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Best Buys in Gas and Oil Furnaces, Heat Pumps, and Gas and Oil Boilers

Best Buy Categories:

[P]=Premium selection;

[M]=Midrange selection;

[E]=Economy selection.

Best Buys for furnaces, boilers and heat pumps were selected on the basis of energy efficiency, noise levels, features and the manufacturer's reputation for reliability. Best Buys are for series of furnaces with the exception of the Monitor FCX boiler, a single-sized unit. List prices are estimates based on input from distributors and other nonmanufacturer sources; manufacturers do not divulge prices. For furnaces and boilers, these prices reflect units with output capacities around 100,000 BTU. For heat pumps, the prices reflect heating capacities around 3 tons. Prices do not include installation costs or options such as thermostats. Furnaces and boilers are labeled with the peak energy-efficiency rating AFUE (annual fuel utilization efficiency), while heat pumps are rated in SEER (seasonal energy efficiency ratio). The ratings are taken from Department of Energy tests. Manufacturers say single units might produce higher ratings under certain conditions.

Gas-Fired Furnaces

[P] Bryant Evolution Plus 95i or Plus 90i

List: \$2,800-\$3,000

A two-stage system, it operates at 60 percent capacity during milder weather but moves up to 100 percent when an extra boost of heat is needed. The thermostat's LED screen provides preventative maintenance reminders. An option with the control lets you change temperatures remotely over the telephone or through the Internet.

Features:

- * Output: 40,000 to 120,000 BTU
- * Peak efficiency: 96.6 percent AFUE
- * Warranty: 5-yr. limited, limited lifetime on the heat exchanger

[M] Rheem Prestige 90 Plus RGFD

[E] Comfort-Aire Conquest 90 GL Series

Oil-Fired Furnaces

[P] Lennox Elite Series O25

[M] Thermo Pride OH6 Highboy

[E] Comfort-Aire Patriot 80

Heat Pumps

[P] Bryant Evolution 288A

List: \$4,200

This ultra-efficient unit achieves ratings near the industry high. Two-stage operation in both heating and cooling mode and a variable-speed blower motor are automatically adjusted by the thermostat to meet temperature conditions outdoors. Four-wire hookup to the outdoor compressor speeds installation.

Features:

- * Heating capacity: 2 to 5 tons
- * Peak efficiency: 18 SEER
- * Warranty: 5-yr. limited, 10-yr. limited on the compressor

[M] Lennox Elite Series XP16

[E] Rheem Classic Series RPPB

Gas-Fired Boilers

[P] Monitor MZ Series

[M] Burnham Revolution Series

[E] Lennox Conservator Series



Bryant Evolution Plus 90i furnace

Oil-Fired Boilers

[P] Monitor FCX

[M] Weil-McLain Ultra Oil

[E] New Yorker CLW Series



Bryant Evolution 288A Heat Pump



The Plus 95i™ and Plus 90i™ Gas Furnaces and Model 288A Heat Pump



Consumers Digest Best Buy Rating

When you see the Consumers Digest Best Buy Seal, you know you can buy with confidence. The Bryant Plus 95i™ and Plus 90i™ Gas Furnaces and Model 288A Heat Pump have earned the prestigious Consumers Digest Best Buy rating. Bryant designed these products to deliver even, consistent flow of

conditioned air to eliminate hot and cold spots. Your qualified Bryant dealer can recommend these unique products that provide greater comfort and control over temperature, humidity, air quality, fan speed, and ventilation. Ask your dealer for more information on these products!



Extra Efficient and Extra Quiet

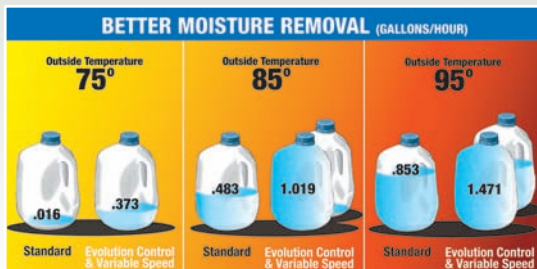
The Bryant Plus 95i and Plus 90i Gas Furnaces and Model 288A Heat Pump achieve some of the highest efficiency ratings of heating and cooling equipment available today. Another component of our

high efficiency performance is also our lower sound ratings. This means you can save on your utility costs while enjoying quiet comfort from your system.

Comfort with Control

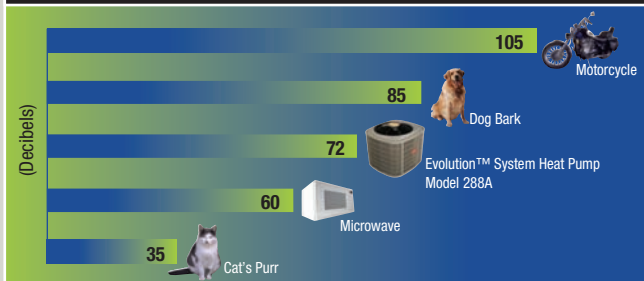
The Bryant Plus 95i or Plus 90i Gas Furnaces paired with the Model 288A Heat Pump and an Evolution control will provide comfort all year long with Perfect Humidity™ and Perfect Heat™ technology. Perfect Humidity can increase your comfort in both the summer and winter by precisely controlling the amount of humidity in the air.

This keeps you cool and comfortable in the summer, and warm and toasty in the winter, the perfect blending of your comfort needs. Perfect Heat provides precise temperature control that adapts to your needs to efficiently keep you warm and comfortable all winter long.



With Perfect Humidity™, the system can provide up to 30 times better dehumidification than a standard system. ➤

LOW COMPARATIVE SOUND RATING



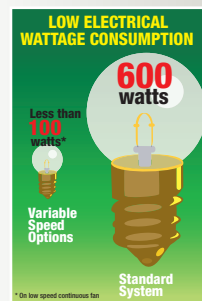
➤ The Model 288A heat pump operates at sound levels as low as 72 dBA, about the same as your refrigerator.



◀ "Bryant's Evolution Control allows you to manage temperature, humidity, air flow, ventilation, indoor air quality and zoning through a single, easy-to-navigate device. This control is designed for use with any Bryant variable-speed furnace and either an air conditioner or a heat pump..."

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The variable speed fan delivers the airflow and air cleaning benefits of constant fan operation while using as much as 50% less electricity than standard models. ➤



Warranty

Bryant provides dependability that is backed by written warranty protection. The Plus 95i and Plus 90i heat exchangers are protected by a lifetime limited warranty. The 288A heat pump's compressor is protected

by a 10-year limited warranty. All models are covered by a 5-year limited warranty. Extended warranties are also available. Ask your trusted Bryant dealer for details.

Performance

Make sure you look for these features in a new heating and cooling system.



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