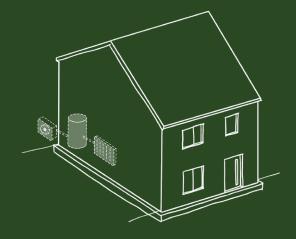


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<u>Estimation</u> of upfront embodied carbon impacts as described in CIBSE TM65.1: 2021 Embodied carbon in building services: residential heating. For further information on calculations and assumptions as well as guidance on individual and communal systems please refer to the original document.

Illustrated per m² of GIA.

Excludes refrigerant leakage.



Based on a 96m² 3B5P terraced house with ultra-low building fabric



WE FOCUS ON UPFRONT CARBON AS THEY ARE MOST LIKELY THE MAJORITY OF EMBODIED CARBON IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH A PROJECT.

INCLUDED ARE PRODUCT STAGES A1-A3, PLUS TRANSPORT A4 TO WALES AND MATERIAL WASTE FROM CONSTRUCTION INSTALLATION A5W. EXCLUDED ARE EMISSIONS DUE TO ENERGY USAGE ON SITE DURING CONSTRUCTION INSTALLATION A5A.



THE IMPACT OF BUILDING SERVICES AND MEP EQUIPMENT ON WHOLE LIFE EMBODIED CARBON CAN BE SIGNIFICANT, ESPECIALLY DUE TO SHORT REPLACEMENT CYCLES THROUGHOUT A BUILDING'S LIFETIME.

THERE CAN BE HUGE VARIATION IN IMPACTS OF DIFFERENT HEATING, VENTILATION AND HOT WATER SYSTEMS AND, AS ALWAYS, BOTH OPERATIONAL AND EMBODIED CARBON IMPACTS NEED TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER WHEN MAKING DESIGN DECISIONS.

IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO BALANCE ENERGY AND CARBON IN RELATION TO A BUILDING'S FABRIC, DESIGN AND LAYOUT, AND WIDER USER AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.

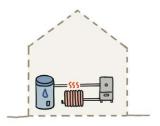
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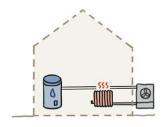
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EMBODIED CARBON: EXAMPLE OF BUILDING SERVICES

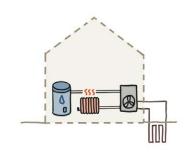
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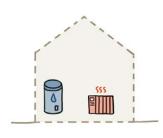
Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP)



Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP)



Direct Electric (DElec)



Estimated Upfront Carbon Impacts per m2 GIA









19
kgCO2e/m² GIA
A1-A5w

upfront carbon



RigCO2e/m² GIA
A1-A5w
upfront carbon

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WHILE DIRECT ELECTRIC SYSTEMS HAVE THE LOWEST UPFRONT EMBODIED CARBON IMPACT, IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER THAT THEY CAN HAVE A HIGHER OPERATIONAL CARBON IMPACT THAN HEAT PUMPS.

refer to CIBSE TM65.1: 2021, Embodied carbon in building services: residential heating



IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT REFRIGERANT LEAKAGE HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THESE FIGURES, BUT THIS CAN HAVE A HUGE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT!
REFRIGERANT CHOICE CAN INCREASE THE OVERALL EMBODIED CARBON IMPACT OF A HEAT PUMP SYSTEM BY UP TO 30%.

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