Consent Block

Informed Consent
Please read this informed consent carefully before you decide to participate in the study.
Consent Form Key Information:

- Participate in a 5-minute study about which energy efficiency features consumers observe when buying a home
- Answer up to two questions, one of which has multiple parts.
- No information collected that will connect identity with responses

Purpose of the research study: The purpose of the study is to categorize energy efficiency features by how observable they are to home buyers.
What you will do in the study: Answer up to two questions, one of which has 20 parts. You may skip any question that makes you feel uncomfortable.
Time required: The study will require about 5 minutes of your time.
Risks: We anticipate no more than minimal risk for participants. No risk is foreseen from participating in the study.
Benefits: There are no direct benefits to you for participating in this research study. The study may help us understand energy efficiency observability in housing markets.
Confidentiality: Your name and other information (such as IP address and email address) that could be used to identify you will not be collected or linked to the data.
Voluntary participation: Your participation in the study is completely voluntary.
Right to withdraw from the study: You have the right to withdraw from the survey before completion (since we are not collecting any identifying information, it is not possible to withdraw after completion).
How to withdraw from the study: You may close out of the survey at any time. There is no penalty for not answering the questions or closing out of the survey.
Compensation/Reimbursement: You will receive no payment for participating in the study.
Using data beyond this study: The researcher would like to make the information collected in this study available to other researchers after the study is completed. Your information will be stored, used and shared for future research studies, including but not limited to your answers to the two questions. Researchers of future studies will not ask your permission for each new study. However, the information you provide will be combined with the information provided by others to create a large data set. Your name and other information that could potentially identify you will not be connected to the information shared with other researchers nor will they attempt to identify you.
If you have questions about the study or need to report a study related issue please contact, contact:
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If you have questions about your rights as a participant in a research study, would like to make suggestions or file complaints and concerns about the research study, please contact: Ms. Tanta Myles, the University of Alabama Research Compliance Officer at (205)-348-8461 or toll-free at 1-877-820-3066. You may also ask questions, make suggestions, or file complaints and concerns through the IRB Outreach Website at

http://ovpred.ua.edu/research-compliance/prco/. You may email the Office for Research Compliance at rscompliance@research.ua.edu.

Agreement:

By clicking "I agree to participate," I agree to participate in this study.

I agree to participate

I do not agree to participate

Qualifying

Are the majority of the real estate transactions you are involved in residential or commercial?

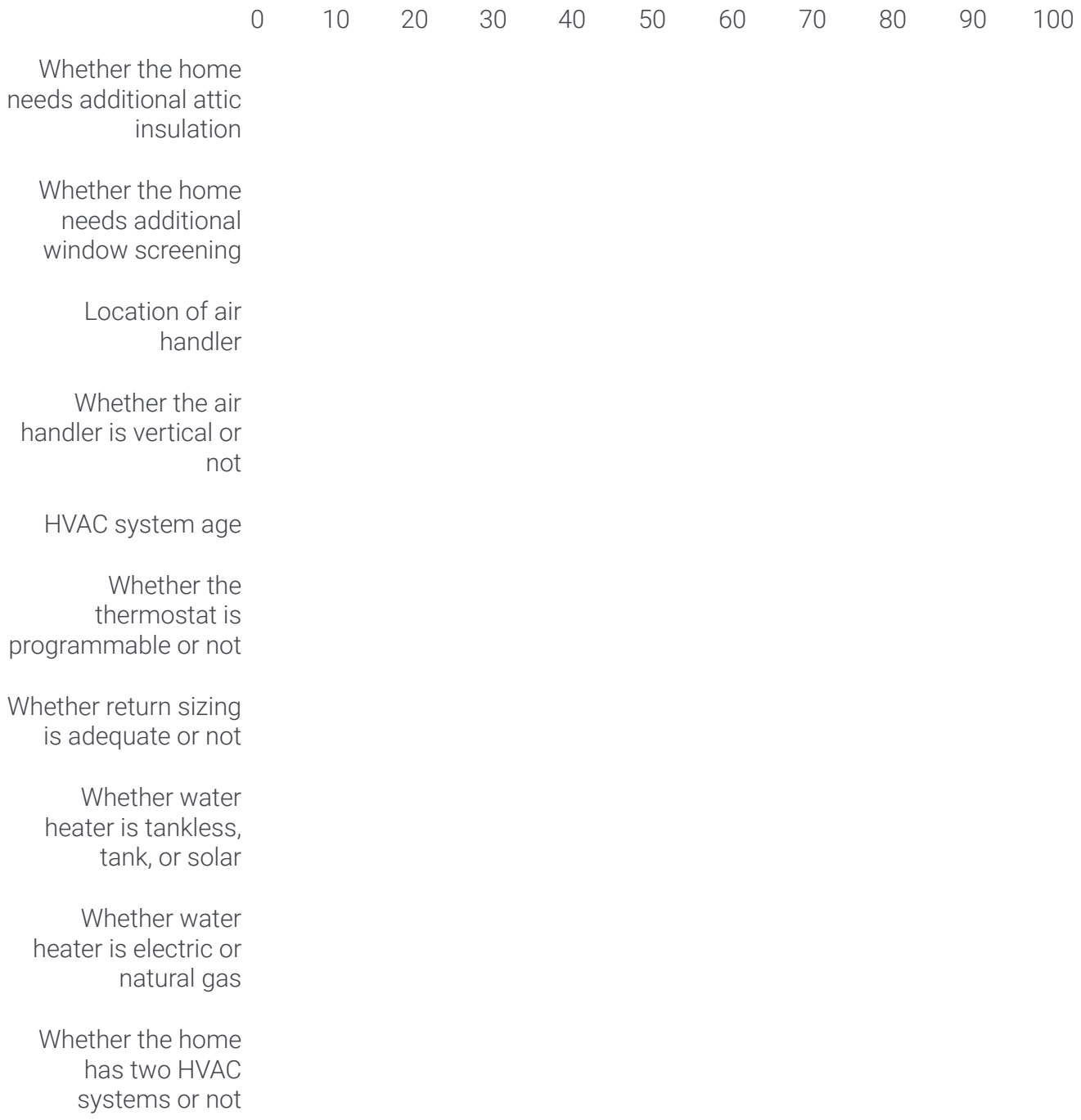
Residential

Commercial

Main

What percent of buyers observe each energy efficiency feature before purchasing a home?

	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
Whether HVAC is electric or natural gas											
HVAC Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER)											
Duct R-value											
Attic R-value											
% Duct leakage											
HVAC size											
Whether the ducts are sheet metal, Mylar Flex, or duct board											



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