



PRODUCTS – 3 Awards

Water standards - Association for Environmentally Conscious Building (AECB)

The Water Standards created by AECB can be used by all designers to optimise the water and energy use in buildings, both domestic and non-domestic.

The AECB Standards were published in 2009 but they have not yet been widely adopted. Nevertheless, the lack of adoption should not be the sole measure of success. The Standards are an integrated specification that addresses a number of the perceived shortcomings of the Code for Sustainable Homes.

Many of the sections in the AECB Standards are very radical and offer useful advice and measures for building sustainable buildings.

The features that were attractive to the judges included:

- guidance on plumbing of hot water systems including deadleg considerations,
- advice on water reuse systems,
- the differentiation between 'Good Practice' and 'Best Practice'.

Since 2009 a number of developments have taken place that should be incorporated into the next revision in order to build upon the basic structure of the AECB Water Standards.

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