The Green Guide to Housing Specification

Linked to EcoHomes and also sponsored by NHBC, The Green Guide to Housing Specification provides guidance to designers and specifiers on the environmental impacts of common specifications used in housing.

Containing over 150 specifications, the Guide covers typical wall, roof and floor constructions, as well as including other elements such as kitchen units and landscaping. Environmental impacts rated include climate change, fossil fuel depletion, toxicity, waste disposal and minerals extraction.

The Guide provides information for each specification and environmental impact by using a simple A B or C Rating, where A represents good environmental performance. There is also an overall summary rating weighted to demonstrate the performance of each specification.

EcoHomes (BRE’s environmental rating for homes) includes credits for selecting high performing specifications for key building elements using this guide.

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