



ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS DIRECTIVE Frequently Asked Questions: Level 3 ACEA

Why are Air Conditioning inspections required ?

Having your air conditioning system inspected by an Energy Assessor is designed to improve efficiency and reduce the electrical consumption, operating costs and carbon emissions for your system. The inspections will highlight improvements to the operation of your existing system or opportunities to replace older, less efficient systems with modern efficient inverter systems.

Is it a legal requirement to have an inspection ?

Yes. You are now legally obligated to have an Air Conditioning as part of the Government EPBD (Energy Performance of Buildings Directive).

Do all Air Conditioning systems need to be assessed ?

Only buildings with a total cooling Kw rating of 12Kw and over have to be inspected, eg: 1 x 3.5Kw unit plus 1 x 10Kw unit (13.5Kw).

When are the inspections due ?

For buildings with between 12Kw and 249Kw the deadline for the inspection is the 4th January 2011. For buildings with 250Kw of cooling and over, the initial deadline was set for 4th January 2009. This has been pushed out due to an initial shortage of qualified inspectors but will shortly be implemented. Inspection reports remain valid for 5 years.

Are there penalties for not having an Air Conditioning report ?

The penalty for failing to have an Air Conditioning inspection is presently a fixed £300. This is a rolling fine with a repeated £300 fine every three months until an inspection has been carried out.

Does the inspection include refrigeration systems ?

No. The inspection only covers air conditioning systems and not process cooling.

What can I expect ?

A qualified inspector will arrange to visit site and carry out an indepth inspection of a selected number of systems. Full access will be required to the building in order to inspect the air conditioning correctly. Documentation for the systems will be inspected (where available) and where ever possible the inspection will be carried out to suit your business to avoid or keep any disruption to a minimum.

HOW CAN CLEAN AIR HELP

In order to adhere with the requirements of the legislation (ie, it calls for an independent survey) we have partnered with a totally independent Inspector who can carry out the inspections for our customers. An outline of costs:

Split Air Conditioning Systems

1 – 10 split units	£565+vat
11 - 25 split units	£695+vat
26 – 40 split units	£825+vat

VRF Air Conditioning Systems

1 VRF System	£565+vat
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Prices are current as at 1 Dec 2010, but may be changed without notice.

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