



Building elements :		Insulation	U - value
Walls	Cavity walls, partially filled	25-50 mm	0.6
Roofs	Pitched, insulation between joists	100 mm	0.4
Floors	Solid	10-15 mm	0.64
Windows	Double glazed, PVC frame, 6 mm gap	n.a	3.1
Doors	Solid wooden	none	3.0

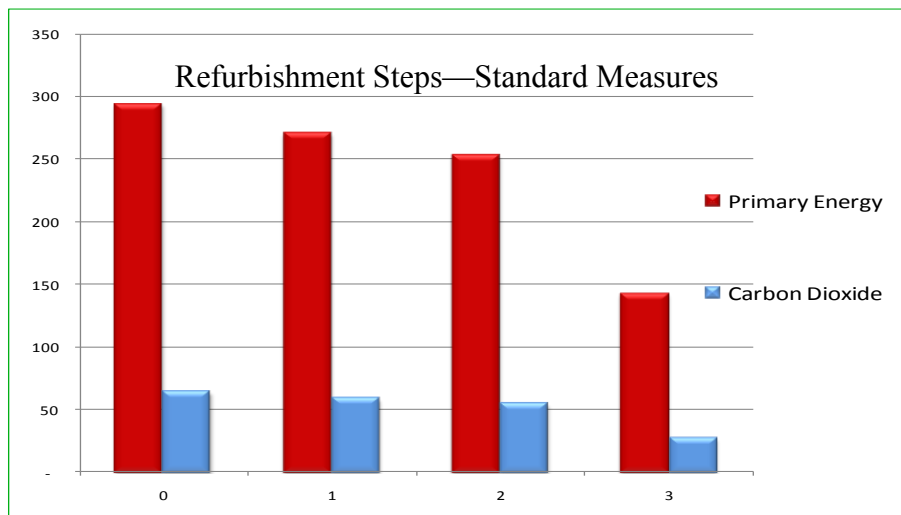
Heating systems characteristics:		Fuel	Efficiency
Primary	Central heating boiler, pipework uninsulated.	Mains gas	75%
Secondary	Open fire in grate	Smokeless	30%
Hot water	From primary heating system. Electric immersion heater is used in summer.		
Cylinder	Insulated, loose jacket 35mm, no cylinder thermostat.		
Controls	Programmer.		

Description

Semi-detached house with part-filled cavity walls and solid floors. The part-filled cavity can be full-filled by pumping in additional insulation beads. This house type is common throughout Ireland during the 1980s.

Refurbishment steps — standard				Prim. energy kWh/m ² /y	Carbon Dioxide kgCO ₂ /m ² /y	Energy Rating	
0	Building fabric upgrade steps:			Expected U-values	294 (actual state)	63 (actual state)	D2
1	Roof insulation and standard package*	Add	200 mm mineral wool over the existing insulation.	0.13	271	58	D2
2	Wall insulation	Add	Remaining cavity (50mm) filled with insulation beads	0.27	253	54	D1
Systems upgrade:							
3	Space and water heating system and controls	Replace	Condensing boiler 90% efficient, two separated heating zones with time and thermostatic control, independent water heating. Hot water cylinder insulated with 50 mm spray foam.		143	27	B3

*also includes draughtstripping, 80mm lagging jacket for DHW cylinder and low energy bulbs.



Primary Energy: kWh/m²/y, Carbon Dioxide emissions: kg/m²/y


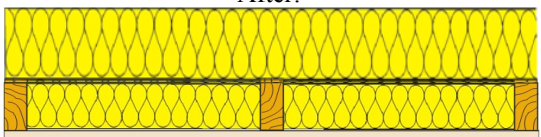
Estimated costs and payback time**

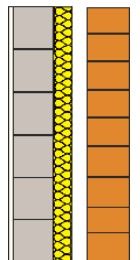
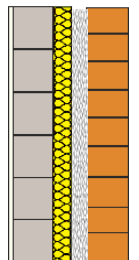
Measure	Estimated costs	Payback (y)
Step 1	€ 760	5.4
Step 2	€ 870	10.6
Step 3	€ 3,000	5.3
Total:	€ 4,630	5.9

Standard upgrade summary

Consumption of primary energy reduced by:	151 kWh/m²/y
Emission of carbon dioxide reduced by:	36 kgCO₂/m²/y

**Note: 1. Costs are indicative only, based on typical prices (2011). 2. Measures analysed are one of many options, especially for the renewable heating systems.

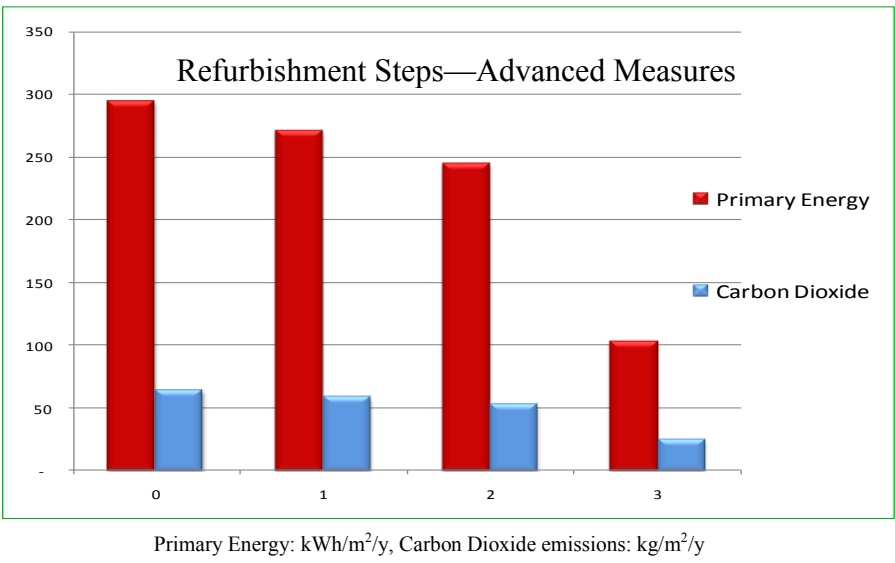
Typical roof upgrade (standard/advanced)	
100 mm of mineral wool between ceiling joists	<p>Before:</p> 
Typical roof upgrade includes topping the attic insulation up to 300 mm. Conductivity = 0.04 W/mK	<p>After:</p> 

Typical wall upgrade (advanced)			
Before		After	
	Cavity walls, partially filled with insulation boards, 25-50 mm thick. U-value = 0.6 W/m ² K		Remaining cavity filled with insulation beads, conductivity = 0.033 W/mK

Heating system upgrade		
Feature:	Standard	Advanced
Heat generator	Regular condensing boiler	Air source heat pump
Efficiency:	90%	380%
Fuel:	Mains gas	Electricity
SH Controls type:	Full zone control	Full zone control
Hot water source (HW):	Primary heating system	Primary heating system and solar thermal panels providing 50% of HW demand
HW Cylinder:	120 litre, factory insulated	200 litre combined cylinder, factory insulated
HW Controls type:	Time and thermostat	Time and thermostatic
Ventilation:	Natural	MVHR, 90% efficient

Refurbishment steps — advanced				Prim. energy kWh/m ² /y	Carbon Dioxide kgCO ₂ /m ² /y	Energy Rating	
0	Building fabric upgrade steps:			Expected U-values	294 (actual state)	63 (actual state)	D2
1	Roof insulation and standard package*	Add	200 mm mineral wool over the existing insulation.	0.13	271	58	D2
2	Wall insulation	Add	Remaining cavity (50mm) filled with insulation beads, walls insulated internally with 50 mm phenolic / urethane drylining boards	0.21	244	53	D1
Systems upgrade:							
3	Space and water heating system and controls	Replace	Air source heat pump 380% two separated heating zones with time and thermostatic control, independent water heating, solar thermal panels providing 50% of hot water demand with combined HW cylinder. Mechanical ventilation with heat recovery (MVHR).		103	25	B2

* package also includes draughtstripping, 80mm lagging jacket for DHW cylinder and low energy bulbs.



Estimated costs and payback time**		
Measure	Estimated costs	Payback (y)
Step 1	€ 760	5.4
Step 2	€ 7,800	64.5
Step 3	€ 13,100	24.7
Total:	€ 21,660	27.4
Advanced upgrade summary		
Consumption of primary energy reduced by:	191 kWh/m²/y	
Emission of carbon dioxide reduced by:	38 kgCO₂/m²/y	

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