

5 Things Your HVAC Warranty Should Cover

When comparison-shopping, review the HVAC warranty for appliances you may be interested in purchasing to learn how they may lower your out-of-pocket expenses in case of need of repair or replacement. In addition, review the factors that could void a warranty to ensure that you follow the manufacturer's guidelines.



HERE ARE THE TOP THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN AN HVAC WARRANTY

✓ Check the Overall Warranty Terms

- A warranty's term refers to how long it lasts
- Since an HVAC system can last up to 20 years, a good manufacturer covers its product for more than a couple years
- A lifetime warranty might seem good, it may not cover the cost of labor, or it may only cover the cost of labor during the first year

✓ Look at Parts Warranty Terms

- A warranty's term may differ for different parts of the HVAC system and labor costs
- The warranty may cover larger components, such as a heat exchanger, but not smaller components that require regular maintenance, such as fan belts or air filters

✓ Consider an Extended HVAC warranty

- An HVAC contractor's extended warranty may add 5 to 10 years to the original warranty's term
- Learn details about the extended warranty before purchasing: when the coverage begins, how long you'd have to wait for a technician to repair the unit, and the dealer's history in the industry
- If a sales representative seems pushy about purchasing an extended warranty, this may speak to the appliance's quality

✓ Avoid These Mistakes

- It is easy to void a warranty by accident
- Failing to register the product on time, not hiring a licensed contractor to install the HVAC system or make repairs, failing to schedule regular professional maintenance, not using approved replacement parts, and not keeping maintenance receipts

✓ Read the Installation Paperwork

- Reputable HVAC dealers and contractors stand behind their work with their own warranties
- These warranties protect you in the event an HVAC unit receives damage during the installation process, as well as installation-related mistakes
- The best contractors offer a 100 percent money-back guarantee in writing