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Description

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Scope

This article includes:

- Extremely efficient if well designed
- Best suited to more airtight homes

- Pointers to improve efficiency
- Unheated rooms can reduce efficiency
- It's not for all homes

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