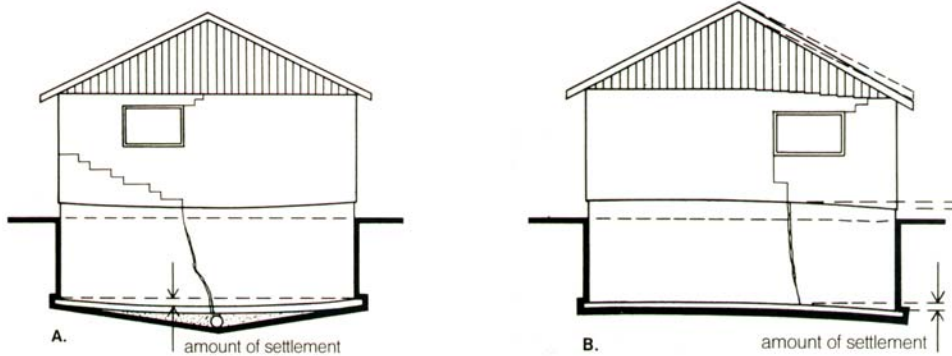




Tip Of The WEEK

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Foundation Failure Caused By Weak Soil



As a home inspector, the most important part of the job is to identify major defects in the home. However, the root of the really costly defects are always hidden, out-of-sight, or below ground.

A well trained inspector can identify these visible defects which may appear to be minor at first sight. But, after a thorough inspection may determine these defects can lead to a real problem, maybe even involve further testing or evaluation by a qualified contractor such as a structural engineer.

When a home inspector recommends further testing or evaluation by a licensed contractor or structural engineer...don't dismiss this as an easy out clause for the inspector. Remember a good home inspector has looked at about 5000 homes and is comparing this situation with problems found in the past. Chances are his recommendation has just saved you a court appearance and possibly lots of money.

In short, don't make the judgement call yourself. If a home inspector recommends further testing or evaluation and as a Realtor, do yourself a favor and go on record with your recommendations for further testing also.



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