

Repair vs. Replace? Making an Informed Decision



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Make the Right Choice for Your Indoor Comfort

Let Your Carrier® Expert Help You Make The Smart Choice

Options

Making the decision to either repair your old heating and cooling system or replace it with a new system is not easy. It's a decision homeowners just like you make everyday. At Carrier, we know you want to make a thoughtful, well-informed choice. That's why we've developed seven categories to help guide you through the decision-making process.

1 Age of Equipment

The costs associated with operating and maintaining older equipment can be high. Older equipment is typically less energy-efficient and more likely to break down. So, depending on the age of your current system, it could be more cost effective in the long run to replace your old equipment with a new, high-efficiency, environmentally-sound home comfort system.

2 Cost of Repair

Depending upon the problem and the type of equipment, it could be very expensive to repair. And, replacement parts could be difficult to find. Depending upon the repair costs, it could be wiser to invest in newer, more efficient equipment.

3 Warranty Coverage

If your equipment is more than 10 years old, chances are it is not protected by a warranty. Without this protection, major equipment repairs can become very costly. That's why warranty coverage is an important factor in deciding whether to repair or replace your heating and cooling equipment.

4 Money-Saving Efficiency

If your system is 10 years old or older, you can expect significant savings in your energy bill by replacing your old system with new, high-efficiency equipment. With these dramatic energy savings, new equipment could pay for itself in just a few years. Plus, you'll enjoy greater comfort, better control and fewer maintenance problems.

5 Future Refrigerant Availability

Federal regulations are phasing out old, chlorine-bearing refrigerants in favor of the new non-ozone-depleting refrigerants such as Puron® refrigerant. So, if your air conditioner or heat pump needs repair, you might consider replacing it now with an environmentally-sound unit that offers greater energy efficiency and avoids the uncertainties associated with the cost and availability of R-22 after January 1, 2010.

6 Long-Term Comfort and Savings

If you plan to live in your current home for five or more years, it may make sense to consider replacing your home comfort system. First, you'll enjoy greater energy savings and lower utility bills. Second, the quiet operation and warranty protection of newer equipment will enhance your overall home comfort. And, investing in new home comfort equipment can increase the value of your home.

7 Dependable Comfort

Finally, don't wait for an emergency to consider replacing your home comfort equipment. Don't get caught in the middle of a heat wave or blizzard, consider your options now and schedule the replacement at your convenience.

Your local Carrier dealer can look at your system and help you weigh the options to ensure that you make the choice that's right for your family.



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