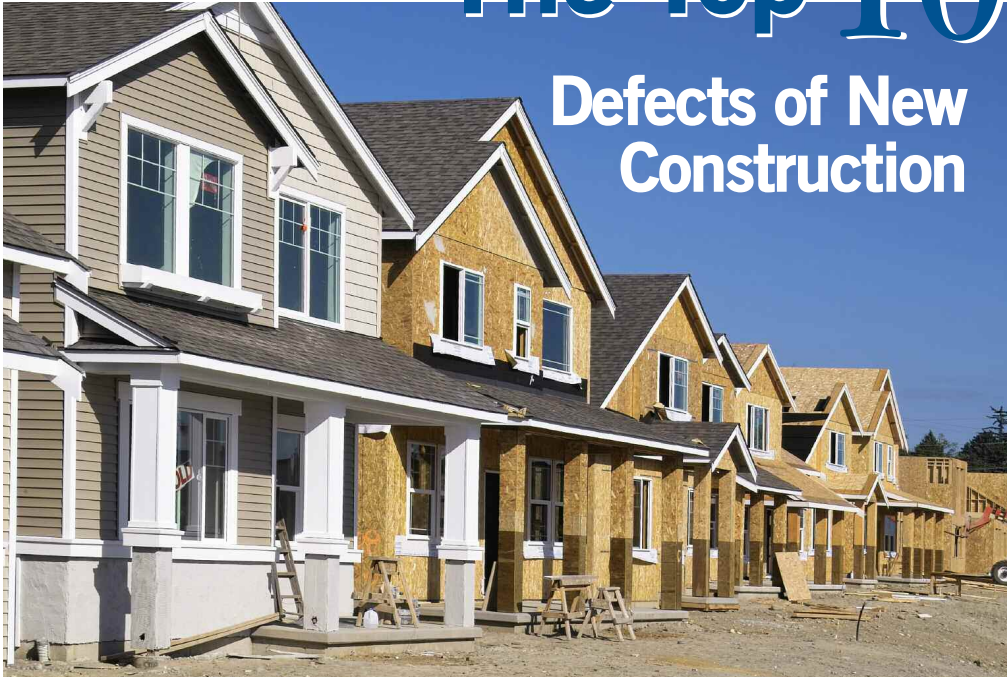


The Top 10

Defects of New Construction



Did you know that according to a *Realty Times* article, many county building inspectors are seeing over 30 homes a day? That's less than 15 minutes at each site. That's just one of the reasons why home inspections on new properties can be so important.

With over two million inspections performed to date, U.S. Inspect has compiled a list of the most common defects found in new construction:

1 No insulation installed in the attic:

A well-insulated attic will make your home warm in the winter and cool in the summer, saving you money and keeping you comfortable.

2 Missing proper roof vents, or vent holes cut, but roofed over: Good attic ventilation reduces heat build-up in the summer, cutting cooling costs and prolonging shingle life. In the winter, proper ventilation allows the heat and moisture to escape, keeping your attic dry and reducing ice dams.

3 Windows installed improperly: Improperly installed windows can result in moisture and leakage problems as well as reduced energy efficiency.

4 Hot and cold water reversed at faucets, tubs, and showers: This defect is not only a nuisance, but a safety hazard for individuals expecting one thing, and getting another!

5 Other plumbing issues: Toilets that overflow, run constantly, or leak due to incorrect installation, or tubs that don't drain properly due to drains clogged with debris during the construction process.

6 Inoperable or missing GFCIs in required areas: GFCIs are designed to protect people from severe or fatal electrical shocks, missing or inoperable GFCIs are a safety concern.

7 Heat vents missing, not connected: The home will certainly not heat efficiently if heat vents are missing or disconnected.

8 Cut trusses in roof or floor trusses: Cut trusses can compromise the integrity of the structure.

9 Tempered glass missing in required areas: Safety glass is installed in certain areas to protect those in and around your home from injury.

10 Improperly installed roofing, flashing, or roof jacks: Correctly installed roofing materials avoids moisture penetration into the home or siding materials. Following the manufacturers recommended installation instructions is crucial to ensure that these materials perform as intended and that their lifespan is prolonged.