

# Conventional

## Class 3

### Class features

Houses in this class are generally built to meet government financing program specifications. Emphasis is on functional utility rather than styling. These homes just meet the current minimum building code.

A simple rectangular shape is most common. Exterior dimensions are usually in multiples of four feet to minimize building material waste. There is little or no exterior ornamentation. Front entries typically open directly into the living area. Interior features are plain and economical. Bathrooms feature economy-grade fixtures. Appliances may or may not be built in and are the most affordable on the market. The overall concept is to provide housing for the economy market.

### Class Illustrations



# Class 3 Interior Features



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### Class 3 (cont.)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Base Specifications</b>
<b>Foundation</b>	Crawl space excavation; spread footing; continuous concrete or masonry perimeter wall; interior piers; vent openings; access opening; backfill and grading.
<b>Exterior Wall</b>	Stud frame construction; insulation; economy-grade painted single siding; economy-grade exterior doors and minimal windows; may have some trim, plain features.
<b>Roof</b>	Gable, hip, or comparable design, typically with open soffits; wood frame construction; ceiling joists; economy-grade solid sheathing; light weight 3-tab composition shingle cover; ceiling insulation; gutters and downspouts.
<b>Floor</b>	Wood frame construction with underpinning and underlayment, or concrete slab; economy-grade carpet and padding, and resilient cover in appropriate areas.
<b>Partitions</b>	Wood frame construction; economy-grade plaster or drywall with painted surfaces; similar material for ceiling cover and interior cover of exterior wall; economy-grade hollow core doors, hardware, and trim.
<b>Interior Components</b>	Quantity of cabinetry proportionate to overall house size; cabinets of economy paint grade material or simulated veneer finish; economy-grade plastic or linoleum countertop and backsplash; minimal shelving in wardrobe and linen closets; economy-grade hardware; narrow width stairway of straight design with softwood rail, and economy-grade carpet or softwood tread cover.
<b>Electrical</b>	Entry service; multi-circuit panel; non-metallic sheathed cable wiring; minimum number of convenience outlets; economy-grade light fixtures; range and dryer outlets.
<b>Plumbing</b>	Rough-in plumbing costs only.
<b>Heating-Cooling</b>	None in base specifications.
<b>Exterior Components</b>	Economy open front entry porch; with concrete or wood steps and floor; minimal extension of dwelling roof or separate roof cover, slightly wider than entry door.