

# Factors That Determine Combi Boiler Cost

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BERKSHIRE, UK, October 25, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- When considering a new combi boiler for home, cost is often a primary concern. There are several factors that determine how much a combi boiler will cost to purchase and install. The brand, model, and size of the boiler itself significantly impact the overall price. More advanced, higher efficiency boilers from reputable brands will typically cost more than basic models. The needed installation components



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like flue pipes, thermostats, and pumps will also increase the total price. The complexity of the existing plumbing and heating system may require additional parts and labor, resulting in a higher final cost. However, investing in a high-quality, efficient combi boiler will yield lower



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energy bills and a longer lifespan. For homeowners in Berkshire, Surrey, Hampshire, Middlesex and surrounding areas, <u>RBHM – The Boiler Experts</u> offer fully qualified plumbers and heating engineers to help determine the right combi boiler solution.

What Is a Combi Boiler?

A combi boiler, or combination boiler, provides instant hot

water and central heating in one compact unit. Combi boilers heat water on demand by instantly heating water from the main water supply. This eliminates the need for a hot water storage cylinder and a cold water storage tank in the loft.

Combi boilers are very popular in the UK due to their efficiency, low maintenance, and spacesaving design. However, the installation and purchase costs of a combi boiler can vary greatly depending on the size and brand. The size of a combi boiler is measured in kilowatts (kW), which refers to its heat output. The larger the home and the more bathrooms/radiators, the higher the kW rating needed.

A combi boiler cost can typically range from £500 to £3,000 for the unit alone. Installation fees add an additional £500 to £1,500. Factors like the boiler's brand, warranty length, and any additional components like thermostats or timers also impact the total price. For example, a 24 kW to 27 kW combi boiler for a medium-sized home usually costs between £800 to £1,500. Installation brings the total to £1,300 to £3,000.

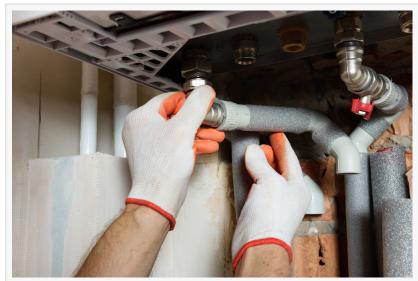
Reputable companies like RBHM - The Boiler Experts can assess and determine the right size and help find cost-effective solutions. Their licensed professionals handle combi boiler installations, servicing, repairs and upgrades with expertise.

Average Cost of a Combi Boiler Installation

The cost of a new combi boiler installation can vary significantly depending on the brand, model, and size of the unit. According to recent estimates, the average price of a combi boiler installation in the UK ranges from £1,500 to £3,500.

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More basic models may start around £500, while higher-end units with additional features can cost £2,000 or more. In general, boilers with a higher kW rating, which denotes the boiler's power output, and those made by premium brands tend to cost the most.

#### Installation Fees

Professional installation of a combi boiler by a Gas Safe registered engineer is required to ensure safety, efficiency, and to validate the warranty. Installation fees are usually between £500 to £1,500 depending on the complexity of the job. This includes connecting the boiler to existing heating and plumbing systems, testing to ensure proper operation, and disposal of the old boiler.

## **Additional Costs**

Other potential costs to factor in include upgrading or replacing parts of the central heating system like radiators, heat exchangers or pipework to be compatible with the new combi boiler. Permits or inspections required by the local authority may also incur extra fees. It is best to get an all-inclusive quote from a reputable company like RBHM – The Boiler Experts to understand the total cost for a new combi boiler installation including all parts and labor. Their experienced plumbers and heating engineers provide exceptional service for customers in Berkshire, Surrey, Hampshire, Middlesex and surrounding areas.

# Factors That Impact Combi Boiler Prices

When determining the overall cost of a combi boiler, several factors come into play. The specific model and brand of combi boiler chosen is typically the largest factor impacting price. More powerful, high-efficiency models from premium brands are generally more expensive. However, their superior performance and energy efficiency can translate into lower long-term costs through decreased energy usage and bills.

## **Boiler Size and Power**

The size, or kilowatt output, of the combi boiler needed depends on the number of bathrooms and radiators in the home. More powerful boilers that can handle the heating needs of larger spaces and higher hot water demands will have a higher upfront cost. For a typical 3-bedroom home, a 24 kW to 27 kW combi boiler should suit most needs at a lower cost than a more powerful 30 kW or greater model.

# Brand and Efficiency

Higher quality boilers from reputable brands that focus on energy efficiency, like Worcester Bosch, Vaillant or Baxi, often come with a higher price tag. However, their advanced components and insulation can reduce heat loss and lower energy usage, saving money in the long run. An A-

rated energy efficient boiler may cost more initially but can cut fuel bills by hundreds per year compared to an older, less efficient model.

# Additional Features

Combi boilers with extra features like built-in timers, thermostats and frost protection will generally be more expensive. Smart controls that allow remote monitoring and adjustment of the boiler via an app or smart home system also add to the overall cost. However, for many homeowners the added convenience and control of these features is worth the investment.

# **Installation Costs**

Combi boiler installation and any necessary upgrades to the plumbing or ventilation systems will be an additional cost on top of the price of the new boiler itself. The total installation cost can range from £500 up to £2,000 or more, depending on the complexity of the job. It is best to obtain multiple quotes from certified plumbers or boiler installation specialists to determine a fair price.

## Additional Costs to Consider

When determining the total cost of a combi boiler installation, there are several additional factors to keep in mind beyond the base unit price.

## Installation Fees

Professional installation of a combi boiler by a Gas Safe registered engineer or plumber is highly recommended to ensure it is set up properly and safely. Installation fees can range from £500 to £1,500 depending on the complexity and location of the job . Obtaining multiple quotes from reputable companies like RBHM - The Boiler Experts can help find a competitive price.

## Flue Installation

If a new flue needs to be installed to vent exhaust gasses outside, additional charges will apply. Horizontal or vertical flues that go through walls typically cost between £200 to £500. More complex flue installations may be £1,000 or higher.

# System Upgrades

In some cases, other parts of a central heating system may need upgrading at the time of a new combi boiler installation to ensure maximum efficiency and performance. This could include replacing radiators, thermostatic radiator valves, pipes, or pumps. The total cost will depend on how many components need upgrading. It is best to have a heating engineer evaluate the current system to determine if any upgrades are recommended or required.

#### **Annual Service**

To keep a combi boiler running safely and efficiently, an annual service by a Gas Safe registered engineer is advisable. A standard annual combi boiler service typically costs between £60 to £120. RBHM's heating engineers provide high-quality, competitively priced combi boiler servicing and repairs.

# Warranty

Purchasing an extended warranty or service plan on a new combi boiler, which can provide coverage for 5-10 years, may provide added peace of mind and help avoid costly repairs down the road. Warranty and service plan fees are often a percentage of the total combi boiler and installation cost.

While a combi boiler unit itself may have a set price, the total cost to have it properly installed and maintained is significantly more. Factoring in these additional fees and potential upgrades at the time of purchase will help avoid surprises.

Tips for Getting the Best Price on a New Combi Boiler

To receive the best possible price on a new combi boiler, there are several factors to consider.

First, compare multiple quotes from registered installers. Reputable companies like RBHM - The Boiler Experts can provide free, no-obligation quotes to help find an affordable solution. Their fully qualified engineers serve customers in Berkshire, Surrey, Hampshire, Middlesex and surrounding areas.

Second, the UK government's Boiler Upgrade Scheme may offer vouchers toward the cost of a new, high-efficiency boiler. Some installers also run seasonal promotions or provide discounts for certain brands.

Third, consider a boiler's energy efficiency rating. More efficient models like A-rated boilers typically cost more upfront but can save significantly on energy bills over time. Calculate potential long-term savings to determine if the added initial investment is worthwhile.

Fourth, think about boiler size and necessary features. A smaller combi boiler for a one-bedroom property will likely cost less than one sized for a large family home. Similarly, a basic model with standard components will probably be more affordable than a premium boiler with additional capabilities like smart controls.

Finally, it is possible to explore finance options if paying the full amount upfront is not possible. Many reputable installers offer affordable payment plans with little or no interest. A new boiler

can also increase a property's value, so its cost may be factored into a home equity loan.

By following these tips, researching thoroughly and working with a trusted professional, homeowners can find a high-quality yet reasonably priced combi boiler. With proper installation and maintenance, a new boiler can provide many years of reliable service and optimal comfort.

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