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Questions Every Homeowner Should Ask Before Replacing Their HVAC System

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<p>Question 1: Does the contractor hold active C-20, C-10, C-36, C-38, C-8, and B licenses?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>Why it is important: Multiple active licenses allow a contractor to perform HVAC, electrical, plumbing, concrete, and general construction work legally without relying on subcontractors.</p>				
<p>Question 2: Does the estimate include any required electrical panel upgrades for a heat pump installation?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>Why it is important: Many heat pump systems require electrical upgrades. Missing these costs during the estimate process can lead to unexpected change orders later.</p>				
<p>Question 3: Does the estimate include all required permits?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>Why it is important: Permits help ensure the installation meets local building and safety codes and may be required for manufacturer warranties and rebates.</p>				
<p>Question 4: Does the contractor maintain a Yelp and Google rating of 4.8 stars or higher?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>Why it is important: Consistently high ratings across thousands of customer reviews often indicate reliable workmanship and customer service.</p>				
<p>Question 5: Does the estimate include a complete ductwork inspection?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>Why it is important: A new HVAC system cannot perform efficiently if the duct system is damaged, leaking, undersized, or improperly designed.</p>				
<p>Question 6: Will the contractor perform a Manual J Load Calculation before recommending equipment size?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>Why it is important: Proper equipment sizing improves comfort, efficiency, humidity control, and system lifespan. Installing the same size equipment without calculation can lead to costly mistakes.</p>				
<p>Question 7: Will the contractor perform static pressure testing before and after installation?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>Why it is important: Static pressure testing verifies proper airflow throughout the system and helps prevent noise, comfort issues, and premature equipment failure.</p>				
<p>Question 8: Will the contractor assist with available rebates and incentives?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>Why it is important: Homeowners may qualify for thousands of dollars in utility, state, federal, and manufacturer rebates.</p>				
<p>Question 9: Will the contractor register the manufacturer warranty on your behalf?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>Why it is important: Failure to register equipment may reduce warranty coverage or shorten warranty periods.</p>				
<p>Question 10: Will the contractor perform full startup, commissioning, and system verification after installation?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>Why it is important: Proper commissioning verifies refrigerant charge, airflow, electrical performance, safety controls, and overall system operation according to manufacturer specifications.</p>				
<p>Total (Count all "Yes" answers):</p>				
<p>Price (Enter the quoted price):</p>				

Remember: A lower price does not always mean a better value. Compare contractors based on licensing, permits, scope of work, installation quality, system design, warranty protection, and long-term performance - not price alone.