

PRESS INFORMATION

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Aquafree

The new AquaFree is the latest addition to the Hitachi product range. The system comprises of a Hitachi DC Inverter Heat Pump outdoor unit and a water module indoor unit and can provide efficient water heating for a variety of applications to include low temperature radiators, under floor heating and swimming pools. It also has the added feature of offering partial cooling for those hot summer months.

The AquaFree system incorporates a set of technical benefits that make it one of the most attractive on the market. It has a large operating range and can effectively provide heating in outdoor temperatures ranging between -20° and 20°C and partial cooling in outdoor temperatures of between 20° and 48°C.

The AquaFree's most significant feature is the significant reduction in running costs when compared to traditional boiler systems, with estimated annual savings of up to 60% of those incurred from using standard electrical water heaters.

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