

cracks, delaminations and chips in high pressure laminates. Vanity and kitchen cabinet countertops.

(i) Performance Standard: Counter tops fabricated with high pressure laminate coverings should not delaminate or have chips or surface cracks.

(ii) Builder Responsibility: Repair or replace as the condition requires.

(K) Mechanical:

(1) Insulation (Pipe Covering):

(a) Possible Deficiency: Plumbing pipes freeze.

(i) Performance Standard: Drain, waste and vent or water pipes should be adequately insulated to prevent freezing during normally anticipated cold weather.

(ii) Builder Responsibility: The builder shall correct the condition responsible for pipes freezing, and repair piping damaged by freezing.

(2) Septic Tank Systems:

(a) Possible Deficiency: Septic system fails to operate properly.

(i) Performance Standard: Septic system should be capable of properly handling normal flow of household effluent.

(ii) Builder Responsibility: Builder shall take corrective action as required. The builder shall not be responsible for malfunctions which occur through owner negligence or abuse.

(3) Plumbing:

(a) Possible Deficiency: Leakage from any piping.

(i) Performance Standard: No leaks of any kind should exist in any soil, waste, vent or water pipe. Condensation on piping does not constitute leakage, and is not covered.

(ii) Builder Responsibility: The builder shall make necessary repairs to eliminate leakage.