

American Dream Award – Judging Criteria



Entry # _____ Single Family Price Category \$ _____

Entry Address _____ Sub Division _____

Builder _____

**If this home is furnished, please do not take the furnishings/decoration into consideration when judging this home.
When scoring be sure each line item is scored and check only one box for each item.**

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Exterior					
Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Exterior flatwork and foundation
					All exterior flatwork is uniform and not extremely rough or uneven including porch and steps. Flatwork has no obvious low spots and has proper drainage away from home.
					Control joint edging and expansion joints are smooth and do not have excessive ridging. Driveway should have a vertical joint at center and horizontal control joints.
					No cracks in exterior concrete exceeding 1/8"
					No major honeycomb apparent on walls
					Form boards removed

Possible total points – 25 Total _____

Please Comment, very helpful to the builders

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Exterior framing
					Exterior trim is tight, smooth and neat (no sap or knot holes). All exterior material and trim should be free of imperfections (holes, gouges, splintering and bowing.)
					Windows and exterior doors installed correctly & neatly (plumbed, squared, flashed if necessary).
					House foundation sill plate and foundation line up consistently
					Roof appears to be installed correctly (flashing, roof vents, alignment of roofing material)
					Covered Patio/Porch/Sunporch/Deck seems to be installed correctly (handrails secure, floor firm, bolts in board against house. If screws are visible screws should be in line.

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Total _____

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Exterior Finishing
					Installation/workmanship of all exterior products neatly finished.
					Caulking required on all four sides of homes (not required under horizontal trim or underside of siding)
					Exterior paint covers completely including exposed concrete. Has been painted to grade line
					Exterior finish of walls and foundation free of debris – dirt, concrete
					No paint splattered on roof, windows or concrete

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Curb Appeal
					Home's exterior design and appearance is architecturally balanced and compatible with community's design
					The home's location takes advantage of the positive attributes and views of the lot

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Landscaping
					Healthy looking plantings/trees – retaining walls installed well
					Quality of installation neat, clean, proper mulch or rock depth, plants are healthy Splash blocks or underground drainage system at end of each downspout
					Yard drains away from house to end of yard
					If there is not sod, do not judge, only mark NO SOD. Installation of sod is tight and even at seams. Sod relatively free of weeds.
					Landscape design, quality of material, accent of architecture

Note: Sod or Grass was NOT present in both the front and back yard (5 points will be deducted from total score)

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent - 5 pts	Interior Concrete Flatwork and Foundation
					Concrete flatwork is uniform and not rough or uneven. Floor has no major cracking (minimal shrinkage cracks shouldn't exceed 1/8"). Each should still be flush.
					No scaling (looks like concrete is chipped, not smooth) this is either a score of 1 or 5, no in between
					Garage flatwork drains properly to garage doors or drain
					Foundation ties are removed. Foundation walls are free of major cracking and honeycombing (repairs acceptable)

Note: if the basement is finished, the home doesn't have a basement or the sales office is located in the garage, or if basement walls, are covered with insulation, please award point for this category based on the concrete work you can see.

Possible total points – 20 Total _____

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Poor 1 pts	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Interior framing
					Floor joists do not have major cracking or defects
					Ceiling lines are straight
					Floors, steps are tight and squeak free and floors feels sturdy
					No bowing at walls, corners or ceilings. Walls are straight, not twisted

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Finish carpentry
					Installation & workmanship of fireplace finished & trim though out the home.

					Casing & handrails installation of handrails, workmanship of doors and windows
					Doors open & close properly, without sticking, squeaking or latching improperly. All screws are in all hinge's. Stricker plates installed correctly and adjusted
					Cabinets are installed well and are of good quality (have pads, no loose handles)
					Cabinets & cabinet doors are level (reveals are even/symmetrical and balanced)
					Installation of casing, baseboards and handrails

Possible total points – 30

Total _____

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Drywall
					Walls are uniform with no holes or imperfections. Seams are not showing, no nail pops, no cracking above windows, doors or throughout home.
					Ceilings uniform in texture
					Straight inside and outside corners, no bowing
					Straight horizontal lines at ceiling

Possible total points – 20

Total _____

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Interior painting & staining
					All trim is caulked well where needed (if painted).
					Finish on woodwork, base & casing is smooth. Do not deduct for antique finishes

					Woodwork does not have paint or lacquer runs, or overspray
					Wall paint and /or wall finishes are done well and do not have runs
					Paint/stain smooth on doors and casing

Possible total points – 25

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Floor coverings
					Hard surfaces on floors are uniform and straight with no cracking or loose boards or grout.
					Carpet & Vinyl seams are straight and not frayed (seams maybe visible due to carpet type, lighting and patterns – points should not be deducted for those reasons.)
					Overall workmanship and installation are good.

Possible total points – 15

Total _____

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Ceramic tile, marble, granite etc.
					Quality workmanship & installation of hard surfaces in kitchen and bath
					Caulking uniform and smooth (tub units, vanities, counters, showers)
					Installation of bathroom tub, shower titles and tub surrounds

					Installation of kitchen back splash
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Possible total points – 20

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Home Functionality
					Traffic pattern & functionality makes best use of space available while offering good access to all common areas
					Functional space created in difficult areas. Walking areas offer good access without interrupting layout
					Effective separation between private spaces and living spaces
					Adequate Lighting

Possible total points - 20

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Poor 1 pt	Fair 2pts	Good 3 pts	Very Good 4pts	Excellent 5 pts	Cleanliness
					House has been cleaned, dusted, vacuumed and is free of debris
					All items are out of the garage (unless sales office or sales related materials are located in garage). Should be neat and organized. Garage and basement floors are free of paint, drywall, dirt etc.

					Any materials in basement are organized very neatly without obstructing any judging criteria. Basement is clean, beam flanges are free from construction debris and clutter.
X X	XX	X X	XX	XX	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage and/or basement was locked (5 point deduction will be taken off of total score). If doors are locked check box

Possible total points – 15

Deduct 5 points if garage/basement door locked

Total _____

Comments _____

TOTAL SCORE _____ of 295 possible

Overall Judging Comments:

Any suggestions or recommendations?

Judge's signature _____

Do you have any comments about today's experience?

Would you be willing to judge again next year?

Thank you for your time today