



Spanish students benefit from a renewable heating and cooling solution from Thermia

With their new geothermal energy system, the management of the Montegancedo student residence to offer extremely energy-efficient housing that is sustainable, renewable and guarantees superior comfort in its apartments.





Student's residence

Montegancedo student residence

Located in the municipality of Pozuelo de Alarcón near Madrid, the brand new Montegancedo student residence has 1,200 m² of usable space and comprises three floors: basement, ground and first floor. The ground floor contains office space and a private residence. The ground floor has twelve apartments and the first floor ten. The building requires heating, cooling and hot water all year round and the distribution system uses fan coils. Architecturally, nothing impairs the building's exterior appearance as there are no solar panels, outdoor units, chimneys, etc.

Thermia heat pumps – the most efficient solution for heating and cooling

The heating and cooling system is based on Thermia Mega L (14 – 59 kW), a new commercial ground-source heat pump with inverter-driven compressor. The main advantage of this heat pump is that it can continuously adjust heating or cooling output to current demand, which means that

the heat pump can supply 100 per cent of the building's energy requirements. In addition, the Thermia Mega can also provide simultaneous heating and cooling. If the primary function is cooling, any heat surplus is used to produce hot water. The system is able to swap between the hot and cold tanks without using energy from the boreholes.

The domestic hot water cylinder is a Thermia WT-C 750. With 1.5 litres/s -5.4 m³/h performance, this is easily able to meet the building's requirements while eliminating potential legionella-

related problems. Hot gas technology provides a high volume of hot water and makes hot water production extremely cost-effective.

A 1000-litre capacity cold water storage tank provides the cooling function in summer. There is no buffer tank for heating, as this has been replaced by a controller function. This means that the temperature of the heating supply is constantly adapted to the building's requirements and outdoor conditions, which in turn reduces installation costs and the space needed for the system.

'I believe that thanks to Thermia's modern and efficient geothermal energy system, students can study in comfort and the management of student residence will be able to offer low energy-consumption housing that is sustainable and saving money.'

says architect Javier Ruiz Chércoles



Student's room

Energy efficiency and environmental footprint awareness

The new energy solution has enabled the management of the Montegancedo student residence to offer extremely energy-efficient housing that is sustainable, renewable and guarantees superior comfort in its apartments. If the system's energy and carbon values are compared to a conventional installation using a gas boiler, typical air-conditioning unit and solar panels, the energy

saving and CO₂ emissions for primary energy are 85,679 kWh/year (63%) and 20,777 kg CO₂ emissions (56%).

Girod Geotermia, the contractor that designed and installed the new system, won the eighth edition of the best geothermal installation award in the residential sector in the Community of Madrid. The jury praised the Montegancedo student residence for its contributions to energy saving, energy efficiency and environmental impact.

Fact Box

Type of building:

Student residence hall

Location: Pozuelo de Alarcón, near Madrid, Spain

Characteristics of the building

- Heated and cooled area: 1200 m₂
- Heating: 74,854 kWh/year
- Cooling: 40,306 kWh/year
- Hot water: 14,500 kWh/year

Applied solution:

Geothermal heating

- Thermia Mega L (14 – 59 kW),
- 7 boreholes, each 140 meters deep
- Tank WT-C 750

Air conditioning and hot water consumption: 25,424 kWh/year

Energy saving: 85,679 kWh/year (63%)

CO₂ savings: 20,777 kg CO₂ (56%)

Completion date: 20 November 2016



Thermia Mega - inverter-driven ground source heat pumps



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