Heat Pumps in Multi Family Buildings



Bivalent Heat Pumps, Switzerland

The heating system in this multi-family housing estate was completely exchanged.



Key facts

Buildings

Location Zurich,

Switzerland

Construction 1928
Renovation 2001
Project type retrofit

Heat distribution -Heated space -

No. of apartments 12 MFHs with 82

dwellings

Level of insulation -

Heat pump and source

Number of -

Operation mode bivalent

Heat source air, exhaust fumes

Heating system

Heat demand for the whole urban

settlement 985 MWh/a

Heating temperature -

Domestic hot water

Type of system mix
Max. temperature -

Other information

Coefficient of
Performance Refrigerant -

Gas boiler 300 kW

Lessons learned



Pictures: Baugenossenschaft Oberstrass

In 2001, the whole heating system of the multi-family housing settlement in the quarter of Oberstrass in Zurich from 1928 was renovated. Instead of simply exchanging the burners, a bivalent heating syste, was installed: Now a air/water heat pump provides roughly half of the heat demand for Space Heating and Domestic Hot Water.

During the summer, the heat pump manages to provide all of the Domestic Hot Water demand; during the winter there is an additional gas boiler running. In addition to external air, residual heat from exhaust fumes is used as a heat source.