

Calorex in 'pool' position

The owners of an award-winning refurbished swimming pool in Kent are enjoying significant energy savings following the installation of a Calorex Pro-Pac heat pump.

Recognised as the most sustainable way to dynamically heat swimming pool water, a Calorex Pro-Pac 22Y unit was chosen for the project by Bespoke Swimming Pools to keep energy and operating costs to a minimum.

"The customer wanted a concrete pool to replace the old, tired unusable liner pool that was already in place," explains Tony Keogh of Bespoke Swimming Pools.

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Designed and manufactured in the UK under ISO9001 compliance, the highly innovative Pro-Pac heat pumps are specifically designed for swimming pool heating and are capable of providing a pool with up to five units of absorbed heat for every one unit paid for.

Graham Kneale, H&V field sales manager at Certikin, Calorex's UK distributor, explains: "In the summer, the heat pump will work at a coefficient of performance (COP) of about 5:1, which means that heat goes into the pool at one fifth of the price of standard rate electricity. Typically, electricity is 12.5p/kWh so heat goes into the pool at 2.5p/kWh."

"Gas is currently priced at 4.6p/kWh, which after allowing for the energy efficiency of the boiler, the heat pump will heat the pool for about half the cost of gas in summer."

Graham adds: "In winter, Calorex heat pumps fall to a COP of about 3:1, making the heat into the pool at about 4.2 p/kWh - still lower than heating with gas."

Pro-Pac X heat pumps are ideal for outdoor pool heating or pools with a semi-permanent enclosure to extend the useable period of a normal outdoor pool, when temperatures are above 5°C. Whereas Pro-Pac Y pumps are suited to heating indoor or outdoor pools all year round and can operate in temperatures as low as -15°C.

The project BY Bespoke Swimming Pools scooped a Gold standard accolade at the UK Pool & Spa Awards and was praised by the judges in the Residential Refurbishment of

the Year category, for its aesthetic design and energy efficient credentials.

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