

# HOME MAINTENANCE

## Is It Time To Repair Or Replace Your HVAC System?

(NAPSA)—When it's time to decide whether to repair or replace your existing air-conditioning system, there are a few things to consider. When the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) system is newer, performing simple repairs is usually more cost effective and will often prolong the life of the system. Conversely, older systems may experience more complicated problems in which repairs are possible but may not be the best choice in the long run. Comparing the cost of repairs versus the cost of replacement may aid in your decision.

### Things to Consider

The experts at Coleman® Heating & Air Conditioning from Johnson Controls suggest a few things to examine, when it comes to your HVAC unit.

First, as you make your comparison, consider energy costs. Today's new air-conditioning systems are up to 60 percent more efficient than systems manufactured 10 years ago. If you are concerned about utility bills and are faced with an expensive repair, look at the energy savings new systems offer.

Second, the nature of the repair is also important. Repairs that require replacement of system components may result in an unmatched system, which can decrease system efficiency, compromise comfort and shorten the compressor life span.



Third, when it comes to comfort, if repairs to an immediate problem will not address ongoing comfort issues, such as cold spots, drafts, humidity or air-quality concerns, these are good indicators that it's time for a new system.

Today's new systems, such as the Echelon™ 5T Series 15+ SEER air conditioner from Coleman, offer a variety of new features, including two-stage cooling, WhisperDrive™ technology and humidifiers, designed to increase comfort and improve indoor air quality.

As you make the decision to repair or replace your HVAC system, your contractor should explain the importance of efficiency and sound ratings, load calculations, comfort features and warranties. To learn more about stylish, energy-efficient and quiet HVAC units that help ensure comfort, visit [www.colemanac.com](http://www.colemanac.com) or call (877) 874-7378.