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COST EFFECTIVENESS:

Though geothermal systems can be more expensive to purchase up front, the cost difference will be returned through drastically lower energy bills. Most GeoStar owners see savings up to 70% on their utility bills!

GREATER COMFORT:

A GeoStar unit runs only at the level needed by using a variable speed motor. It’ll slowly ramp up to speed rather than “roaring” to life like a traditional unit—resulting in even, consistent comfort. You won’t experience the large temperature fluctuations associated with other heating and cooling solutions.

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COMPARE THE PERFORMANCE

A GeoStar unit can reduce your annual costs for heating, cooling and hot water by as much as 70% per year. No other gas furnace, air conditioner or heat pump comes close to GeoStar’s efficiency. With continuous and dramatic increases in the cost of fossil fuels like natural gas, propane and fuel oil, the savings possibilities are even greater in the future. Your GeoStar dealer can use software modeling tools to estimate the heating and cooling costs for your home based on square footage, construction style, and climate.

GEOSTAR BENEFITS

Thanks to the unique way geothermal units operate, they provide a host of exciting benefits to you and our environment.

There are four main loop types used in the geothermal industry today. Your GeoStar dealer can provide you with guidance and advice for your specific situation.

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GeoStar Geothermal
Standard Geothermal
High Efficiency Heat Pump & Air Conditioner
Heating - Furnace, Boiler, Baseboard
Cooling - Standard Heat Pump or A/C
High Efficiency Gas or Propane Furnace
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VERTICAL LOOP

Used when space is limited. Holes are bored approximately 225 to 250 ft. deep using a drilling rig. A pair of polyethylene pipes with a u-bend fitting is inserted into the holes. A typical home requires three to five bores with roughly a 15-foot separation between the holes.

HORIZONTAL LOOP

Used where adequate land is available. Horizontal loops involve one or more trenches dug using a backhoe or chain trencher. Polyethylene pipes are laid, and the trenches are backfilled. A typical home requires 1 3/4 to 3 1/2 GPM of water for the GeoStar unit.

POND LOOP

If an adequately sized body of water is close to your home, a pond loop can be installed. A series of closed loops are coiled and sunk to the bottom of the pond or lake. A 1/2 acre, 8-foot-deep pond is usually sufficient for the average home.

OPEN LOOP

An open loop is used where there is an abundant supply of quality well water. The well must have enough capacity to provide adequate flow for both domestic use and the GeoStar unit. GeoStar units require 3 - 10 GPM, depending on size.

Comparative Loop Efficiency

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GeoStar products are designed to heat and cool while saving you money and protecting our environment. The Aston Series utilizes environmentally safe R-410A refrigerant and includes scroll compressors—the most durable and efficient compressor technology. Dual capacity operation provides the finest in comfort and energy savings. And with the Aurora family of controls, you’ll have two-way communication, energy monitoring, and one of the most efficient dual stage geothermal heating and cooling units to date.

ASTON SERIES FEATURES

BLOWER MOTOR: A variable-speed ECM blower motor allows the unit to provide even comfort, quiet operation, and energy savings.

CABINET: A durable powder-coat finish is standard for long lasting beauty and protection. The unit is fully insulated with a cleanable, foil-backed insulation and helps provide quiet operation.

ALL-ALUMINUM AIR COIL: An aluminum air coil is featured to provide durability and extended system life.

HOT WATER ASSIST: With an optional hot water assist, the Aston Series can preheat your water and deliver it to your water heater. In the heating mode, hot water is generated at the efficiency of the unit. In cooling, heat is placed in the hot water tank rather than back into the earth, and hot water is free!

COMPRESSOR: For the best in efficiency, all dual stage Aston units feature Scroll UltraTech™ compressors, while single capacity units utilize LG rotary compressors. All compressors are double isolation mounted for quiet operation.

AURORA CONTROLS: Aurora provides two-way communication between components, a modular design for future upgrades and easy-to-use diagnostic capabilities. The Aurora expansion board adds true energy monitoring, extended hot water generation control and more.

FACTORY QUALITY: Quality checks are performed throughout the assembly process, and computer run-testing is done on every unit to ensure flawless startup and long-term reliability.

R-410A: All Aston Series units use R-410A—an environmentally friendly non-ozone-depleting refrigerant that enhances efficiency and savings.

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