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— WHO AI RECOMMENDS, AND WHY IT MOVES

# HVAC Companies: the AI visibility report.

When buyers ask the 8 leading AI models for HVAC companies, these are the names they hear. Measured from the question a real buyer asks, captured verbatim, frozen as the July 2026 record.

## Carrier

holds #1 this edition, named by 7 of 8 AI models. ChatGPT does not name it at all.

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of the top ten are named by a majority of AI models. 2 hold a ranking on the two-model minimum: fragile positions.

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regional editions crown a different #1 than the global ranking. Ask locally, get a different answer.

# The top ten, per AI model

Filled dot = that AI model recommends the brand unprompted when asked "What are the best HVAC companies?"

| #  | BRAND                                            | SCORE | NAMED BY | CHATGPT | CLAUDE | GEMINI | PERPLEXITY | DEEPSEEK | GROK | COPILOT | GOOGLE AI |
|----|--------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|--------|--------|------------|----------|------|---------|-----------|
| 1  | <b>Carrier</b> carrier.com                       | 63    | 7/8      | .       | ●      | ●      | ●          | ●        | ●    | ●       | ●         |
| 2  | <b>Lennox</b> lennox.com                         | 58.5  | 7/8      | .       | ●      | ●      | ●          | ●        | ●    | ●       | ●         |
| 3  | <b>Trane</b> trane.com                           | 58.2  | 6/8      | .       | ●      | ●      | ●          | .        | ●    | ●       | ●         |
| 4  | <b>Rheem</b> rheem.com                           | 35.2  | 4/8      | .       | .      | ●      | ●          | .        | ●    | ●       | .         |
| 5  | <b>Goodman</b><br>goodmanmfg.com                 | 34.8  | 4/8      | .       | .      | ●      | ●          | .        | ●    | ●       | .         |
| 6  | <b>American Standard</b><br>americanstandard.com | 29.1  | 3/8      | .       | .      | ●      | .          | ●        | ●    | .       | .         |
| 7  | <b>Bryant</b> bryant.com                         | 26.9  | 3/8      | .       | .      | ●      | ●          | ●        | .    | .       | .         |
| 8  | <b>Daikin</b> daikin.com                         | 26.6  | 3/8      | .       | .      | ●      | ●          | .        | ●    | .       | .         |
| 9  | <b>York</b> york.com                             | 18.2  | 2/8      | .       | .      | ●      | .          | .        | .    | ●       | .         |
| 10 | <b>Amana</b> amana-hvac.com                      | 18    | 2/8      | .       | .      | ●      | .          | .        | ●    | .       | .         |

AI Recommendation Score 0 to 100; full published formula at [citehawk.com/leaderboards/methodology](https://citehawk.com/leaderboards/methodology). Snapshot 18bdeaca, captured 2026-07-22, immutable.

# Cross a border, get a different shortlist

| ASKED FROM     | #1 IN THAT MARKET | VS GLOBAL      |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| United States  | Trane             | Different #1   |
| United Kingdom | Daikin            | Different #1   |
| Australia      | Daikin            | Different #1   |
| Canada         | Carrier           | Matches global |

Regional editions are published only where the local ranking meaningfully differs from global.  
Visibility earned in one market does not automatically transfer.

— READING THIS MONTH'S RECORD

## What to do with this record

### If you are on the list

Your position is per-model, and the dot grid shows exactly where it leaks. Each empty dot is one AI model answering your buyers without you, and each has specific causes: the sources that AI model leans on do not carry you, or describe you wrongly. Note that positions held on the two-model minimum are the most fragile on the board: one AI model changing its mind removes the ranking entirely. Claiming your brand on the Index is free, never affects position, and adds movement alerts the moment any AI model changes its answer.

### If you are not on the list

The 8 AI models did not name you when buyers asked. That is an invisibility problem with a known playbook: verify what each AI model currently says about you, correct the wrong facts at their sources, and win presence on the sources these answers cite. Pull the receipts on the live category page and list who gets cited alongside the ranked brands; that list is the work.

### The cadence that matters

This record re-freezes monthly, and the underlying answers are re-measured weekly on the platform. Rankings move as models retrain and retrieval refreshes, which is why a position is a feed to watch, not a trophy to file.

## Get this measured for your brand, every week.

CiteHawk runs the same 8-model measurement on your own brand and buying questions weekly: per-model breakdowns, competitor battles, source gaps and the receipts behind every number. First 50-prompt report free, no card, ready within the hour.

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