GREEN CLASS COMMUNITY



Illinois Institute of Technology iPro 358

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Introduction to iPro 358

EnPRO: Zero CommunIITy Part 2: The Oak Park Project

iPro 358 is a continuation of ipro 323, a theoritical housing project in the Oak Park area. They had succefully designed a townhouse like community that required minimal offsite energy and greatly reduced the carbon foootprint of the development. We were given a plot of land on the corner of Dodge and Greenleaf in Evanston Illinois to propose a new development. Our research began studying iPro 323 as a precedent and discovering areas for improvement. One of the big driving factors for our solution was our desire to not simply remain a theoretical project but to create a feasible solution that could then be marketed or sold to interested parties. By conducting thorough research about building and operating technologies we have replicated and even improved our energy usage in comparison to our precedent. We developed 3D models to test all facets of the building to make sure it was performing at it's greatest ability. In the pursuit of affordability we did away with the onsite power generation because we found it too inefficient and it failed to impact the project in any significant way. We then created a marketable business model that would allow success in Evanston's housing market and gaurantee return to investors. The pages that follow are the evidence of this research.

Project Plan:

I. Team Charter

- 1. Team Information
 - a. Team Roster
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2. Team Purpose and Objectives

- a. Purpose
 - Our purpose is to seek a union between living comfortably and living sustainably at an affordable price. Our design, for the community of Evanston, will first minimizes its energy consumption and then uses the most sustainable methods to fulfill the remaining needs of the inhabitants. Ideally we will design a model community which will challenge conventions within the fields of design, planning, engineering, and everyday living. This community will also serve as an example to Chicago-area municipalities about the benefits of affordable sustainable planning, design, and living. It will also be an attractive marketable solution to the current home buyers within our given demographic.

b. Objectives

- Research today's most sustainable methods for fulfilling the energy needs of a home in Chicago
- Implement the most effective and affordable methods and design two separate living conditions.
- Arrange these two models into communities of six or more.
- Test our solution by comparing its energy consumption/costs with the average home of today
- Present our solution clearly and truthfully as a housing solution that is both ecologically and economically benifiting

3. Background

a. Customer / Sponsor

- This IPRO is a continuation of IPRO 323 (Zero CommunIITy). Currently we do not have an official sponsor, However, we will continue with our project plan regardless of this fact. The site location being consider is in the City of Evanston, and for this reason we will consider them our Customers for the duration of this project.
- We plan on presenting our research and ideas to individuals in the Planning Department of Evanston in hopes of influencing their approach to community planning and development.
- We will highlight to the City of Evanston the superiority of our design through its cost, efficiency and overall aesthetics.
- b. User problems
 - A large part of the struggle in the design of this model community will be trying to reduce the amount of energy and resources consumed not only in the construction of the community, but also in the daily life of the future residents. Minimizing the cost while maximizing efficiency of the model appears to be the main issue of the project. This may require pushing the envelope of commonly accepted ideas about the way communities are planned and inhabited, as well as challenging common ideas about life in an American suburban home.
- c. Science and technology
 - The technologies can be divided into two categories. The first is passive systems, which include designing around proper solar orientation, the use of cross ventilation, the use of sustainable materials, etc. The next category, active systems, involves the use of technologies such a geothermal heat pumps, solar collectors, etc. We would like to confront this project by implementing various sustainable technologies available to develop sustainable lifestyles while maintaining the current quality of life.
- d. Historical precedents
 - There are several communities which have been designed to be environmentally-friendly. The previous iPro 323 created a model that worked very well to create the net zero community but, being theoretical, did not delve deep enough into the financial aspect of today's housing market. We will continue their research while also looking at completed communities such as Dockside Green in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada as well as a new development, Geos Neighborhood, currently in the design and marketing stage in between Denver and Boulder Colorado.
- e. Ethical issues
 - By designing a community, which is not dependent on the grid/conventional systems for its energy and comfort needs, we might hurt some public companies such as ComEd or General Electric.

Achieving complete independence from the typical services a city applies might allow for too much power within individual communities.

- By adding additional housing, we will be creating more traffic in the area and noise, which may disturb residents. Also construction traffic and noise may be an issue to the residents.
- f. Business or societal costs
 - If our solution for an energy-conscious community were to be built, its members might have to invest in the initial costs for the systems it will be using. The government has been to able to provide credits to homeowners willing to go green and this is an added incentive to the buyer we are targeting. Still, it can be a considerable investment, but this will pay off in the long run and the customers can expect to be compensated by the money they save as they opt for these systems over traditional ones.
- g. Implementation outline for solutions
 - Our findings and conclusions will be presented to village of Evanston in hopes that they will be influenced to implement our community or change some of their design and planning practices for the betterment of the environment, both built and natural.
- 4. Team Values statement
 - a. Desired behaviors
 - All members of the iPro group should be dedicated to the progress of the project and the part they play within the team. This means all team members should respect the need for punctuality, attendance, cooperation, and meeting deadlines. Innovation will also be required to solve the proposed problems.
 - All requests, questions, or complaints should be directed properly through the hierarchy of the group's organizational system. That is to say beginning with sub-group leaders, when need be to multiple sub-groups leaders, and finally to the group leader.
 - All research should be thoroughly documented and available for all members of the team.
 - Sub-groups should regularly share information and act as 'consultants' for other sub-groups when needed; particularly the Planning sub-group.
 - When information is needed a formal request should be made to the leader of the appropriate sub-group. The sub-group leader should then provide this information and/or assign this topic of research to one of his/her group-mates who will then provide this information when it is available.
 - Sub-group leaders should be responsible for assigning tasks to its members, collecting and organizing data, making this data available to other groups, and coordinating their sub-groups efforts with the needs of the overall group. The team leader will facilitate this process.
 - The team leader should remain informed about the actions of all subgroups and regularly communicate with sub-group leaders. The group

leader will insure all sub-groups remain focused to the overall goals of the group and assist one another as much as possible.

- b. Addressing problems
 - Any concerns within a sub-group should be addressed with the sub-group leader.
 - Any concerns involving multiple sub-groups should be addressed to the group leader.
 - Any concerns involving the group leader should be addressed to the group leader directly, or if necessary to the Professor, who will then approach the group leader.
 - Any personal conflicts should be kept as confidential as possible and should be mitigated by the appropriate party within the group hierarchy.
 - Any concerns about the overall progress or function of the group (especially those involving members of multiple sub-groups) should be addressed in a meeting of all sub-group leaders, the group leader, and the Professor.

II. Project Methodology

- 1. Work Breakdown Structure
 - a. Problem Solving
 - We will begin by studying the previous semester's work and existing sustainable communities and applying methods and technologies that have been proven successful. This will serve as a guideline for our own research and an example for available strategies.
 - A data pool will be collected and analyzed about the average Evanston household based on demographic information. This pool will establish the baseline from which we will determine where improvements can be made. We intend to determine and catalogue the needs of an average household, not only in resources and energy, but also space and comfort.
 - Using this baseline data pool we will research technologies and methods to reduce the consumption of resources without infringing on the needs of future inhabitants. (i.e. How much energy can be saved on heating bills/natural gas consumed by using a better insulation?).
 - After gathering information on effective technologies and methods we will determine which technologies are most effective and affordable by analyzing things such as the cost of the product, its life-span, the expected payback period (money saved over time), etc. This information will be catalogued and the best materials, methods, and technologies will be selected.
 - Potential solutions should be analyzed for viability in regards to budget, environmental impact, marketability, and legality (or conformation to codes and regulations).
 - Solutions will be implemented in the design of a cost effective, energy efficient community.

- A minute-keeper will document all items of discussion throughout the project so we can look back and study the exact path of logic.
- b. Team Structure
 - The team will have a group leader who is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the sub-groups.
 - Group Leader: Bryon Krebs
 - There shall be four initial sub-groups, which may change as the project warrants. Each sub-group will be focused to a specific area of research and development. The four initial sub-groups and their members are as follows.
 - Opportunity Assessment: Danny Varghese (Leader), Moses Cho, Bryon Krebs
 - Building Systems: Indira Oraziman (Leader), Moses Cho, Tianshu Qi
 - Construction Methods: Justin Eshleman (Leader), Hazem Shehada, Paul Skopek, Tianshu Qi
 - Planning (Design): Michael Warnes (Leader), Hazem Shehada, Paul Skopek, Bryon Krebs, Indira Oraziman
 - Each sub-group will contain members interested in their task. Members may and are encouraged to participate among multiple groups.
- c. Work Breakdown
 - The research of various topics will be the responsibility of the members of the corresponding sub-group. Each sub-group will be responsible for overseeing and advising in the implementation of their findings by the Planning sub-group.
 - A master list will be composed including all baseline data regarding the average household that is to be improved. All technologies, methods, and materials will be included in this master list as well as their benefits, costs, etc. These technologies, methods, and materials will be chosen for their merits and the influence on the 'baseline' statistics will be catalogued for comparison purposes.
 - The Planning sub-group will implement the research done by other subgroups into a design for the Green Class Community.

2. Expected Results

- a. Expected Activities
 - The project will require a great deal of research from all of the subgroups
 - Collaboration amongst group members and sub-groups.
 - Meeting with potential clients and discussing progress and future goals

- b. Expected Data
 - We will catalogue the costs and benefits of all technologies, methods, and materials we research and compare the benefits of their implementation to the average household.
 - Reduce construction costs to maintain market viability.
 - We will target buyers who prefer to purchase sustainable buildings as their homes since we have an actual site in Chicago to work on.
- c. Potential Products
 - We will be employing already existing technologies such as, but not limited to, solar arrays, geothermal heat pumps, and advanced building materials, however, we hope to implement these in novel ways.
- d. Potential Outputs
 - A large array of highly useful data comparing existing sustainable technologies will be produced
 - A marketable and sustainable solution to medium density housing.
- e. Deliverables
 - Develop a series of prototype housing units to compose a small community
 - Feedback from interested clients in Evanston, IL
 - CAD drawing of the living space and any systems implemented in the project
 - Develop detailed design of an energy-efficient building envelope
 - Generate construction cost estimate of the project and create a marketing guide for the future
 - A small-scale model of the community
- f. Challenges, Risks, and Assumptions
 - The primary challenge of this project will be to assemble enough useful data on existing sustainable technologies, methods, and materials to make informed decisions on which ones to implement and how. It will be extremely difficult to accurately calculate the impact of implementing our solutions. However we aim to create a solution that will be feasible and economically viable. If we can achieve this goal we will then be challenged with convincing Chicago-area municipalities to potentially re-consider some of their existing (often arbitrary) regulations and their ideas about what a housing community ought to be. In addition, marketing is also a big challenge for us, since majority people are not quite familiar with those sustainable technologies. Questions such as how to operate and maintain will be raised for long-term consideration. The marketing challenge will be to convince the buyers that our sustainable building is worth to own and it saves both energy and money.
 - There is a substantial risk of the research phase being an incredibly involved and weighty experience. We must find ways to make progress

while research is underway and to incorporate new research into our scheme without returning to the drawing board entirely. We also run the risk of making a scheme that is to challenging or daunting to our potential clients, so we must continually consult with potential clients to ensure we are not going so far as to alienate them. In addition, the damages of mechanical system caused by misuse will result in a relatively high maintenance cost and should be considered as a risk. The system should be designed as straightforward as possible to use.

• We assume that there is a better way for homes to be built and for communities to be structured. We believe we can create a community of homes that will be attractive and economically viable for potential consumers while pushing the envelope of existing sustainable practices to a new level. We believe there is room for many improvements in the way average communities are developed and that we can challenge the preconceptions of Chicago-area municipalities. We believe most of the people would love to live a sustainable life to save energy and money in a long-term consideration. These communities will, in turn, impose more informed and rigorous standards on future communities, and therefore cause a real change in the way we live.

3. Project Budget

- a. Our estimated budget is approximately \$460. With this money we hope to be able to continue our research on green technologies at the Chicago Center for Green Technology, also continue our correspondence with the village of Evanston both in telecommunication and physical visits. The majority of our proposed funds will be used on construction of models both of our individual solutions, the community as a whole and some of the more complex systems incorporated into our project.
- 4. Designation of Roles
 - Minute Taker: Tianshu Qi
 - Time Keeper: Danny Varghese
 - iGroups Moderator: Bryon Krebs

Evanston Market

Demographics

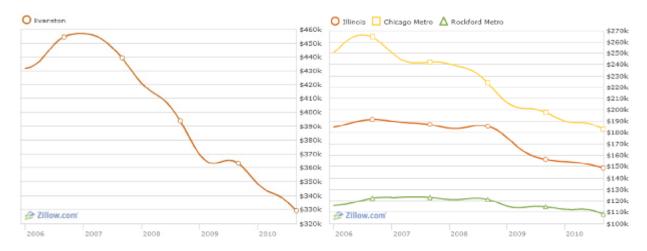
The Evanston market is very diverse and it consists of people from every age group but there is a slightly higher concentration of people in their 10's – 40's. This would mean that the neighborhood is urban and urban styles are preferred over traditional styles.

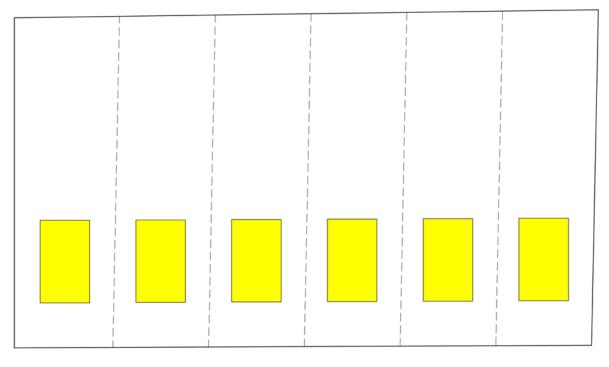
People who are married constitute about 47.2% of the population and single people are 39.2%. Divorced and Widowed people share the rest of the pie with about 8.2% and 5.4%.



Home Values

Home Values in the Evanston area has been on a decline since recent years but the graphs (prices reflect 3 bedroom houses) clearly shows that the Evanston Market has considerably higher value than the rest of the state and this is encouraging. The average value of an Evanston House with 3 bedrooms is \$329,100 which is 9% below compared to last year. The economy is edging out of the recession and the home values are expected to go up.





TYPICAL LAND USE



PROPOSED LAND USE

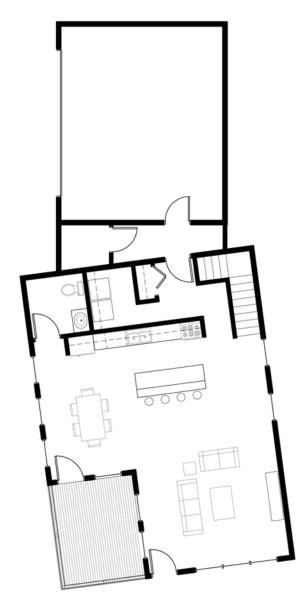
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- Landscape
- Floor plans
- Elevations
- Electrical Plan
- Plumbing Risers



FLOOR PLANS

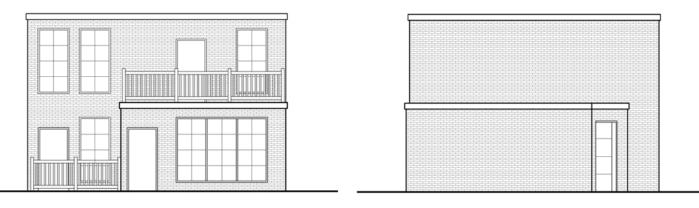


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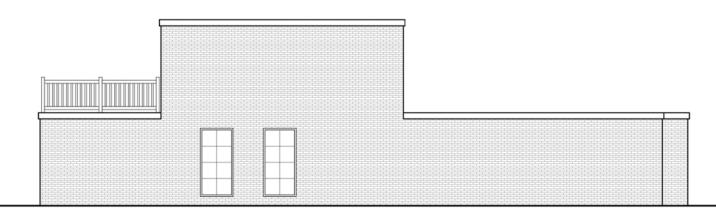
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ELEVATIONS

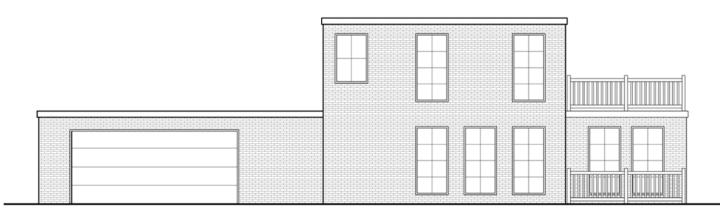


REAR ELEVATION

FRONT ELEVATION



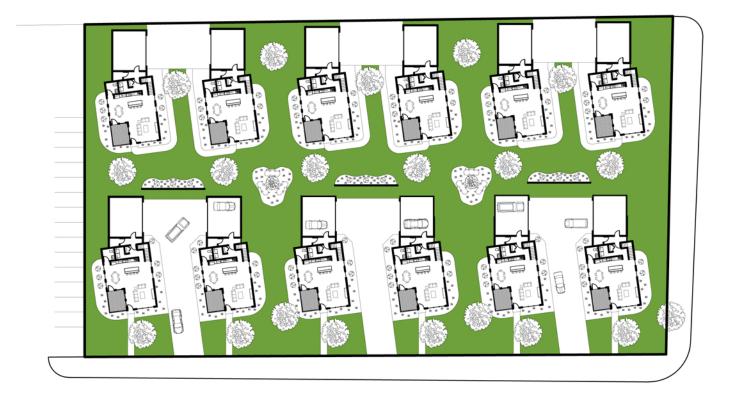
RIGHT ELEVATION



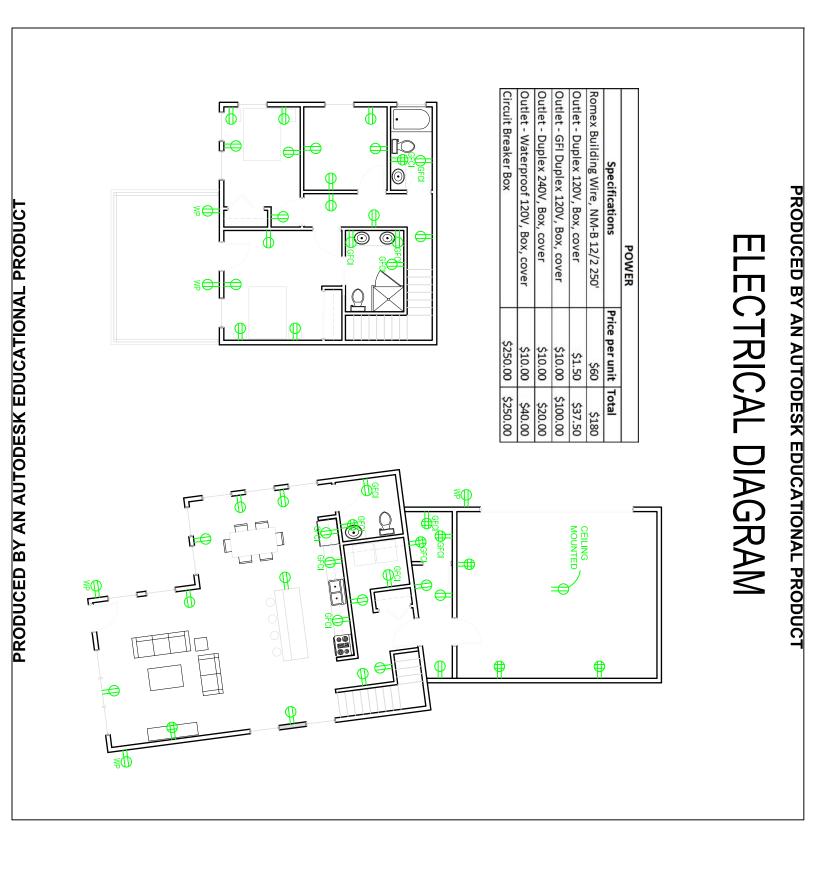
LEFT ELEVATION

SOLAR ORIENTATION

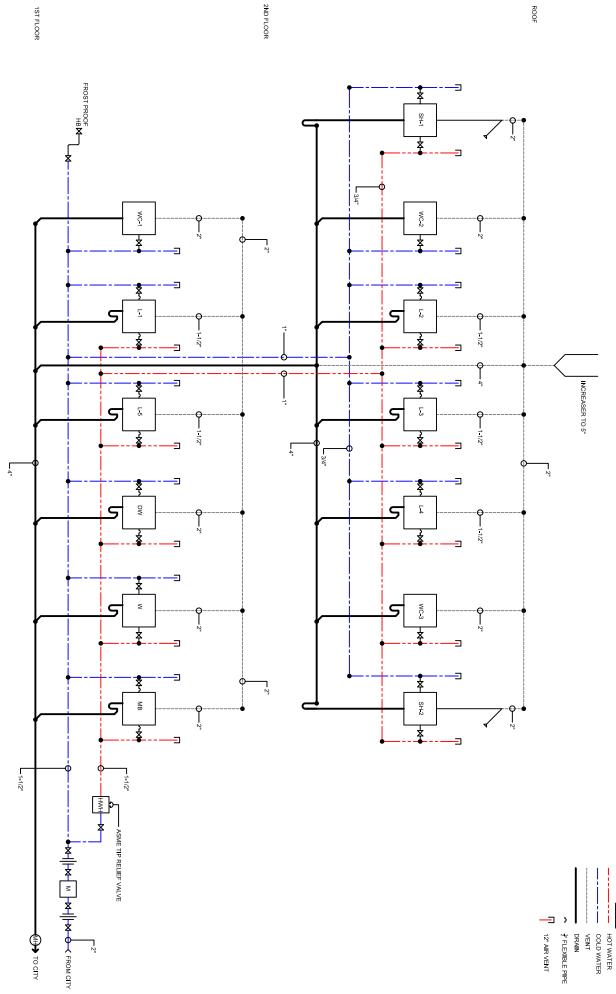
By rotating the houses 172.5 degrees and having large south facing windows, we were able to take full advantage of solar gain in all the living spaces.





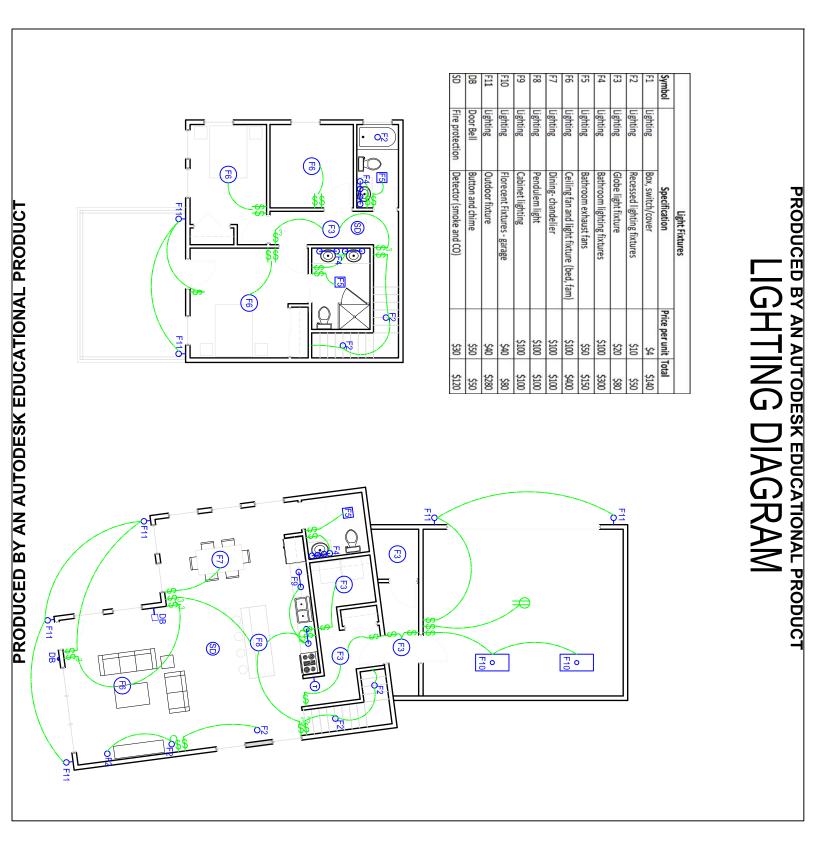


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ROOF

LEGEND





Appendix 2

BUILDING ENVELOPE

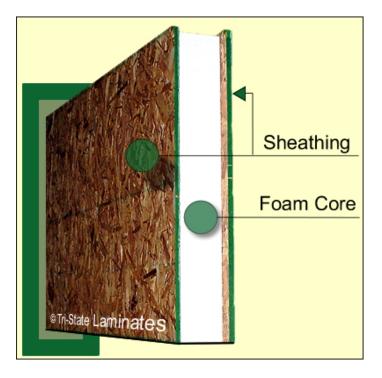


Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs)

SIPs are a composite building material. They consist of an insulation layer or rigid polymer foam sandwiched between two layers of structural board. The boards are usually plywood. SIPs construction relies on careful planning and design prior to delivery and site assembly. Panels are shipped to the jobsite ready to assembly when the foundation and deck are in place. Nails and adhesive foam are used to fasten the panels to top and bottom plates, and to make vertical connections.

SIPs have many benefits. Speed and ease of assembly make it possible for the house to be placed under a roof within days rather than weeks. Basic carpentry skills are required; assemblers don't need to have the skill level of conventional framing crews. SIPs offer R-values from R-15 to R-45, and are significantly more airtight, because of continuous insulation, without thermal bridges and have far fewer interruptions in the insulation.

SIPs also have some disadvantages. They make comfortable nesting chambers for carpenter ants and termites and panel manufactures recommend an aggressive pesticide treatment program both during and after construction. This means significant exposure of the building occupants and surrounding environment to toxic insecticides. SIPs are also very expensive compared to stick-frame construction.



IPRO-358SIPs EstimatePaul SkopekInsulspanBilssfield, MIJoe EllsworthFrank (ready to assemble). The largest panels will be 8'x9' (set by hand).

This system installs very fast, about three times faster than stick framing. R = 24

Total	\$27,990.94	
Tax for 60202- 9.5%	\$2,428.44	
Sub Total	\$25,562.50	
Shipping (\$800/semi)	\$1,600.00	
Base Price	\$23,962.50	Exterior Walls Only

Shipping

Flatbed Trailer 102"x48' 421' of exterior walls 5 walls high (32.5") 48'*5=240' of SIPs on one semi 240'*2=480', so two semi's are needed for shipping = \$1,600.00

Labor

3 man crew 3 days = 24 hours \$60/hour RS Means 24 hours * \$60/hour = \$1440/man Total = \$4320.00

Crane (may need to include permit) Lagrange Crane

Shawn - 708-354-3510 \$170/hour 1 day = \$1,360 includes operator

United Rentals

\$500/day \$105 for Delivery \$105 for Pick Up \$72 for Rental Protection Total = \$782 does NOT included operator \$355/day for Operator (RS Means) **Total for Crane = \$1,137.00**

Total Cost

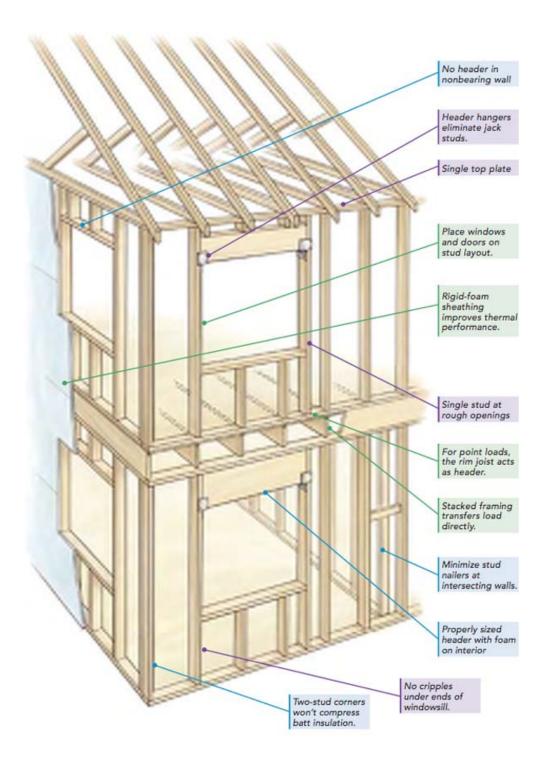
Insulspan	\$27,990.94
Labor	\$4,320.00
Crane	\$1,360.00
Grand Total	\$33,670.94

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Panel	Weight	
Thickness	per P.S.F	
6"	3.47 lbs	
8"	3.61 lbs	
10"	3.78 lbs	
12"	3.92 lbs	
6 1/2"	3.51 lbs	Linear Interpolation
8'x9'=72 sf		•

252.2 lbs max load

Advanced Framing Techniques

Advanced framing is also known as Optimum Value Engineering. This stick framing technique uses smarter, more efficient design to minimize the use of wood and increase the amount of insulation, resulting in a more energy efficient house. The amount of wood is reduced by using in-line framing to eliminate the use of double top plates, making "two stud corners", "Ladder T-Walls", and insulating headers. Also the use of jack studs and header are eliminated in non-load bearing walls. The extra space created is filled with insulation. We also decided to use 2x4s 16" oc. instead of 2x6s 24" oc. because they use the same volume of wood per linear foot of wall, but making 2x6s require larger trees and produces more waste. Overall, this technique minimizes waste while enhancing the performance of the home.



Cost Estimate

	#	Туре	Unit	Price	Total
Exterior Wall	06 11 10.26 0405	Partition 10' high 16"oc pn	Lf	11.6	2378
Exterior Wall	06 11 10.26 1600	opening add 3.80	Lf	15.4	1540
Joist Framing (2x12) 16"oc	06 11 10.10 3565	2"x12", 16"oc, pneumatic	mbf	1525	7869
Joist Framing		Hardwear +10%	%		786.9
Girders	06 11 10.10 3600	3"x8"	mbf	2050	574
Blocking	06 11 10.02 2660	2"x8"	mbf	2400	360
				Ext Wall Total	3918
				Total	13507.9

	#	Туре	Unit	Price	А
Cavity	07 21 16.20 0120	Blanket R15	sf	0.82	\$2,501.00
Insulation Sheating	07 21 13.13 0600	Foam Board R4	sf	1.07	\$3,263.50
House Wrap	07 26 10.10 0480	poly	sf	0.25	\$762.50
				Total	\$6,527.00

Cost Comparison

Structure Type	R Value	Cost
Traditional Stick Framing	R	\$
Advanced Framing	RR	\$
Structurally Insulated Panels	RRR	\$\$
Insulated Concrete Forms	RRR	\$\$\$\$

Insulated Concrete Form (ICFs)

ICFs are a lightweight, expanded polystyrene form that interlocks with other ICFs to create a cast for exterior concrete walls. The R value for IFCs is 27.

There are many advantages for ICFs. They can be constructed fast and easy and very durable. ICFs are severe weather resistance, provides a healthy indoor environment and use recycled materials.

ICFs also have some disadvantages. ICFs are very expensive and difficult to remodel due to the concrete. There are not many workers who are experienced with installing ICFs, so there is a lot of training for the workers to install correctly. House siding is very hard to install on the IFCs.

There was an estimate done by LOGIX ICFs. It includes all materials needed such as ICF blocks, rebar, lumber, and concrete. It also included labor, equipment and shipping.

The total was \$64,475





Full-height standards 4" 0 standards \$	Logix Estimation Spreadsheet				
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Expires : 9/28/10

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Appendix

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PASSIVE DESIGNS



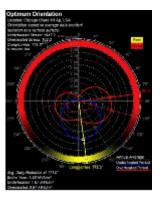
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Solar Orientation

Using the Autodesk Ecotect program we calculated the best solar orientation for our housing units. Best solar orientation takes advantage of solar gain through windowed areas orientated properly in order to receive the highest amount of gain on any given day. We believe this has made a substantial improvement over last year's project.

Trombe Wall

Trombe wall is a passive solar design system that traps the sun's



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Trombe wall consists of a south-facing thermal wall (brick or concrete) with a dark, heat-absorbing finishing material on the exterior side and faced with a glass layer. Air in the cavity between the glass and the thermal wall stores heat and allows the thermal wall to absorb it slowly during the day. Then, at night, thermal wall releases the stored heat to the interior space.

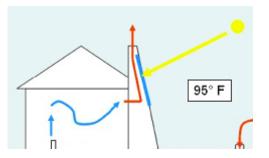
Hand calculations (see Appendix) were performed to evaluate efficiency of the system. The results obtained showed that Trombe walls can save as much as 30% of heating loads during

the coldest month in winter. However, since the team decided to use ordinary frame system that cannot be served as a thermal mass storage, Trombe wall system was excluded from the project.

heat during the day and releases it slowly and evenly at night to heat a building. A typical

Solar Chimney

Solar Chimney is a passive system alternative to an active ventilation system. The system consists of a typical chimney coated with a dark material on the exterior surface. During the day, air inside the chimney can easily exceed 100°F. This temperature difference between the chimney and interior spaces creates pressure difference.



As a result, interior space air is forced to move out through the chimney. However, due to lack of information (because the system is a considerably new system), basic calculations based on

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the Bernoulli's Equation (see Appendix) were not sufficient to provide an adequate design of the system.

Trombe wall calculation:

Exterior wall area: $(23+24+23)*20+23*24 = 1952 \text{ SF} \approx 2000 \text{ SF}$ Ave. R-value of Thermal Wall = 25 SF-F-h/Btu **Total heat load** per day = $(70F - 22F) * 24 \text{ hrs/day} * 2000 \text{ SF} / 25 \text{ SF-F-h/Btu} = 92160 \text{ Btu/day} \approx 100 000 \text{ Btu/day}$ Solar insolation in January = 558 Btu/SF-day Window are = 8'x5' + 2'x4'x5 = 80 SFSunshine 10 hours average in January with clearness coefficient of 0.46 gives us 4.6 hours of direct sunlight. Assume that sunspace is at 70F during the day.

Solar heat gain = 558Btu/SF-day x 80 SF = 44640 Btu/day 44640 Btu/day – 30% (heat loss due to conduction, transmission, reflection) ≈**31000 Btu/day**

Solar heat gain is about 30% of the total heat load needed for one apartment.

Chimney Effect

$$Z_{1} + \frac{P_{1}}{pg} + \frac{V_{1}^{2}}{2g} = Z_{2} + \frac{P_{2}}{pg} + \frac{V_{2}^{2}}{2g} + h_{L}$$

Z1 = 0
P1 = 1atm
V1 = 0
Z2 = 24'
P2 = 1atm
hL = 0

V2 = 35.9 ft/sec

Area of the outlet = $0.66' \times 0.33' = 0.22 \text{ ft}^2$

 $Q = V \times A = 35.9 \times 0.22 = 7.9 \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec} = 474 \text{ cfm}$

Windows

Low-e, argon-filled double-pane windows were used in the project. Low-e coating provides up 35% less heat gain or loss than conventional double-pane windows. Using argon instead of air to fill the cavity between the panes will also result in larger energy savings due to chemical composition of the gas.As you can see from Figure 1, Low-e double pane glazing system

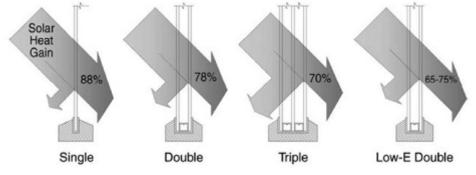
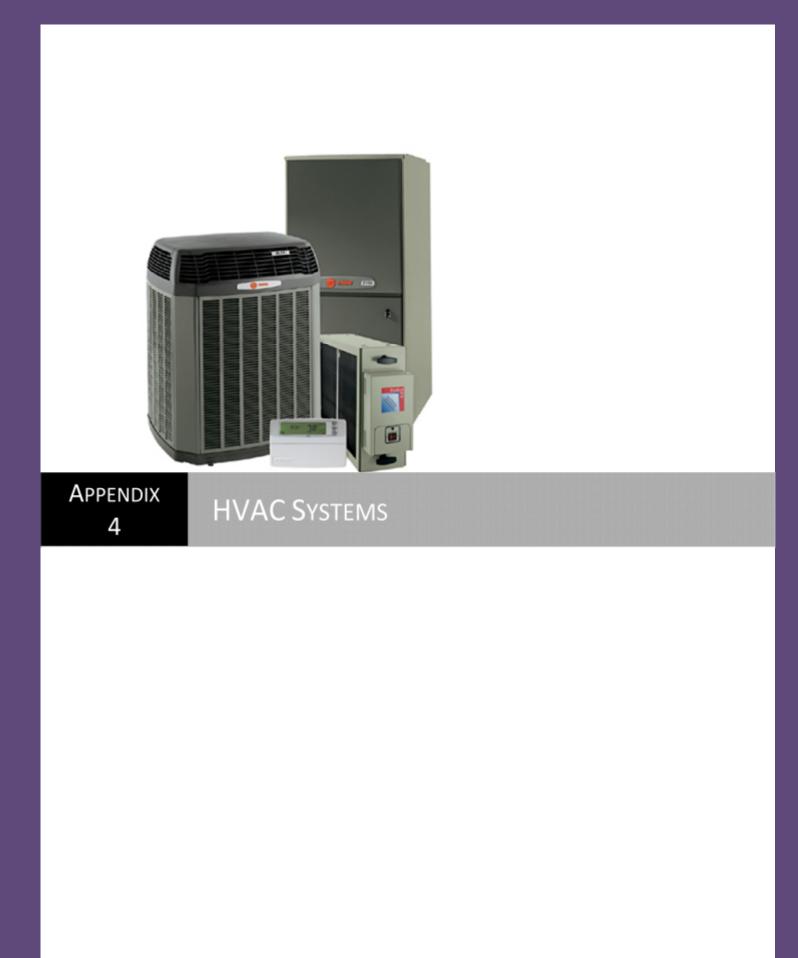


Figure 1 Solar heat gain of different glazing types

Energy Modeling

Ecotect and eQuest software programs were used during the project to create energy models of the buildings.Accurate results were achieved by integration of both programs. The best solar orientation, solar heat gains and losses and daylight control was estimated in Ecotect. eQuest was used to calculate heating and cooling loads with the respect to the data obtained from Ecotect.

Geothermal mechanical system was simulated in eQuest by inputting ground loop heat pump source and adjusting temperature differences in detailed wizard.



Geothermal



The ground is able to maintain a higher rate of temperature consistency because it absorbs 47% of the suns energy (heat) as it hits the Earth's surface. Heat Pump geothermal systems are able to tap into this free energy with an earth loop. This technology is then used to provide your home or office with central heating and cooling.

Geothermal Heat Pump	Loop Туре	Loop Depth	Pipe	Refrigerant	Cost ¹	Payback Time
2-ton Water to Air	Vertical	220ft	1.0 in. Diameter U-Tube SDR 11	20% Prop. Glycol Flow 3.0 US gpm	\$6,960.00	About 8 years

Geothermal Heat Pump Design Detail²

Advantages & Reason choosing this technology for the project:

The biggest benefit of GHPs is that they use 25%–50% less electricity than conventional heating or cooling systems. This translates into a GHP using one unit of electricity to move three units of heat from the earth. According to the EPA, geothermal heat pumps can reduce energy consumption—and corresponding emissions— up to 72% compared to electric resistance heating with standard air-conditioning equipment. GHPs also improve humidity control by maintaining about 50% relative indoor humidity, making GHPs very effective in humid areas.

The hardware requires less space than that needed by conventional HVAC systems, the equipment rooms can be greatly scaled down in size, freeing space for productive use. GHP systems also provide excellent "zone" space conditioning, allowing different parts of your home to be heated or cooled to different temperatures.

Because GHP systems have relatively few moving parts, and because those parts are sheltered inside a building, they are durable and highly reliable. The underground piping often carries warranties of 25–50 years, and the heat pumps often last 20 years or

more. Since they usually have no outdoor compressors, GHPs are not susceptible to vandalism. On the other hand, the components in the living space are easily accessible, which increases the convenience factor and helps ensure that the upkeep is done on a timely basis.

Because they have no outside condensing units like air conditioners, there's no concern about noise outside the home. A two-speed GHP system is so quiet inside a house that users do not know it is operating: there are no telltale blasts of cold or hot air.

1: Cost:

Individual Cost for each Unit: Mcquay 2-ton Heat Pump \$2,994.00 Wireless Programmable Thermostat \$180.00 20kW Aux. In Duct Heat Strip (Optional) \$265.00 \$3,439.00 AMTROL Fill-Trol 109 Expansion Tank w/ Fill Valve 2.0 Gallon Volume \$68.00 Installation Fee \$1,000 Tax Credit: 30% Ductwork: \$2,100 Total: \$5,555.00

Sharing Cost for every two units: Drilling Cost \$2,700.00 440ft long 1in diameter Polyethylene Tubing: \$110.08 Total: \$2,810.00

2: For loop configuration details and mechanical room details, please see the drawings.

Enfinity Horizontal ISO Performance Data – Ground Source

Ground Source Performance Data per ISO Standard 13256-1.

	AIRF	LOW	WATER	RFLOW			C00	LING			HEATING	
UNIT SIZE	CFM	L/S	GPM	L/S	VOLTAGE	BTU/HR	WATTS	EER	COP	BTU/HR	WATTS	COP
024	800	378	5.9	0.37	208/230-1-60	28500	8345	22.5	6.6	24000	7027	4.3
Notes:												

EER = Energy Efficiency Ratio COP = Coefficient of Performance L/S = Liters per second

Cooling capacity is based on 80.6°F db, 66.2°F wb (27/19°C) entering air temperature and 59°F (15°C) entering water temperature. Heating capacity is based on 68°F (20°C) entering air temperature and 50°F (10°C) entering water temperature.

Enfinity[™] Model VFC/VFW Vertical Floor-mounted Water Source Heat Pumps

ProductBrochure

We are pleased to introduce the new Enfinity[™] Model VFC/VFW vertical floor-mounted water source heat pump (sizes 009 thru 070).

Enfinity™ Model VFC/VFW vertical floor-mounted water source heat pumps use non-ozone depleting R-410A refrigerant, which – along with high Energy Efficiency Ratios (EER's) – helps preserve our environment and precious energy resources. Units offer maximum flexibility to help you achieve high efficiency, low operating costs and superior IAQ within your commercial or residential building budget.

- They can be selected for standard boiler/tower or geothermal applications

- Multiple configurations reduce design time and help you avoid obstructions and use minimum ductwork to reduce installation costs

 Multiple factory-installed features and options allow you to select the unit that closely matches your application requirements while lowering installation costs.

- Small footprint design makes it easier to meet space requirements for new construction and replacement applications

Factory-installed Features and Options

- R-410A Refrigerant - Has no ozone depletion potential or phase-out date, helping to minimize environmental impact and protect against refrigerant availability issues over the economic life of your equipment investment.

- MicroTech® III Unit Controller - Open ChoicesTM control feature allows Standalone or easy integration into a LONWORKS® (LonMark 3.4 Certified) or BACnet® communications network using and add-on communication module.

- ECM fan motor - improves unit efficiency and maintains constant airflow over varying system static pressure.

- Hot Gas Reheat Coil - Required for many applications needing added humidity control, this option is selectable for sizes 019 to 070.

 Desuperheater – this heat exchanger system aids in domestic hot water production while the water source heat pump is in the cooling mode of operation.

 - Auxiliary/Emergency Electric Heat Coil (5kw or 10kw – single point power) – in emergency situations where the compressor no longer functions, the integral electric heat coil can provide temporary heating until the compressor is replaced.

 - 2-way motorized valves (NO or NC) – ideal for variable pumping applications – when there isn't a call for unit operation, the valve closes, reducing the flow requirements through the condenser water loop.

- Compressor Sound Blanket - new and improved compressor sound blanket for sound sensitive applications.

- Painted Cabinet - suitable for residential applications.

Performance Summary

Unit Size	Capacity	EER – W	ater Loop		Ground		Ground urce	Nomina
	(BTUH)	PSC	ECM	PSC	ECM	PSC	ECM	(CFM)
VFW007	•	•	N/A	•	N/A	•	N/A	•
VFW009	9,060	14.0	N/A	16.7	N/A	23.8	N/A	300
VFW012	12,000	14.4	N/A	16.9	N/A	23.8	N/A	400
VFW015	14,700	16.0	•	19.6	•	28.1	•	500
VFW019	19,200	15.2	16.6	17.3	19.0	23.5	26.1	600
VFW024	23,800	15.1	16.3	17.7	19.2	23.3	25.8	800
VFW030	30,000	17.0	17.0	19.1	19.3	25.1	25.5	1000
VFW036	39,500	14.8	15.0	17.3	16.6	22.3	21.3	1300
VFW042	43,900	15.0	16.2	17.0	18.9	22.1	24.8	1400
VFW048	48,100	14.7	16.0	15.8	18.2	20.3	23.8	1600
VFW060	63,200	15.1	15.7	16.3	18.0	20.5	22.9	2000
VFW070	75,400	13.5	14.0	13.7	16.2	16.6	19.6	2160

N/A = Not available

To be announced at a later date.

ERV

Energy Recovery Ventilator

Works as a heat exchanger with the geothermal furnace and recovers most heat from the exhaust air. Made by Honeywell.

Energy Efficient Ventilation Systems

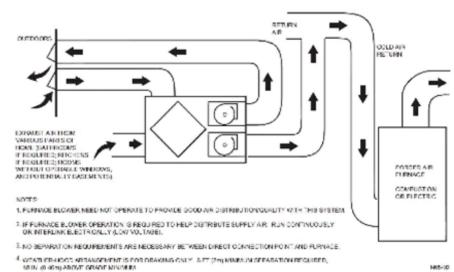
- · Bring in fresh air while maintaining energy efficiency
- . Low maintenance, low energy usage solution
- · Recovers up to 80% of heating and cooling energy



PRO

DETAILS MANUALS FAQ

- . Efficient Ventilation- Recovers up to 80% of the air leaving the home
- · Low Maintenance "Set it and forget it" program gives you optimal ventilation without having to worry about settings
- · Energy Efficient Operation Uses about the same amount of energy as a 100-walt light bulb
- · Cold Climate Model (HRV) Helps reduce window condensation and excess moisture
- · Hot Climate Model (ERV) Helps reduce the amount of humidity brought into the home in the summer and retains humidity in the winter
- Model Numbers ER150B2006, ER200B2006, ER150C2004, ER200C2004, HR150B1005. HR200B1005
- 5-Year Warranty



H85-30

Radiant Floor

-\$6 -\$15 a square foot to professionally install a hydronic (hot water) radiant floor heating system; that's \$9,000 -\$22,500 for a 1,500 square foot home.

-<u>Popular Mechanics</u> estimates that professionally installing a hydronic floor system in a 2,000-square-foot ranch house averages **\$10,000 -\$14,000**(without air conditioning). To calculate the cost for radiant floor heating, we requested a detail cost analyses from "Radiant Company".

The price quote from them for our house model was \$4,192.50

In addition to this, a typical boiler costs about \$3000.

We decided not to use this system because it was too expensive.

PRICE QUOTE

WWW.RADIANTCOMPANY.COM

Date	Estimate #
10/18/2010	2

Name / Address Moses Cho 312-533-8334

	System Type:		Rep	Shipping ES	TIMATE:
	OPEN (TANK-TYPE)		BP	PLEASE	CALL
Item	Description		Qty	Cost	Total
7/8" XL PEX 20 Heat Distr. Fins 500 sq/ft. roll alu 1000 sq/ft. roll al adaptor coupling 3 zone control kit low vol. stainless 1" check valve 3 zone stainless Suggested Heat	 7/8" XL PEX 200ft coil 8" X 16" aluminum sheets "Pre-formed" for 7/8" Pex. 500 sq/ft. roll aluminum reflective material 1/00 sq/ft. roll aluminum reflective material 3/4" copper to 7/8" XL PEX tubing (fitting part #102788) 7/8" XL PEX to 7/8" XL PEX coupling (fitting part #3389) 3 Zone control relay & 3 (mercury free) digital thermostats for three zones Low volume stainless pump 1" check valve 3 zone manifold for stainless pumps Suggested Heat Source: CUSTOMER PROVIDED GEOTHERMAL 		10 625 1 1 20 10 1 1 3 1 1	158.00 0.90 95.00 189.00 6.75 7.50 295.50 195.00 26.59 649.00	1,580.00 562.50 189.00 135.00 295.50 295.50 585.00 26.50 649.00 0.00
Thank you for your 90 days from purch	request. Returns subject to 25% restock fee.No refunds ase	after	Subtotal	I	\$4,192.50
			Sales Ta	x (6.0%)	\$0.00
			Total		\$4,192.5

Furnace

Furnace

Traditional furnace for residential forced air systems by Comfort-Aire

Natural Gas 80% Plus Efficiency Upflow Furnace Irard: Confut Alic Hodal: GHUILSE-ESA

\$750.00



PRODUCT INFORMATION

ITEM	60% Plas Efficiency Upflow Fernace
TYPE	Natural Gas
VOLTAGE	120
OUTPUT (BTUR)	41,000
INPUT (BTUH)	50,009
AFUE (%)	85.4
#E2GHT (IN.)	34
WIDTH (IN.)	24
DEPTH (IR.)	28-13/14
SUPPLY OPENING WEDTH (IN.)	12-27/82
SUPPLY OPENING DEPTH (IN.)	20
AVAILABLE COOLENG TONS	3
CFM & .S ESP	1256
FLUE DIA. (IK.)	Unit Has 3" Connection. A 3 to 4"/5" Adaptor May be Required, Determined by Installation.
SIDE RETURN FILTER SIZE	(2) 12 x 16, WRB Optional External Side Filter Frame Number SWYU3
BOTTOM RETURN FILTER BIZE	16 x 25
NUMBER OF FILTERS REQUIRED	Side Return 2, Bottom Return 1
ACCETIONAL PEATURES	Slow Opening 103 Percent Shat Off Main Gas Valve, Convertible to Propane, Pre-wired for Addition of Jir Conditioning with Heat/Cool Relay and Electronic Air Cleaner, Is-Shot Burner, Heat Exchanger Mache Of Corrosion Resistant Blainbas Shael Haterials, Pac-Four Speed Direct Drive High Efficiency Blower With Timed On/Off Blower, Induced Draft Blower, Integrated Furnace Control With Self Disposition and Electronic Spation, 1/2" MPT Gas Connection,
TRANSFORMER RATING	130V Primary, 24V Secondary, 40Va
AGENCY COMPLEANCE	GAMA
MANUPACTURERS WARRANTY LENGTH	Heat Exchanger 20 Year, 12-Year on Other Parts
WEIGHT	\$7.03

- Residential 80+ AFUE Multiposition Gas Furnaces

· In-shot berner.

 Timed On, adjustable blower-Off delay for cooling SEER improvement. Integrated furnace control with self-diagnostics and fault code displays. Convertible to LP gas.

· Comfort-Aire

· Direct spark ignition.

* 3-speed direct-drive fan. Units have 3' connection. A 3, 4, or 5' adapter may be required, determined by installation.

Condenser Unit

Direct Expansion AC Unit

Traditional condenser for residential forced air systems. Fairly efficient with a SEER of 13

Goodman GSX130361 Central Air Conditioner

3 Ton, 13 SEER Condenser, R410A Refrigerant



ON SALE! \$1,404.99 Compare to: \$3,843.99 You save: \$437.00

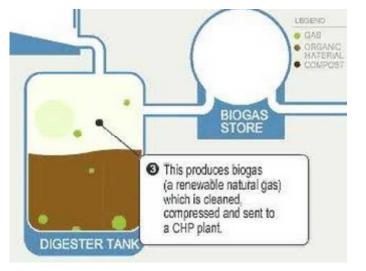
Central Air Conditioner's Standard Features

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- **Cabinat** Peatures

 - Unique Coodmant): central air conditioner securd control top design
 Steal lower cell guard
 Insavy-gange galvantee-steel central air cobinet
 Attractive Architectural Cere powder-gant finish with 500-hour salt-spray approval
 Top eel aide mainteance access
 Single-panel access to constrait with space provided for field-installed accessories
 When properly and/orien, meass the 2001 Pointia building Code unit integrity regularements for handisae-type winda

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS	
Nominal Cooling Capacity	36000 BTUS
Cooling Capacity	3 Tons
Cooling Efficiency	13 SEER
Refrigerart	84184
Voltago	266/230V (1 Phase)
Haximum Dreaker Size	35 Amps
Compressor Type	Scral
Suction Line Size	7/0 Inches
Liquid Line Size	3/0 Inches
TXY Required	Ro.
Ped Size	36x20 Jeches
Shipping Weight	197 iba
Compressor Warranty	10 Year(s)
mprossor Warranty	10 Year(s)

Biomass

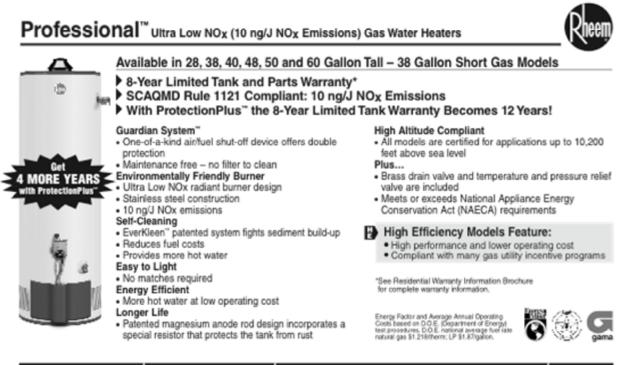


Research on biomass technology, anaerobic digestion was done

-The whole purpose of researching anaerobic digestion was to re-use organic materials (food waste) as an energy source to produce methane and carbon dioxide. Through this, the gas usage and cost would have gone down. Through re-using organic materials, it is very environmental friendly.

-In the end, this was not used because though there are some small size anaerobic digestions systems, most of them were home-built. Some companies do have prototypes of these models. However, they are not ready to be used at homes and have no practical applications yet. Furthermore, the efficiency is very questionable as well. This system lacks too much information. This is the reason why we decided to give up on this system.

50-Gallon Water Heater



			DESCRIPTION		EATURES			RO	UGHING	IN DIME	NSIONS	(SHOWN	IN INCH	ES)		ENER	GY INFO.
		64L. GWR	NCCEL NUMBER	GAS INPUT IN THOUGH BTUNK NAT	ACCONDRY IN G.F.H. BY RISE NAT.	FEST HOUR CEL G.P.R. NAT	NE.TD VENE	SAME HT	DIRE.	87.10 645 0394	VENT SQE E	NATER CONFL CNTR. F	HE.TO SECE TAP G	WATER COHR. H	SHR NL L40	DIERST RECTOR	AVS. ANN. OPER. COST INT.
		-40	RHG PROMIRN	38	38.4	73	63	60-1/8	21	17-3/8	3 or 4	8	54	3/4	140	0.62	\$294
Ð	TALL	50	RHG PROSOFN	36	36.4	91	62-5/8	50-7/8	23	17-3/8	3 or 4	8	53-5/8	3/4	170	0.62	\$294
		28	22V30 PROFN	30	30.3	53	59	56-1/4	16-1/8	17-3/8	3 or 4	8	50	3/4	105	0.62	\$294
	À	-38	22V40 PROFN	38	38.4	72	60-5/8	57-3/4	18-1/8	17-3/8	3 or 4	8	51-5/8	3/4	125	0.60	\$304
	111	48	22V50 PROFN	40	40.4	91	60-5/8	57-7/8	20-1/8	17-3/8	3 or 4	B	51-3/4	3/4	135	0.58	\$315
		60	RHG PROKIEN	45	45.5	107	63-1/4	59-3/4	23	17-3/8	-4	8	53	3/4	205	0.56	\$326
	(SHONT)	38	22V40S PROFN	36	36.4	68	51-7/8	49-1/8	20-1/8	17-3/8	3 or 4	8	43	3/4	135	0.60	\$304

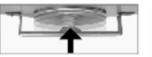
Rheem Professional Ultra Low NOx with Guardian System Features...



Ultra Low NO_X Burner Environmentally triendly radiant burner significantly reduces NOx emissions. Stainless steel construction for increased durability and longevity

These units are designed to meet or exceed ANSI (American National Standards Institute) requirements and have been tested according to D.O.E. test procedures and meet or exceed the energy efficiency requirements of NAECA, ASHRAE standard 90, ICC Code and all state energy efficiency performance criteria for energy consuming appliances.

Before purchasing this appliance, read important energy cost and efficiency information available from your supplier.



Exclusive Combustion Shut-off System Should a spill incident occur, the Guardian System shuts off the gas supply and the air supply preventing a sustained vapor burn in the combustion chamber.

contractor's invoice.

better installation

specific details.



Exclusive Professional

Installation Warranty

Maintenance Free Superior air filtration prevents the fame arrestor from becoming clogged

by lint, dust and oil.

н н HOT COLD WATER CONNECTION CON AN" N.P.T. RELIEF VALVE OPENING

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In keeping with its policy of continuous progress and product improvement, Rheem reserves the right to make changes without notice

Refer to the warranty certificate enclosed with each heater for

When this Rheem PROFESSIONAL water heater is installed by

This Rheem exclusive warranty upgrade feature enhances your value as a plumbing professional. A professional installation is a

a licensed contractor, the consumer can upgrade his limited

tank and parts warranty from 6 to 8 years by returning to

Rheem the warranty registration card and a copy of the

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Instantaneous Water Heater

RHEEM RESIDENTIAL TANKLESS

84 TANKLESS SERIES

RTG-84DV indoor direct vent and RTG-84X outdoor natural and LP models – 11,000 - 180,000 BTU max.

8.4 gal./min at 35° F rise max., 6.7 gal./min. at 45° F rise

Limited Warranty:

12-Year on heat exchanger, 5-Year on parts, 1-Year on labor

See Residential Warranty Information Brochure for complete warranty information.

- 3"/5" Concentric Vent System with Integrated Condensate Collector
- · Connects to Metal Fab Inc., 3% Concentric Venting without an adapter
- · Next Generation Burner Technology
- Industry Best! .26 GPM Minimum Flow Rate, .40 GPM Minimum Activation Flow Rate
- · UMC-117 remote control and 10 ft. of thermostat wire is included
- EZ-LinkTM cable available for high demand applications to connect two tankless units to operate as one
- · Manifold up to 6 units with an optional MIC-6 manifold control board
- Exclusive! All Rheem models can be linked in up to 20 unit manifold installations by using the optional MIC-180 and MICS-180 manifold control assembly
- High-altitude capability up to 9,840 ft. elevation above sea level (no chip required)
- Exclusive! Guardian OFW™ overheat film wrap
- All Rheem tankless models are third-party efficiency certified by GAMA
- · Continuous hot water, energy saving and compact, space saving design
- · Intelligent electronic controls designed to increase energy efficiency and safety
- Self Diagnostic System
- · Digital display shows temperature setting and maintenance codes
- · Built-in electric blower
- Supplied with a 120 volt power cord
- Environmentally friendly Low NOx burner meets SCAQMD rule 1146 requirements
- Freeze protection to -30° F

Product appearance may differ.

* Based on simultaneous showers using 2.5 gallons per minute. Row rates vary depending on temperature of cold water supply.

The 84 Series Tankless models can be converted for Commercial Installations

See Commercial Warranty Brochure for details.



Tankless water heaters



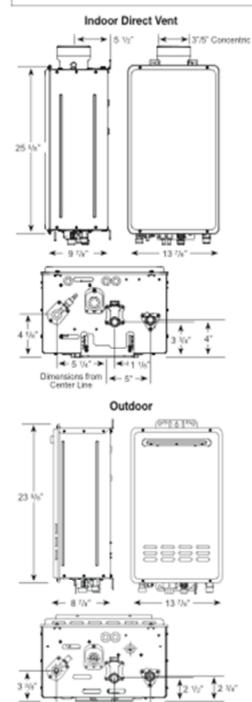
180,000 BTU INDOOR DIRECT VENT



180,000 BTU OUTDOOR

84 TANKLESS SERIES

DES	CRIPTION			FEAT	URES			RO	USHING IN	DIMENSION	S (SHOW)	IN INCHES)		ENER	GY INFO.
MODEL NUMBER	GAS Input Btumr.	TYPE	tenp. Raaige		GPN @ 45* RISE NAX		CONINES WATER	CTION GAS	HEIGHT	WIDTH	DEPTH	VENT Diameter (Inches)	SHP. WEIGHT (L83.)	ENERGY Factor	D.O.E. ANN OP. COST NAULP
RHEEM TA	NKLESS W	ATER H	EATERS	FOR 3 B	ATHROO	мном	ES							_	
RHEEM TAI	11,000- 180,000	Indoor	85° to 140° F	5OR 3 B	6.7	M HOM 8.4	34	34	25-5/8	13-7/8	9-7/8	3 by 5 concentrac	54	.82	\$223\\$3





Energy Factor and Avenage Annual Operating Costs based on D.O.E. (Department of Energy) test procedures. D.O.E. national avenage ball rule realized gas \$1.218/therm; LP \$1.87()galon.

All models are available in Natural Gas and Propane (LP). For Propane replace the N with P when ordering.

Factory set maximum temperature is 120" F. See Use and Care Manual for setting.

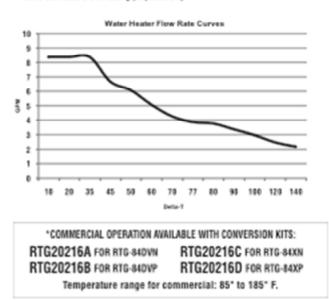
Consult factory for information on sizing the application.

Vent Termination Kits are required for Direct Vent models. Contact your distributor for details.

Proper gas pressure must be ensured to supply tankless gas water heaters – up to 180,000 BTU for RTG-64 models. (Consult your gas supplier)

		Temperature Rise (° F)								
Model Number	35*	45°	50°	60*	70*	77"	80*	90°	100"	
RTG-84 Water Flow (GPM)	8.4	6.7	6.1	5.1	4.3	3.9	3.8	3.4	3.0	

Above estimates are for sizing purposes only.



These units are designed to meet or exceed ANSI (American National Standards Institute) requirements and have been tested according to D.D.E. test procedures and meet or exceed the energy efficiency requirements of NAECA, ASHRAE standard 90, ICC Code and all state energy efficiency performance criteria for energy consuming appliances.

Before purchasing this appliance, read important energy cost and efficiency information available from your supplier.

In kesping with its policy of continuous progrees and product improvement, Rheem reserves the right Is make changes without ostice.

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Energy Consciousness

Energy Consciousness

We employed a home automation system by Life Ware[®] that allows the resident to control every facet of their experience within the home. All houses are also equipped with an LCD TV and in ceiling speakers which they can use to adjust settings and monitor their energy consumption as well as enjoy their favorite movies or music off of their two terabyte media center. We chose a Panasonic 50" LCD TV and the basic package for the Life Ware* system which includes 2 MCE PCs. 1 Xbox 360 Extender, 20 Lights (Not a full home), 4 Audio Zones and 2 Audio Source Devices, Security System with 12 Zones, 2 HVAC Units, 3 Security Cameras, Weather for 1 zip code, and 10 Scenes. Scenes are settings for the system such as, at home systems on, and away economy mode.

Panasonic Viera TC-P50VT25 50" Plasma TV - TCP50VT25

Life Ware System



\$2.999.95







Boilers

Through my research for an efficient with high AFUE percentage Boiler I found couple of good ones that fits our demands. We needed a Boiler that could generate a heat capacity of about 32,000 BTU per hour, so we were looking at those boilers that have this range of heating capacity. The problem is as the Heating capacity reduced the efficiency of the boiler decrease, but even though we found good product that satisfy our demands. In this research I am going to show one of the boilers that I thought is the most efficient and economical boiler.

Peerless PF-50

50,000 BTU, Water Boiler, 95% Efficiency, Electronic Ignition, Natural Gas / LP, Direct Vented

The Peerless[®] PureFire[®] gas-fired condensing boiler is a high-efficiency boiler for residential and commercial applications and is available for either natural gas or LP (propane). The direct vent, sealed combustion PureFire boilers have an ultra-high efficiency rating up to 97.3% and are ENERGY STAR[®] qualified. The PureFire, now available in six sizes, has ASME and ETL certifications for both the U.S. and Canada and is the most thoroughly tested high efficiency boiler on the market. A unique condensate system with built-in neutralizer component and float switch protection is a top feature of the boiler.

Cost = \$2,726.99

Standard Features:

- Up to 97.3% AFUE Energy Star qualified
- Fully modulating burner for maximum efficiency
- Float switch and built-in neutralizer in condensate system
- Outdoor reset and domestic hot water priority
- LCD display control board offers a heat recovery function reducing the off cycle losses
- System test mode for manual control of firing rate
- Zero clearance to combustibles
- Combination temperature-pressure gauge and 30 PSIG relief valve
- Outdoor sensor and leveling legs
- Stainless steel burner and heat exchanger
- 120 volt convenience outlet

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS Heating

Capacity	50000 BTU
Efficiency Percentage (AFUE)	95 %
Effective Heating Capacity	46000 BTU
Water Capacity	0.62 Gallons
Net Water Rating	40000 BTU
Tax Credit This product may qualify for	Yes
an energy efficiency tax credit.	
Power Source	120 VAC 60Hz
Max Vent Length	200 Ft
Dual Pipe Vent Diameter	3 inches
	17 3/16 x 13 1
Dimensions (WxDxH)	11/16 Inches
Weight	68 lbs

weight Warranty

0000 BTU es 20 VAC 60Hz 00 Ft inches 7 3/16 x 13 1/2 x 33 1/16 Inches 68 lbs 12 Year Limited



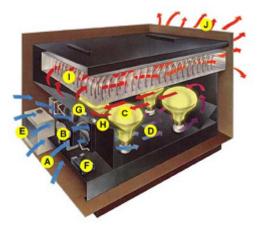
Portable Furnace 1500-Watt Room Heater

The Portable Furnace infrared heating system is a revolutionary concept offering more efficient heat at less cost. The Portable Furnaces impressive air quality and effective heating performance are the result of an innovative system design using absorption of infrared energy by a unique heat exchanger to produce, mix, circulate and recycle heated air at the proper location. The resulting even distribution minimizes heat loss at walls, windows, and ceilings; saving heat, energy and money! This system heats air in much the same way that the sun heats the earth and its atmosphere by means of safe infrared absorption.



How the Portable Furnace provides more comfortable & efficient heat

A low CFM fan quietly draws ambient (room) air into a plenum through the lifetime washable air filter; then the air is gently forced through the heat exchanger. The temperature of the air passing through the unit is increased by approximately 46 °C (115 °F) then delivered back into the room through the exhaust grill. This heating unit is safe enough to be housed in a real wood oak veneer cabinet with casters for ease of



mobility.

- A. Air Inlet: Return Air Enters Rear of Unit
- B. **Fan:** Permanently lubricated, maintenance free fan moves 120 cubic ft. of air per minute. Continuous-Duty Rated. A quiet, energy-efficient portable furnace, circulates and recycles heated air through the Lamp Chamber providing even heat from floor to ceiling.

- C. Lamps: Four unfiltered infra-red lamps. The exclusive design of the heat exchanger absorbs heat energy from four powerful, long-lasting infra-red industrial lamps, converting the energy to heat for transfer to the air. This heating approach protects recycled air from loss of humidity.
- D. Lamp Chamber: Non-reflective steel chamber for maximum absorption of infrared light energy.
- E. Thermostat: Temperature control.
- F. Solid-State Control Relay: Turns lamps on and off when signaled by thermostat.
- G. **High Limit Safety Switch:** Will turn unit off if temperature of lamp chamber exceeds 190 degrees.
- H. **Fan Control Switch:** Operates fan motor when temperature in lamp chamber reaches 90 degrees.
- Exclusive Heat Exchanger: Metal plate with multiple rows of hollow venturitubes. Maximum Heat transfer occurs in the heat chamber as the air passes around and through the hot tubes of the heat exchanger, increasing air temperature for re-entering to living area.
- J. Air Outlet Grill: Heated energized air exits front of unit. Clean, comfortable heated air gently flows into the living area, mixing and stabilizing air at the floor for more even temperature distribution and more effective floor-level circulation and recycling.

Safety: Extensive testing has verified the safety of the Portable Furnace zone furnace. Safe, clean infrared lamps provide the heat; there is no combustion or fumes. Due to its safe operating temperature, the Portable Furnace may be placed next to flammable materials with no safety clearance needed. This highest safety rating means lowest possible insurance costs. The Portable

Economy: The unique Portable Furnace process virtually prevents the wasteful air layering of conventional systems. The heat does not accumulate near the ceiling. By using individual controlled units the radiant heater system provides heat only where and when it is needed. Portable Furnace zone heating is less expensive per heated square foot and requires no expensive duct installation, therefore, no heat is lost every time the unit runs. The Portable Furnace uses standard 100-volt household current. Portable Furnace has lower operating and maintenance costs. There is only one moving part, the fan motor, and is equipped with quality trouble free controls. There are no burners to rust corrode or adjust; no pilot light to waste energy. Safe, clean, long-life infrared lamps provide the heat energy and are replaced easily and inexpensively (Average lamp

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life is 5000+ hours or approximately 3-5 years), The Portable Furnace is constructed of lifetime metals, copper, galvanized steel and aluminum.

Technical Specifications:

- Weight: 65 lbs Height: 18" Length: 24.5" Width: 16"
- Amperage: 12.5
- Watts: 1500

HVAC – Total Cost: \$103,048.44



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All the Fixtures and the Appliances we used in our Green Home are EPA and Energy Star certified. This means that we used the most efficient products in the market that saves energy and achieve our goal which is to build a green and efficient house.

Fixtures

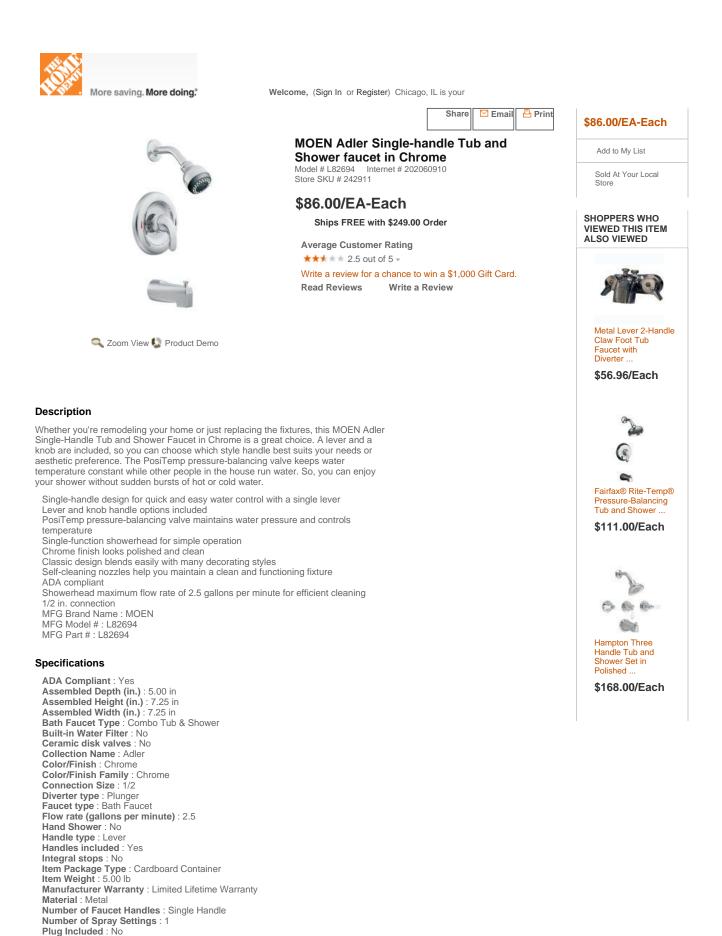
For the plumbing fixtures we used the EPA certified products which is more efficient and saves more energy.

Plumbing Fixtures included:-

- Dual Flush (EPA Certified) Toilets
- Bathroom Sinks
- Bathroom Faucets (EPA Certified)(Faucet Aerator attached)*
- Bathtub
- Bathtub Faucet and Shower Head (EPA Certified)
- Dual Kitchen Sink
- Utility Sink
- Utility Sink Faucet
- Walk-in Shower
- Kitchen Faucet (Faucet Aerator attached)*

*Faucet Aerator is a metal or plastic piece that installed at the tip of the faucet in order to save water and reduce splashing. (Certified by LEED)

Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total	Description
4	EACH	\$22.00	\$88.00	Kohler Sink Drain
1	EACH	\$128.00	\$128.00	American Standard Wall Mount Utility Faucet
1	EACH	\$428.00	\$428.00	Kohler Utility Sink
1	EACH	\$348.00	\$348.00	Stand-Up Shower Kit
2	EACH	\$86.00	\$172.00	Single-Handle Tub Faucet
2	EACH	\$44.95	\$89.90	Waterpik EcoFlow 5-Spray Hand Shower
1	EACH	\$407.00	\$407.00	Kohler Villager Right Hand Cast Iron Tub
3	EACH	\$98.00	\$294.00	Glacier Bay Dual Flush High Efficiency Toilet
4	EACH	\$88.00	\$352.00	American Standard 2-Handle Bathroom Faucet
4	EACH	\$55.00	\$220.00	White Cast Bath Lavatory Sink
1	EACH	\$108.00	\$108.00	Two Handle Kitchen Faucet
1	EACH	\$311.84	\$311.84	Dual Mount Double Bowl Kitchen Sink
6	EACH	\$4.29	\$25.74	1.5 GPM Regular Male Aerator
			·	
		Total	\$2,972.48	



Pressure Balancing or Thermostatic : Pressure Balancing

Required rough-in valve included : Yes Showerhead face diameter (in.) : 2.75 Showerhead type : Fixed mount Spout Reach (in.) : 5.0 in Style : Classic Tub/Shower Faucet Type : Tub-Shower

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Warranty

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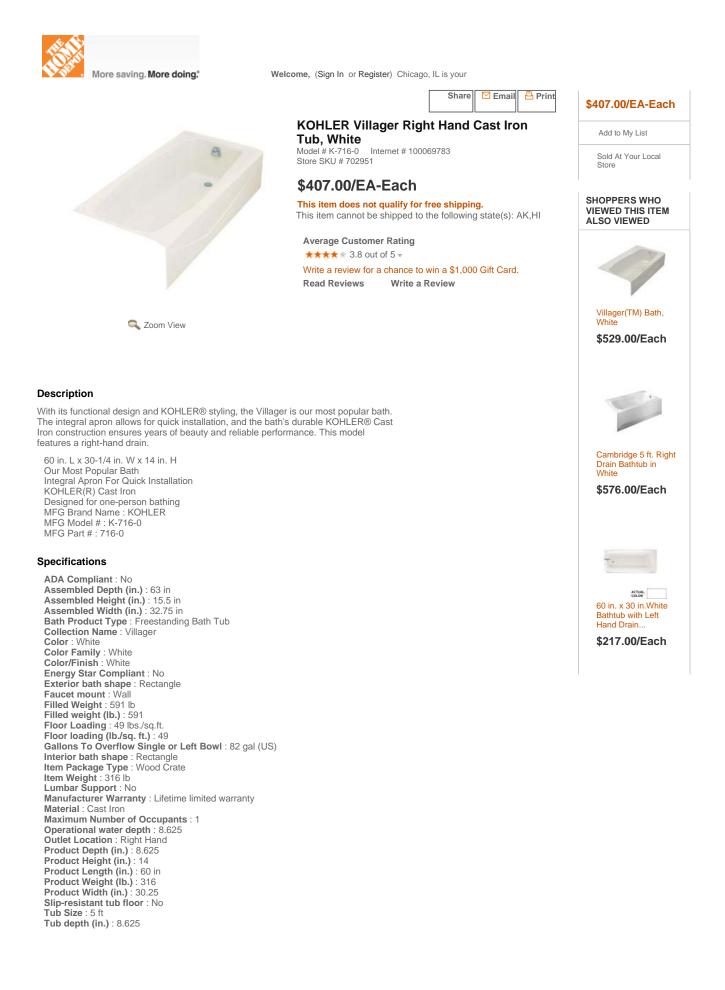
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Tub length (in.) : 60 Tub width (in.) : 30.25 Water Depth To Overflow : 8.63 in Water capacity (gallons) : 33 Water depth to overflow (in.) : 8.625 Width : 30.25 in

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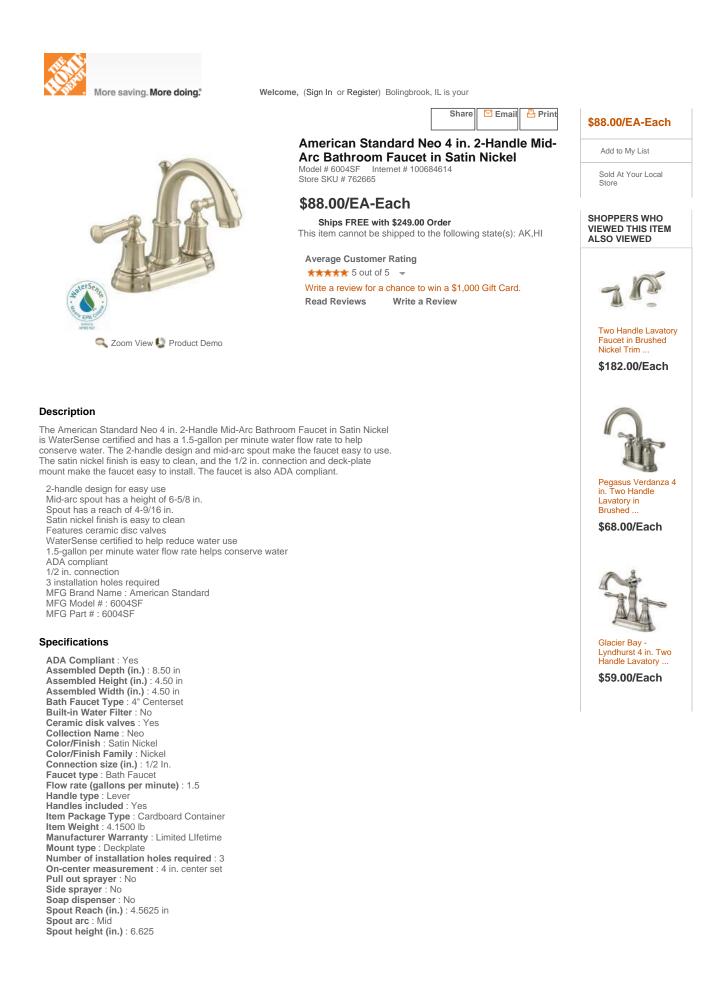
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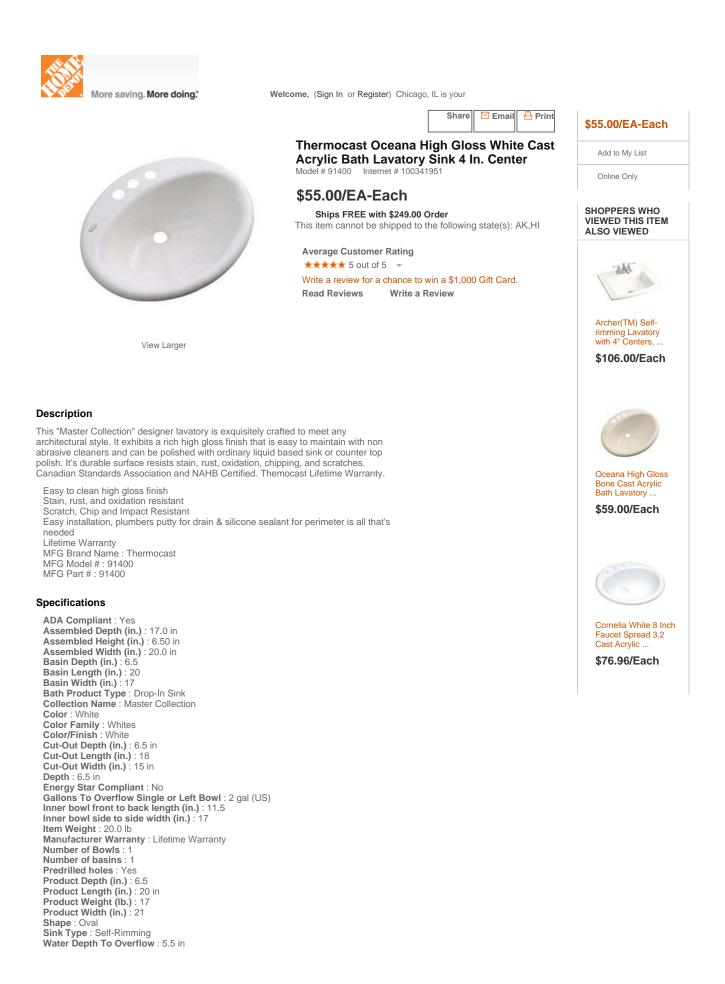


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Width : 20 in

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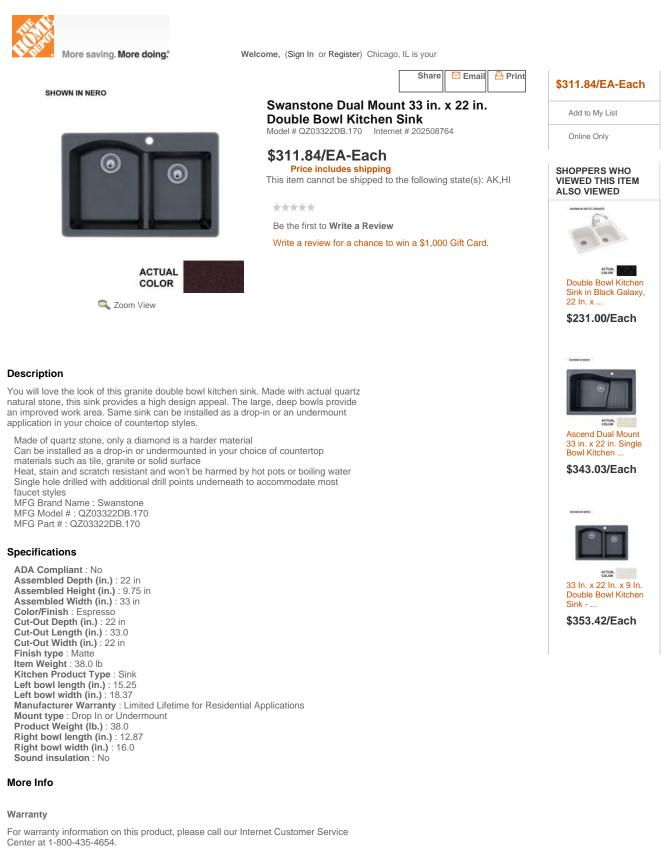




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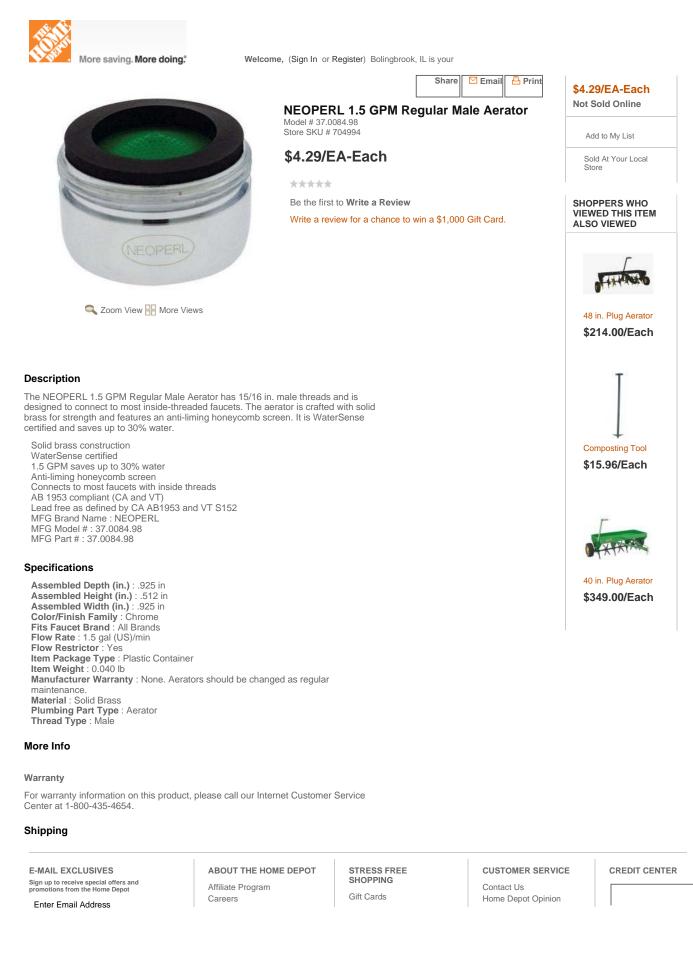
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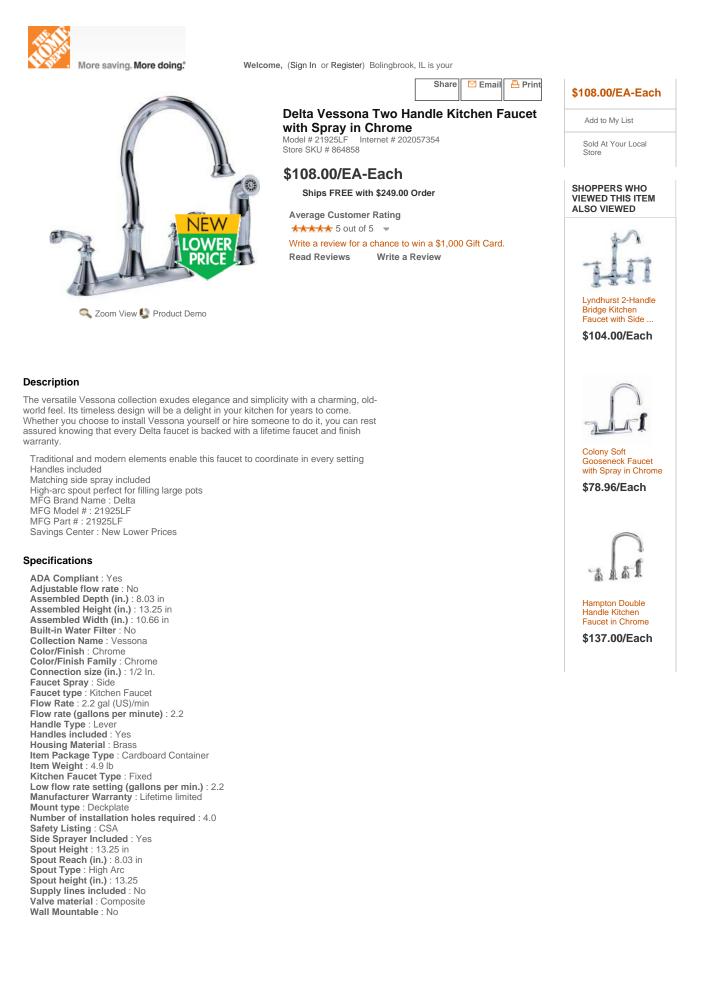


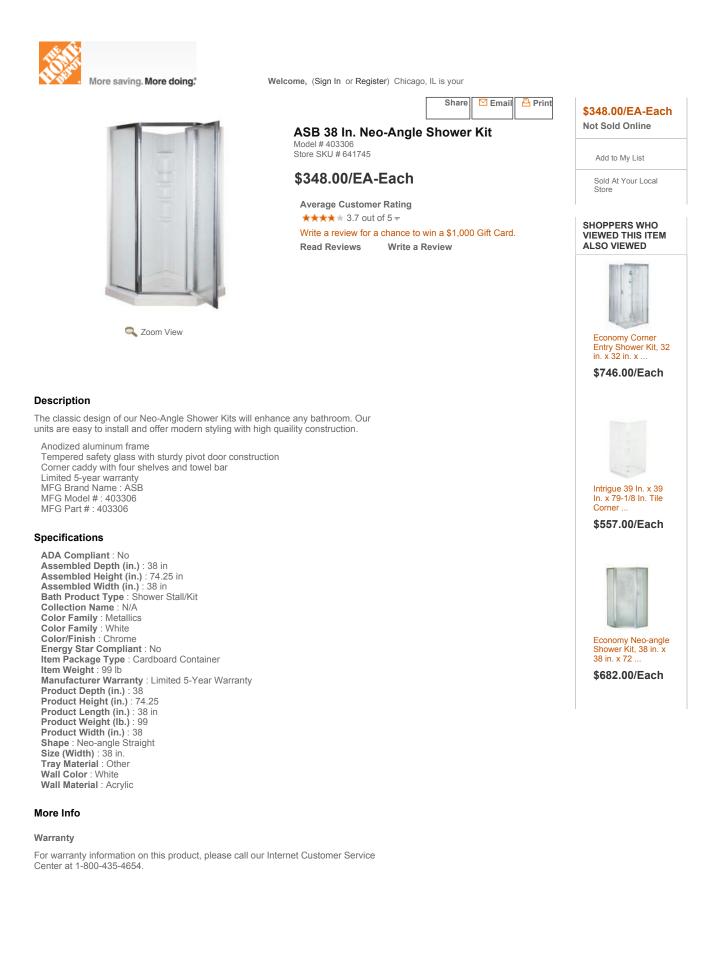
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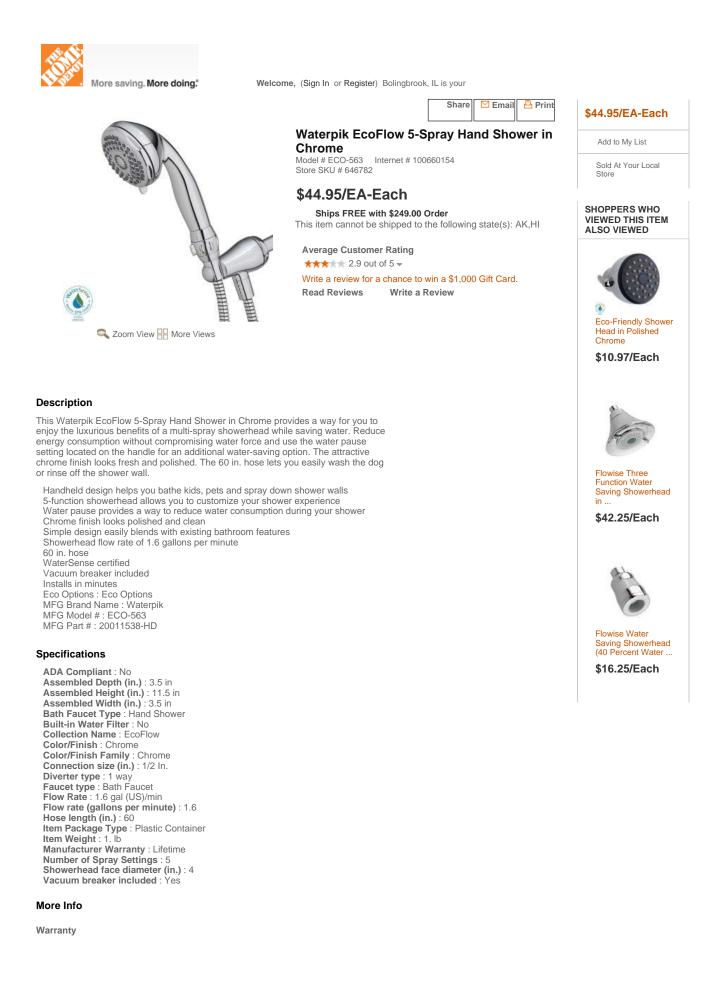
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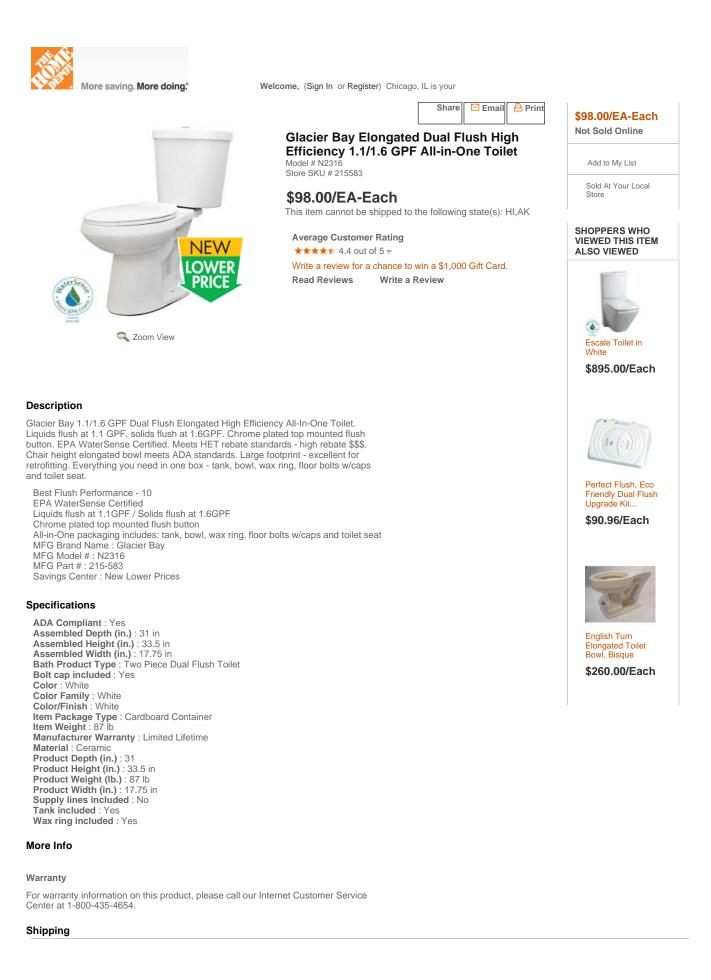
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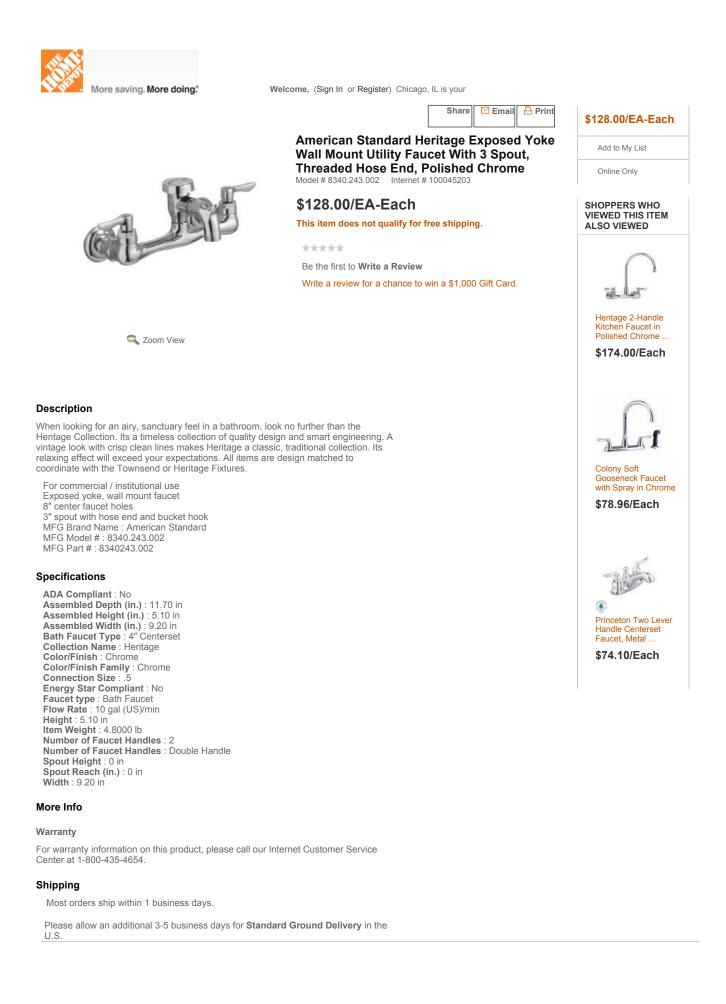


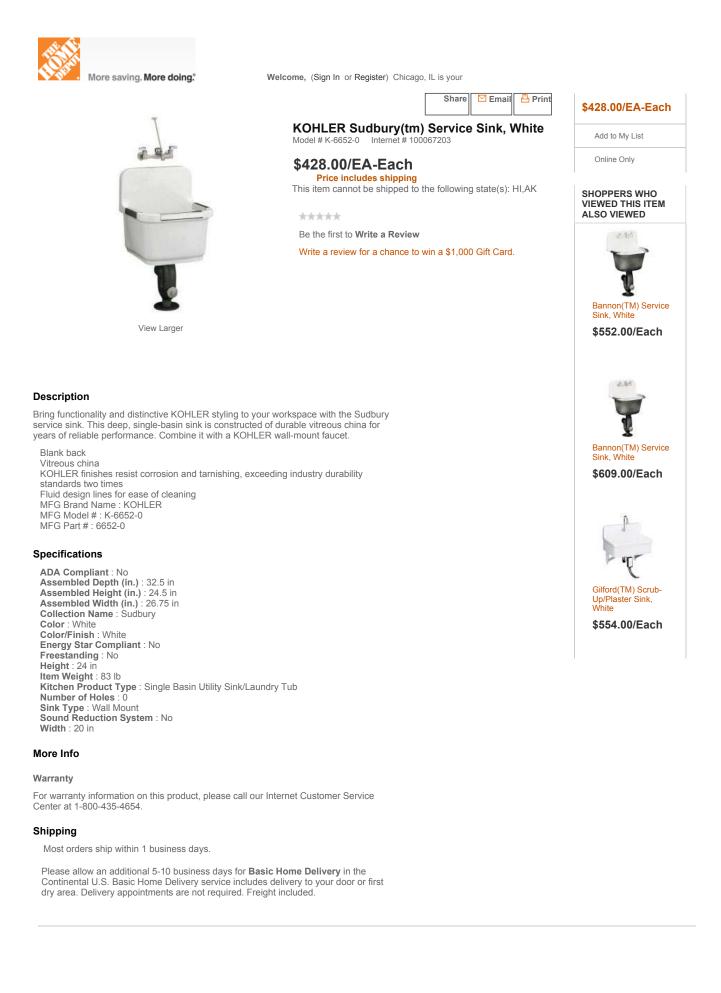










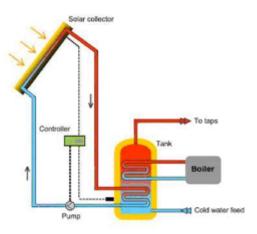




Appendix 6

Optional Packages

Solar Thermal Energy



Solar thermal is one of the renewable technologies. Nowadays, solar energy is getting an attention because solar heat is environmentally friendly because it does not produce any greenhouse gases nor does not pollute the environment. Also, it is very clean and safe to use as an energy source.

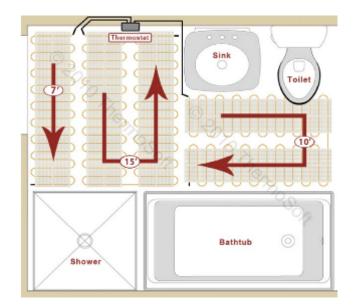
To get a legitimate solar thermal system, it costs about \$20,000. Energy saving is around \$200. This is one of our optional packages that we are promoting. *Based in 2000 ft²

Bathroom Radiant Underfloor Heating

By installing electric radiant floor heating in the bathroom, it saves money and protects the over-heat in an advance. This is good because this helps to control bathroom individually for the comfort.

The average-size bathroom costs about \$400-700 to install a thin electric mat with a timer-thermostat.

This is one of the packages that we offer for those who want electric radiant floor heating to their bathrooms.



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The products are from "Thermosoft" Company



Model	Electricity cost	Installation	Suited for
TT80-240	\$93.8722	\$587.31	Tile
Width:1.5ft	(4 months)		Marble
Length: 80ft	(6 hours/day)		Stone
			Porcelain
			Laminate floor
TF 3005-120	\$9.744	\$810	Engineered floor
Width: 3 ft	(4 months)		Floating/glue-down
Length: 5	(6 hours/day)		Snap lock tiles

Photovoltaic



Photovoltaic (PV) is a method of generating electrical power by converting solar radiation into direct current electricity using semiconductors that exhibit the photovoltaic effect.

PV Panel Dimensions ¹ (Inch)	Max Yearly ² Output (kWh)	Total Cost	Yearly Electric Bill Saving	Payback Time
Length: 216" Width: 232.5" Depth: 0.6"	6,765.12kWh	\$21,724.00	\$723.87	30 years 1 month

PV Panel Design Detail

Advantages:

The 89 petawatts of sunlight reaching the Earth's surface is plentiful - almost 6,000 times more than the 15 terawatts equivalent of average power consumed by humans. Additionally, solar electric generation has the highest power density (global mean of 170 W/m²) among renewable energies. Solar power is pollution-free during use. PV installations can operate for many years with little maintenance or intervention after their initial set-up.

Reasons for not choosing this technology for this project:

Photovoltaic are costly to install, so that the payback time is too long.

Solar electricity is not produced at night and is much reduced in cloudy conditions. Therefore, a "storage or complementary power system"³ is required.

Solar electricity production depends on the limited power density of the location's insulation.

Solar cells produce DC, which must be converted to AC (using a grid tie inverter) when used in existing distribution grids. This incurs an energy loss of 4-12%.

1: 144W PV panel sheet with dimension 216 inch in length, 15.5 inch in width, 0.6 inch in depth including potted terminal housing assembly. A total number of 15 units are needed for the system.

2: Maximum yearly output is calculated with 10 hours of sunlight in Chicago. The 13% of the electricity loss from the inverter is included.

3: Instead of purchasing the expansive batteries, net metering is considered to use. In Illinois, net metering is available to electric customers that generate electricity using solar energy. The utility must provide the necessary metering equipment for systems up to 40 kW in capacity, while customers with systems greater than 40 kW but less than 2 MW must pay for the costs of installing necessary metering equipment, the price is about 1000 dollars.

Wind Turbine



A wind turbine is a rotary device that extracts energy from the wind.

Max Yearly ² Output (kWh)	Total Cost	Yearly Maintenance	Yearly Electric Bill Saving	Payback Time
8,019.72kWh	\$7,610.49	\$80.18	\$858.11	9 years 10 month

Wind Turbine Design Detail

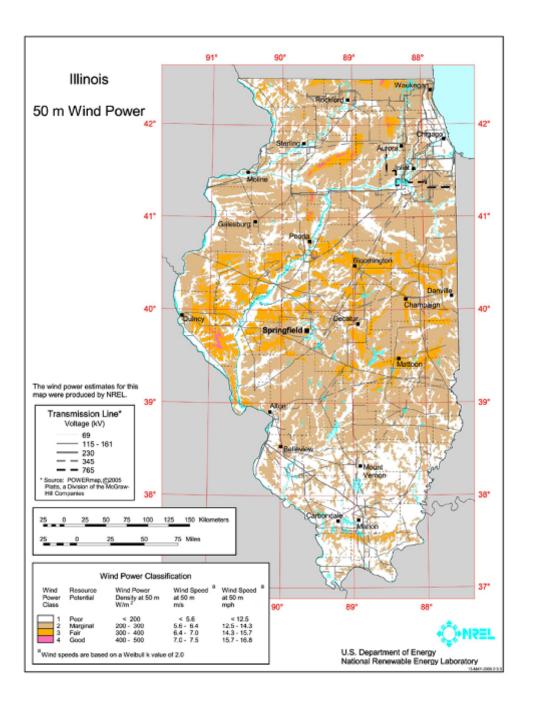
Advantages:

The benefits of home wind turbines include lowering energy costs, tax breaks, improving the value of home and helping the world move toward using more green energy.

Reasons for not choosing this technology for this project:

For wind turbine efficiency, "NREL (National Renewable Energy Laboratory)"¹ map of Illinois shows that 11mph of wind speed or better average to be successful. The map shows the resource potential is poor in Chicago. Based on the data collected, the average wind speed in Chicago is only 10.3mph.

The wind turbine tower needs to be built at least 20 feet above any surrounding trees or structures in a 250-foot radius to reach a minimum efficiency requirement. However this is illegal according to the zoning ordinance.

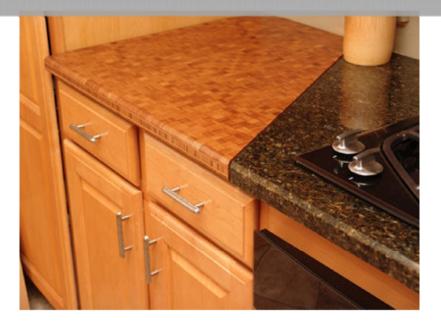


1: NREL (National Renewable Energy Laboratory) Map of Illinois



Appendix 7

FINISHES



Concrete Counter Tops

Because the material and color of countertops are very important to many consumers, we are giving them the option to choose their own from a list of green materials. We are recommending concrete counter tops, which can be very similar to granite in looks and durability, but uses less energy in the mining and transportation costs.



			Kitchen		Bathrooms			
					1st	2nd		
Material	Cost/	Sq ft.	Counter	Island	floor	floor	Master	Total
Concrete countertops	60	75	\$1 <i>,</i> 755	\$1,823	\$506	\$506	\$1,080	\$5 <i>,</i> 670
Laminate counters	25	50	\$975	\$1,013	\$281	\$281	\$600	\$3,150
Paper countertops	50	50	\$1,300	\$1,350	\$375	\$375	\$800	\$4,200
Plastic countertop	50	100	\$1,950	\$2 <i>,</i> 025	\$563	\$563	\$1,200	\$6,300
Stone countertops	65	65	\$1,690	\$1,755	\$488	\$488	\$1,040	\$5 <i>,</i> 460
Recycled glass countertops								
(terrazzo)	50	120	\$2,210	\$2,295	\$638	\$638	\$1,360	\$7,140

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Material	Selection Tips	Pros	Cons	Materials Cost
Concrete Simple mixture of cement, aggregate (often sand), and water.	Because large amounts of energy are required for transport, look for a local fabricator. Use fly ash as a substitute for cement (at least 30%).	* highly durable * easy to clean * no offgassing * recyclable as slab or crushed aggregate	* high embodied energy for manufacture of cement * requires sealant to avoid stains * dust during installation	\$60 to \$75 per square foot
Laminate Green laminates are made from recycled plastic, nontoxic glues, and formaldehyde-free substrate.	Look for laminate made from recycled plastic that has been glued to formaldehyde-free substrate with nontoxic glues. Fasten to cabinet boxes with mechanical fasteners.	* easy to clean * stain-resistant	* low durability * particleboard substrate may offgas formaldehyde * not recyclable	\$25 to \$50 per square foot
Paper Composite (Solid Surfacing) Made from paper and a resin binder.	High content of recycled paper is preferable. Look for low VOC resins.	* easy to clean * durable (particularly impact and heat resistant) * raw material is a renewable resource * recycled content	* can be scratched * lighter colors may show stains * colors may not be UV stable	\$50+ per square foot
Recycled Plastic (Solid Surfacing) Highly durable material made from recycled plastics that would otherwise go to the landfill.	High content of recycled plastic is preferable.	* easy to clean * recycled content * highly durable	* may scratch, but can be sanded out in most cases * not recyclable * may flex over time	\$50 to \$100 per square foot
Terrazzo Aggregate of glass or stone chips (sometimes recycled) and binders.	Look for locally manufactured products with high recycled glass content, preferably post-consumer. Some binders may emit VOCs. Available as both tiles and poured- in-place integral floor slab (with epoxy or cement binder).	* recycled content * highly durable * easy to clean * resistant to stains and burning	* because of its heavy weight, high embodied energy for transport	\$50 to \$120 per square foot for slab
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Kitchen Cabinetry

Base Cabinetry to fit under the countertops as well as wall mounted to fit above the countertops. In the interest of time only one style of cabinetry was priced.

Subtotal: \$3,143.59 Shipping: \$221.19 20% off -\$628.72 Discount Total: -\$628.72 Tax: \$0.00 \$2,736.06		Model		Description	Qty	Unit Price	
	Remove	SB33-HCN	·	HENDLEY CAYENNE (HCN) Sink Base 33"	1 Update	\$347.26	
	Remove	B18FHL-HCN	A DEC	HENDLEY CAYENNE (HCN) Base 18" Full Height Hinged Left	3 Update	\$265.36	
		Remove	WMS301818-HCN	D.	HENDLEY CAYENNE (HCN) Wall Microwave Shelf 30" x 18" x 18"	1 Update	\$146.02
	Remove	W362418-HCN	(D)	HENDLEY CAYENNE (HCN) Wall 36" x 24" x 18"	4 Update	\$285.95	
	Remove	W1836L-HCN	-	HENDLEY CAYENNE (HCN) Wall 18" x 36" Hinged Left	3 Update	\$236.81	

Flooring

- Hardwood
 - About 736 SF
 - Material = \$ 2208 (\$59.80/ 20 SF (case))
 - ✓ Labor = \$1472 (\$1.99/ SF)
 - ✓ Transitions = \$ 500

Tiles

- ✓ About 178 SF
- ✓ Material = \$ 300 (\$25.20/ 15 SF (case))
- ✓ Labor = \$782 (\$4.39/ SF)
- Carpet





- ✓ About 511 SF
- ✓ Material = \$ 1441(\$25.65/ Sq. Yard) (\$2.85/ SF)
- ✓ Labor = \$97 (regardless the size(This deal is offered

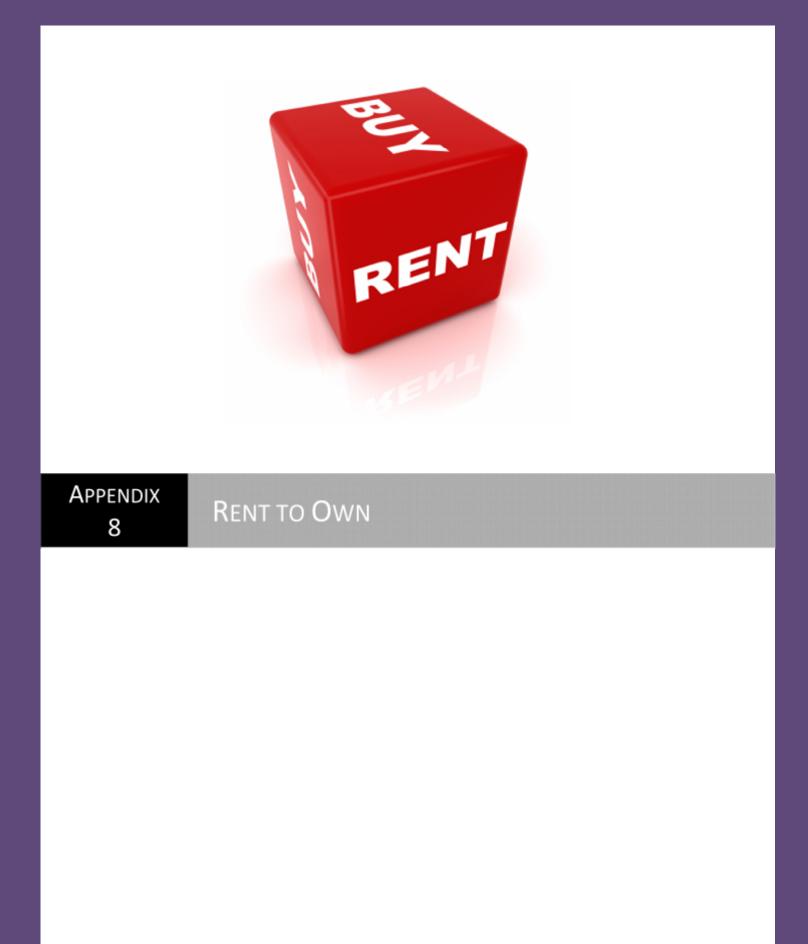
by HOMEDEPOT)

• Insulation under flooring (Quiet walk) = \$900 (59.97/ 100 SF)

	Hardwood	Tiles	Carpet
Size (SF)	736	178	511
Materials	59.80 / 20 SF	\$25.02/15 SF	\$2.85/ SF
Total	\$2,708	\$300	\$1,441
Labor	\$1.99/ SF	\$4.39/ SF	-
Total	\$1,472	\$782	\$97

Total Cost of Flooring = \$7603 / unit

Reference: HOMEDEPOT



Rent To Own Payment Model



The real estate market hasn't been easy on developers and people who are looking to sell. We are experimenting with a payment model that has gained popularity recently and is generating unprecedented results. The model is Rent to Own, this model works by leasing out the unit to a tenant with the option to buy the house in three years. This is an option where the tenant gets to see and use the facilities of the house before making the decision to buy it. Rent is collected from the tenants and **80%** of the rent goes to the owners while **20%** is added to a pile which the tenant can use to pay (subtracted from) the down payment if the tenant decides to buy the house. If the tenant decides not to buy the house, the tenant will have to forfeit the entire 20%. This is used to encourage the tenants to stay and also to protect the owners of the house when the house is vacant.

We believe that this is the payment model that will provide a solid return on investment for the owners of the houses. Sustainability and affordability are our major marketable items, but the rent to own payment model could also be a feature that can bring in customers who are worried about buying a house outright.