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Thermostat Setup Guidelines for Heat Pumps with Gas Furnace Backup (Dual Fuel Heat Pumps)

from the

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Heat Pumps with Gas Furnace Backup (Dual Fuel Heat Pumps)

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Advanced Energy considers a heat pump with gas furnace backup to run on electricity and gas. The outdoor fan runs when in cooling mode and in heating mode during mild outdoor temperatures. When outdoor temperatures drop below 35˚F or so, the outdoor fan stops running and the gas furnace backup takes over and heats the home.

Read the ecobee installation materials carefully and only install the thermostat yourself if you are comfortable with electrical wiring and device setup. If you are not, seek a qualified HVAC contractor to complete installation and setup.

DANGER: Incorrect wiring can cause damage and expensive equipment repairs.

Part One

Step 1

When starting up the ecobee3 lite, this should be the first prompt you see. Select Yes, I only have Rc connected for one transformer (most HVAC systems); select Next.

If your HVAC system has two transformers installed, select No, I have Rc and Rh connected.

Make sure the following icons are highlighted on the screen:
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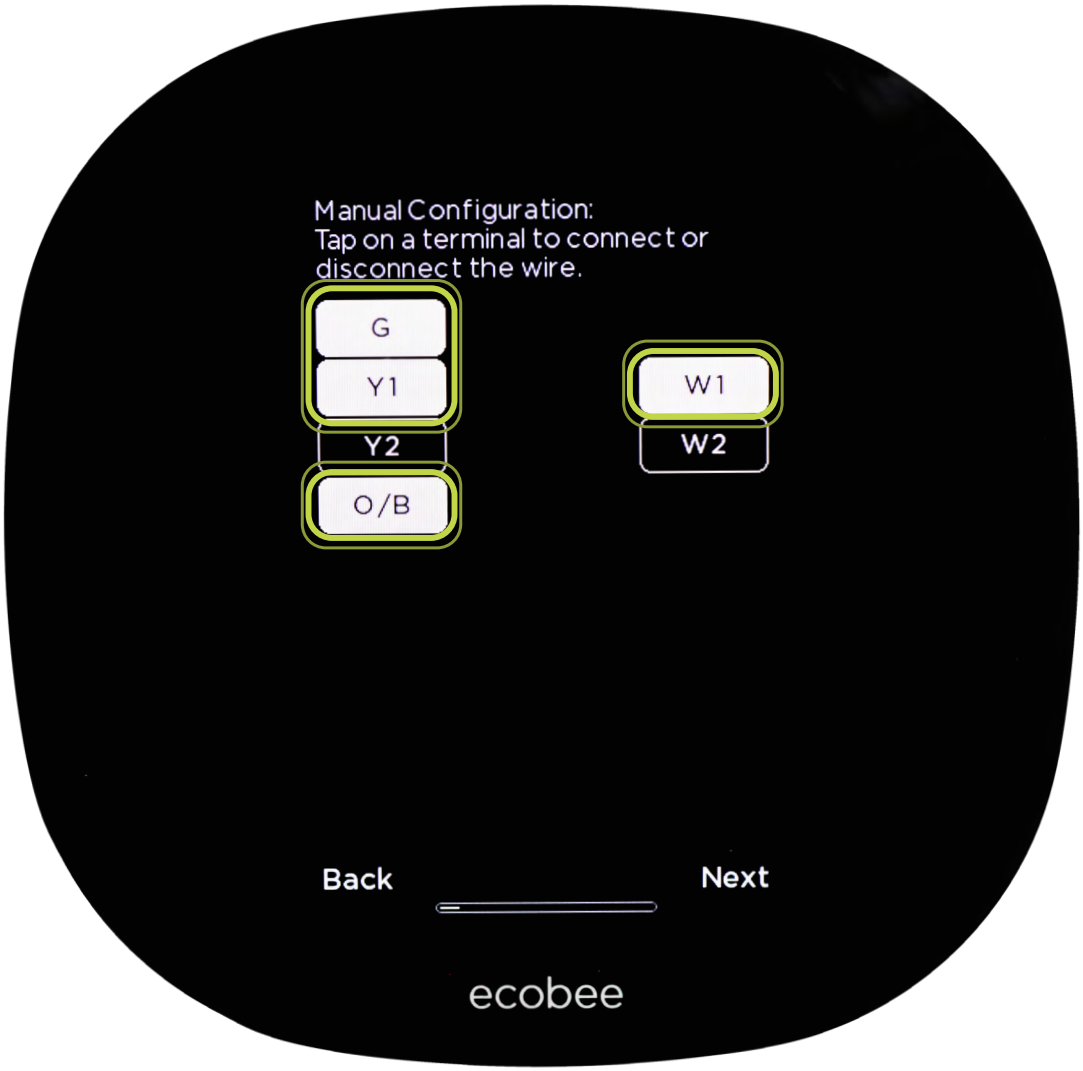


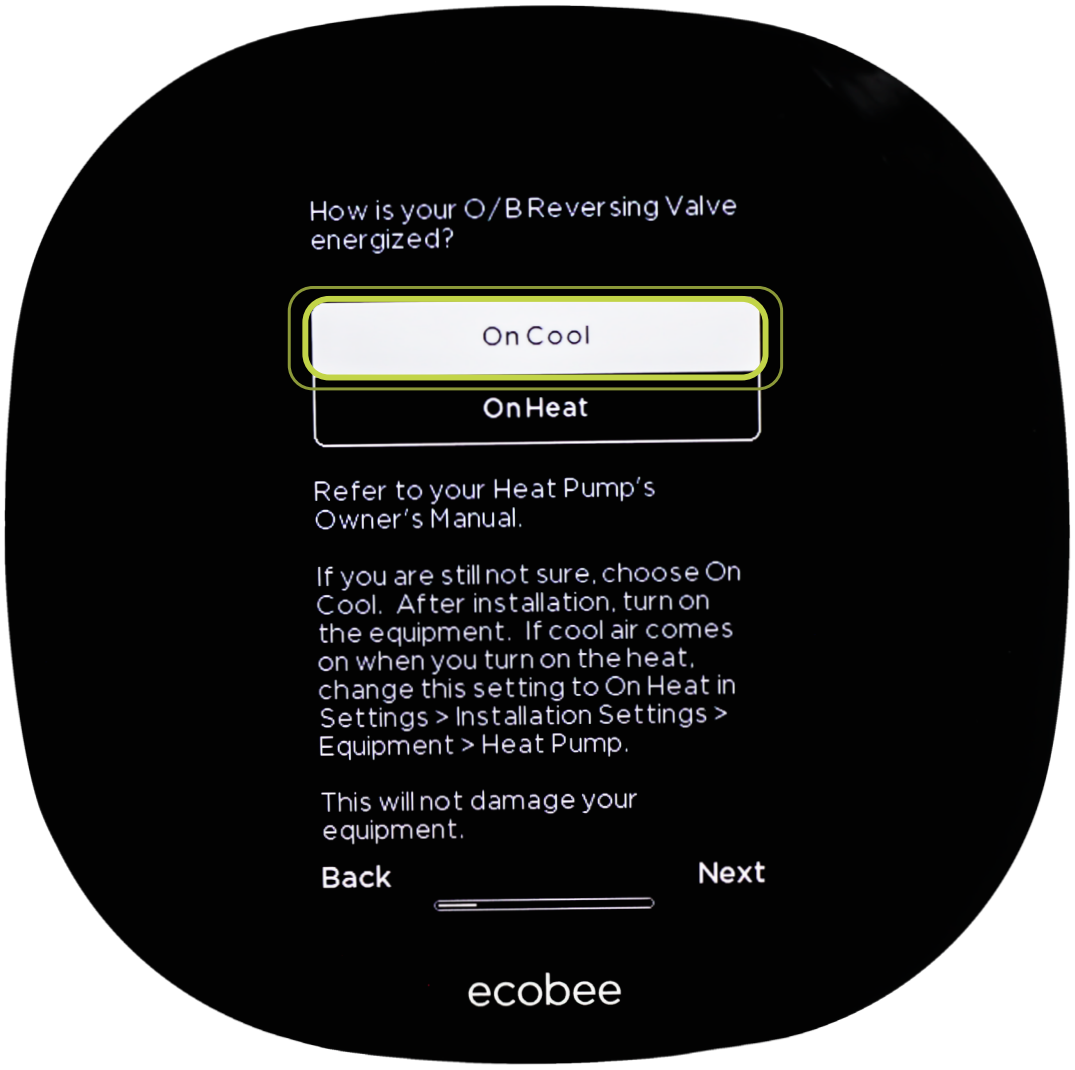
It is important to follow the ecobee3 lite installation documents to ensure your HVAC system is wired to maximize the thermostat's capabilities.

Step 3

Select Air to Air; select Next.

These are the recommended settings for an all-electric air to air heat pump. See the ecobee3 lite installation documents if any other source of heating (geothermal, furnace, etc.) is present.

For Rheem and Ruud branded equipment only, select On Heat; select Next. For all other equipment brands, select On Cool; select Next.



This will maximize your system's capabilities with the new thermostat.

Step 5

Select Disable Aux Heat Simultaneous Operation; select Next.

This is the recommended setting to keep your heat pump from running at the same time as your gas furnace backup heat to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Select between 25 and 40 degrees (and note selection for Part 2, Step 6); select Next.

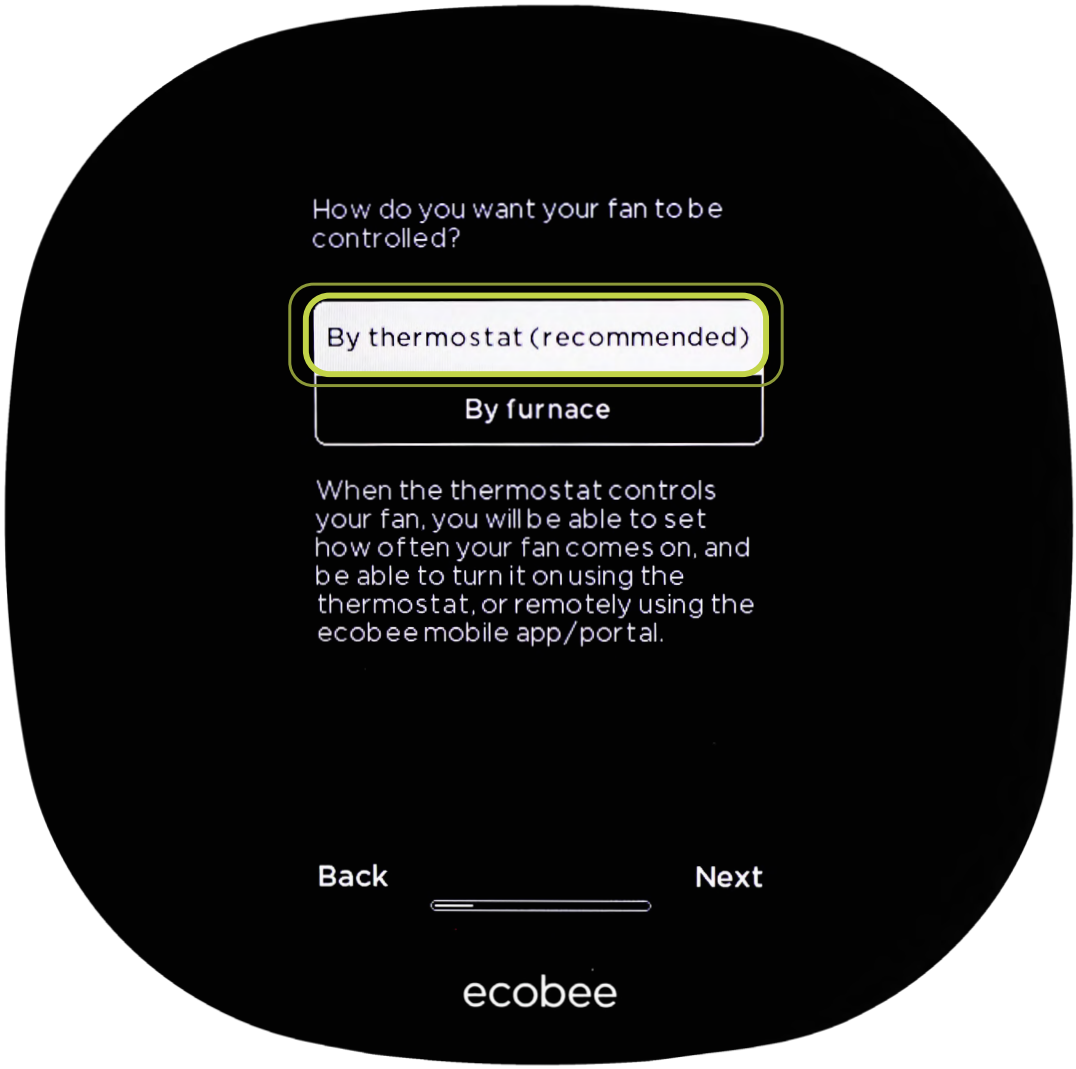
This is the outdoor temperature at which your dual fuel heat pump switches over to your gas furnace backup heat to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Step 7

Select Furnace; select Next.

This is to tell the thermostat that the heat source for your home comes from the same components as your cooling.

Select By thermostat (recommended); select Next.



It is important to follow the ecobee3 lite installation documents to ensure your HVAC system is wired to maximize the thermostat's capabilities.

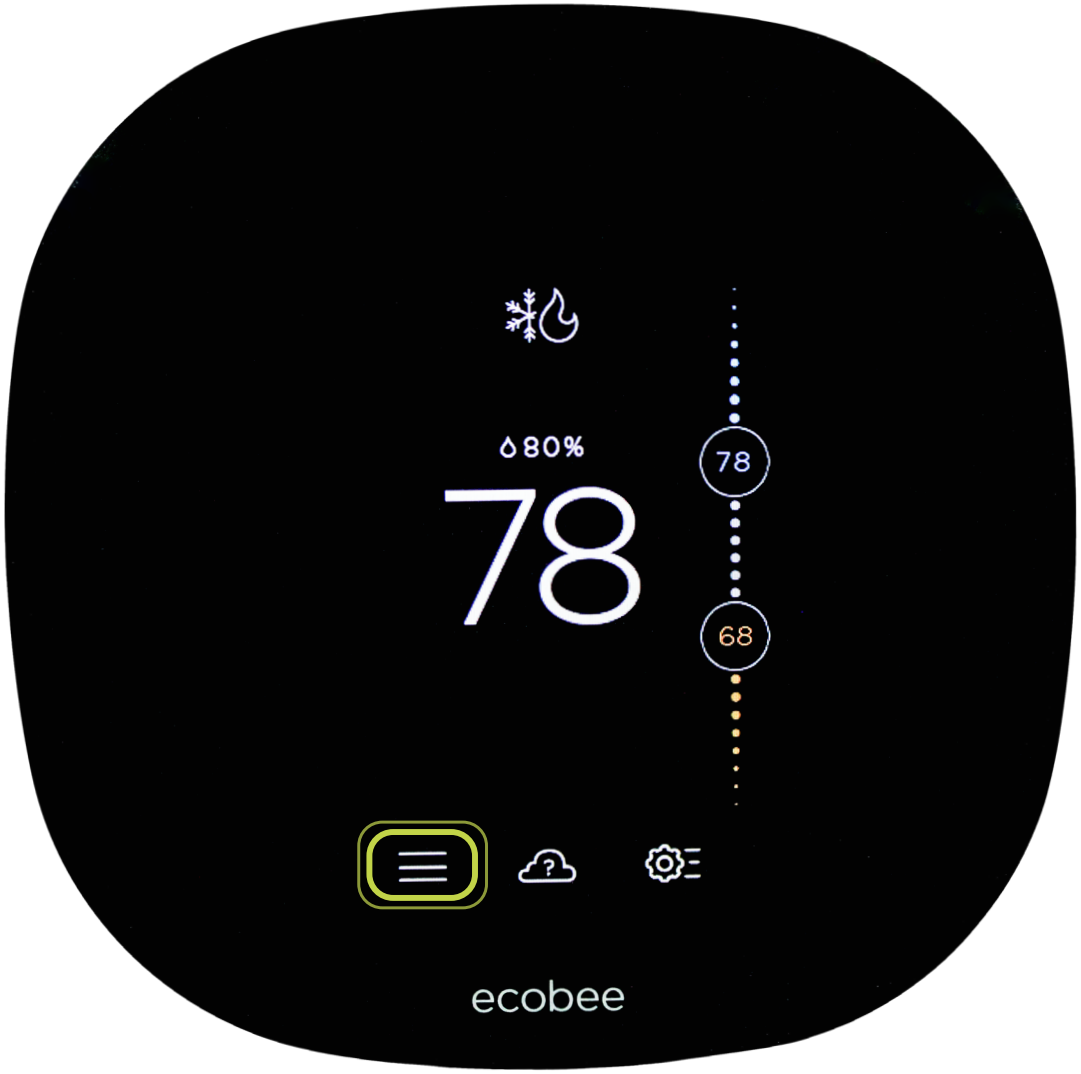
The next series of questions will allow you to customize the thermostat settings based on your preferences and location. Part 1 is complete.

Part Two

Your new ecobee3 lite has been configured to work with your HVAC system. Select the following settings to maximize comfort and efficiency.

Step 1

Once you are back on the home screen, select the Main Menu icon.

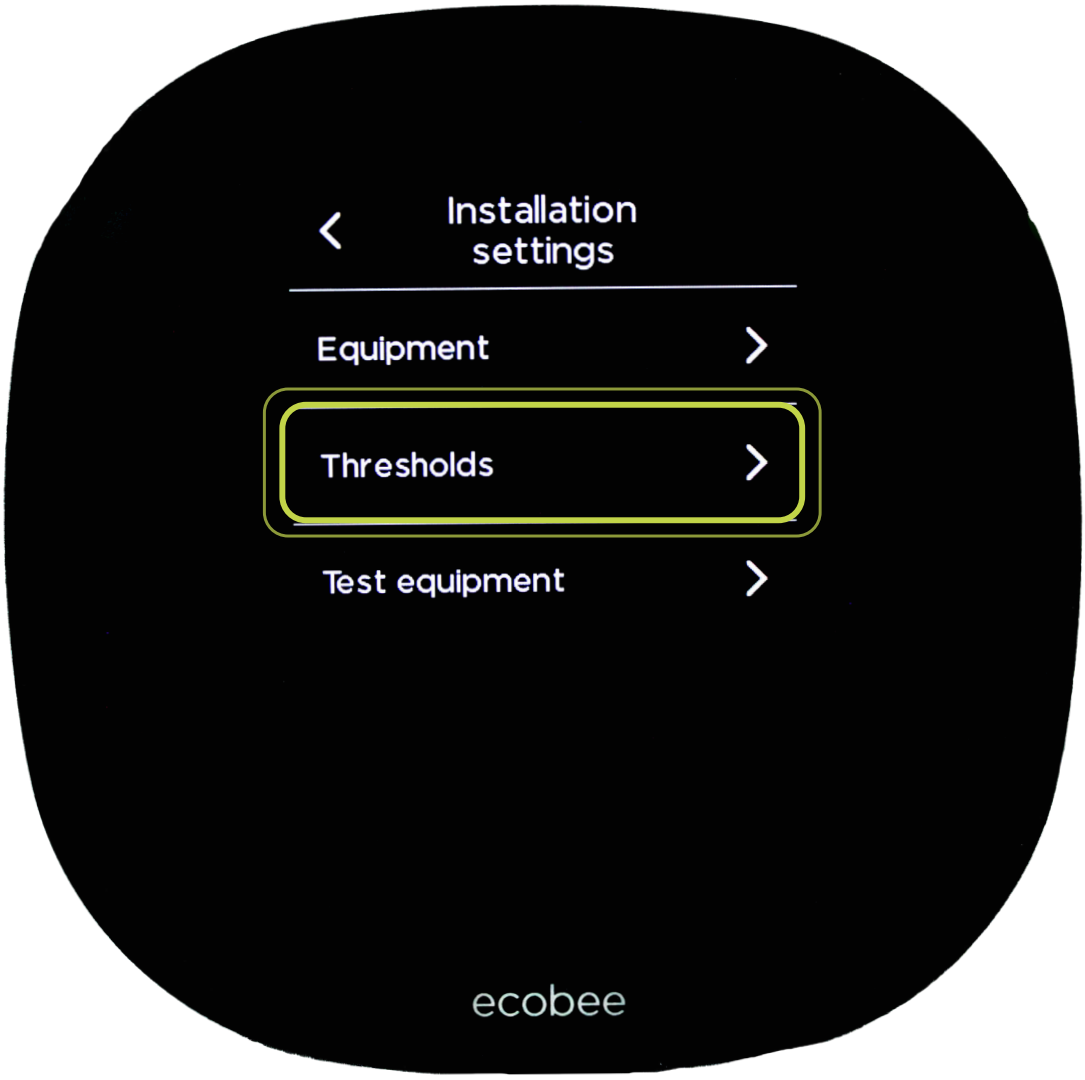


Scroll down, select Settings.

Step 3

Select Installation settings.

Select Thresholds.



Step 5

Select Compressor Min Cycle Off Time; select 600 seconds.

This is a recommended setting to save energy and increase equipment durability. After the unit cycles off, it will not come back on for 10 minutes.

Select Aux Heat Max Outdoor Temperature; select between 30 and 45 degrees; select Save. *This must be at least 5 degrees higher than your selection in Part 1, Step 6.

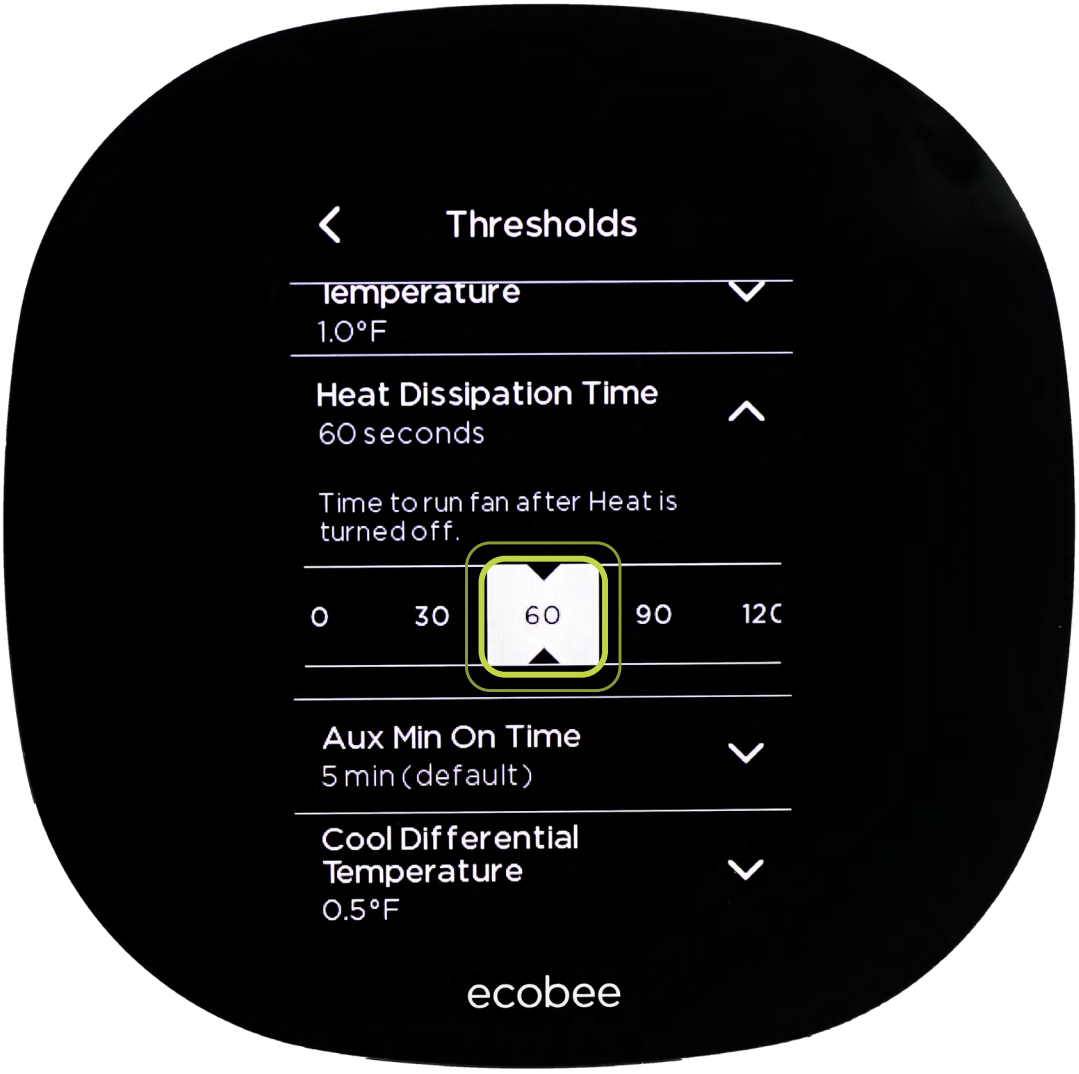
This temperature range is recommended to maximize the efficiency of your dual fuel heat pump before gas furnace backup heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Step 7

Select Heat Differential Temperature; select 1.0˚F.

A 1˚F heat differential temperature will turn the heat on after the indoor temperature drops 1˚F below setpoint. This setting should decrease energy usage and increase system durability through longer runtimes.

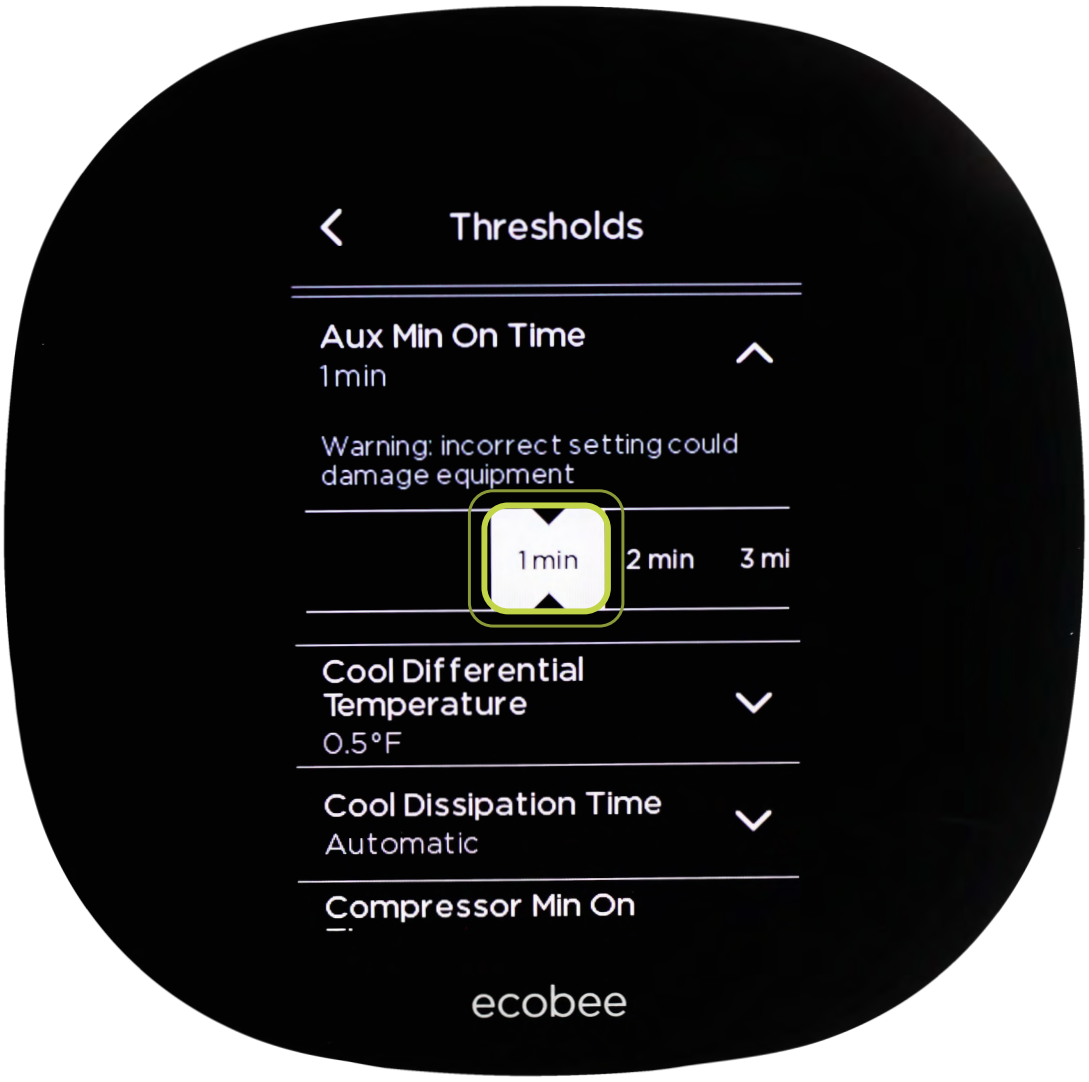
Select Heat Dissipation Time; select 60 seconds.



60 seconds will maximize the distribution of remaining heat in the system but not circulate cool air.

Step 9

Select Aux Min On Time; select 1 min.



This setting regulates the backup heat runtime, which maximizes energy savings and increases system durability.

Select Cool Differential Temperature; select 1.0˚F.

A 1˚F cool differential temperature will turn the cooling on after the indoor temperature is 1˚F above setpoint. This setting should decrease energy usage and increase system durability through longer runtimes.

Step 11

Select Cool Dissipation Time; select 0 seconds.

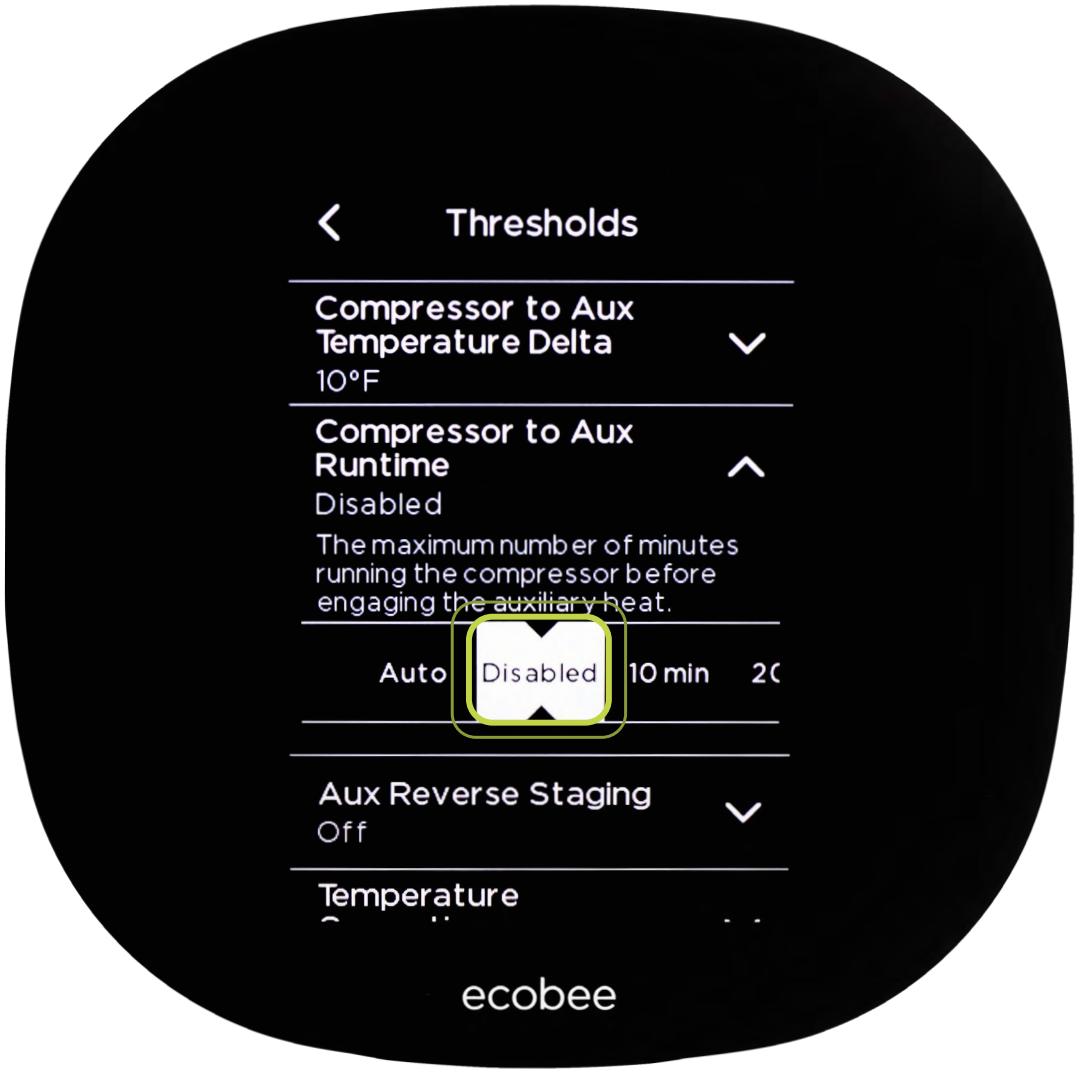
This maximizes the amount of humidity removed during cooling mode.

Select Compressor to Aux Temperature Delta; select 3˚F.

This is to maximize the efficiency of your dual fuel heat pump before gas furnace backup heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Step 13

Select Compressor to Aux Runtime; select Disabled.



This is to maximize the efficiency of your dual fuel heat pump before gas furnace backup heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

When complete, select the arrow symbol in the upper left corner to return to the main screen.

Congratulations, your new ecobee3 lite thermostat should now be setup to maximize your HVAC system efficiency and home comfort.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Thermostat Setup Guidelines for All-Electric Heat Pumps

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Single-Stage Heat Pumps

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Advanced Energy considers a single-stage heat pump to have one outdoor compressor stage (speed). This is more common on older, original equipment.

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DANGER: Incorrect wiring can cause damage and expensive equipment repairs.

Part One

Step 1

When starting up the ecobee3 lite, this should be the first prompt you see. Select Yes, I only have Rc connected for one transformer (most HVAC systems); select Next.

If your HVAC system has two transformers installed, select No, I have Rc and Rh connected.

Make sure the following icons are highlighted on the screen:
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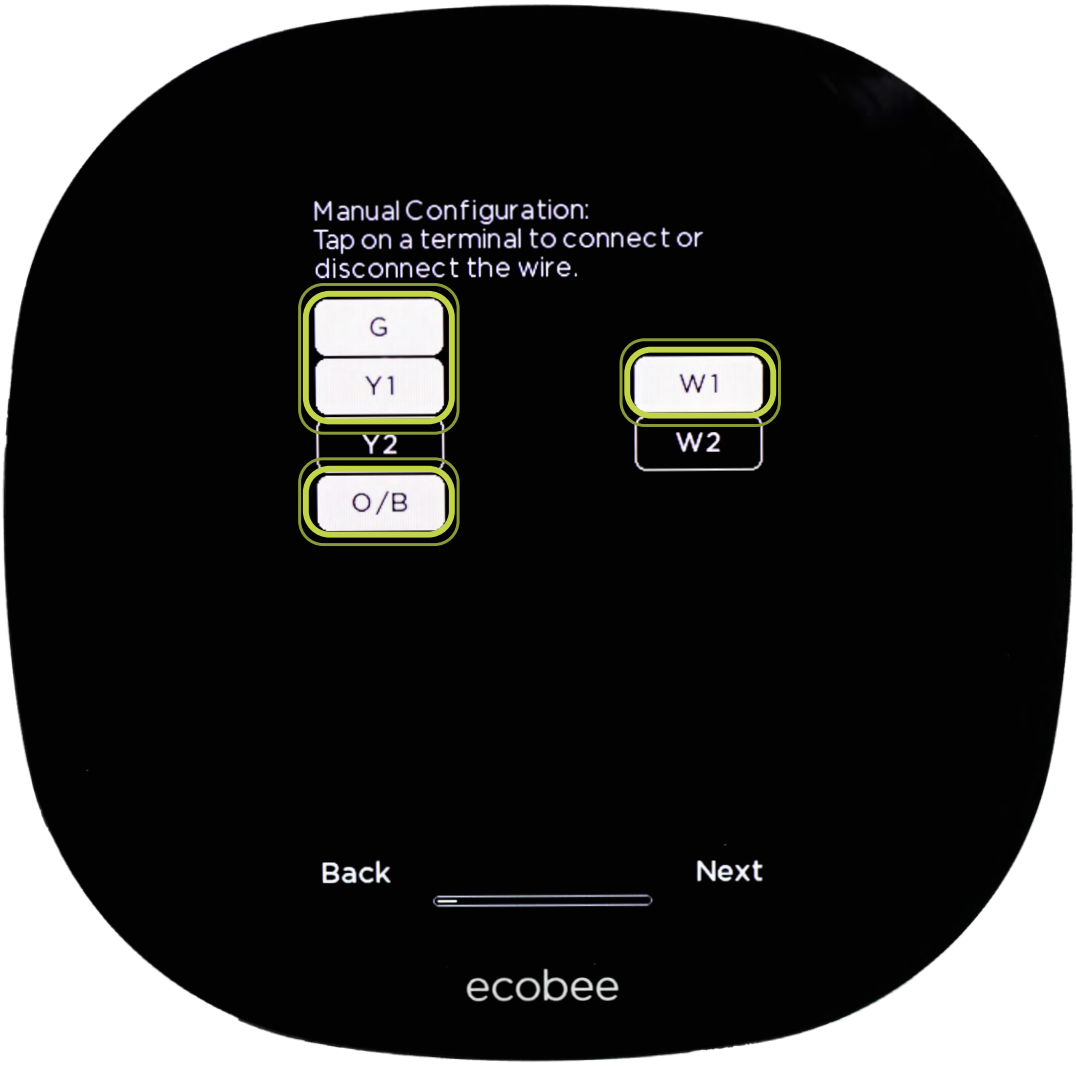


It is important to follow the ecobee3 lite installation documents to ensure your HVAC system is wired to maximize the thermostat's capabilities.

Step 3

Select Air to Air; select Next.

These are the recommended settings for an all-electric air to air heat pump. See the ecobee3 lite installation documents if any other source of heating (geothermal, furnace, etc.) is present.

For Rheem and Ruud branded equipment only, select On Heat; select Next. For all other equipment brands, select On Cool; select Next.

This will maximize your system's capabilities with the new thermostat.

Step 5

Select Enable Aux Heat Simultaneous Operation; select Next.

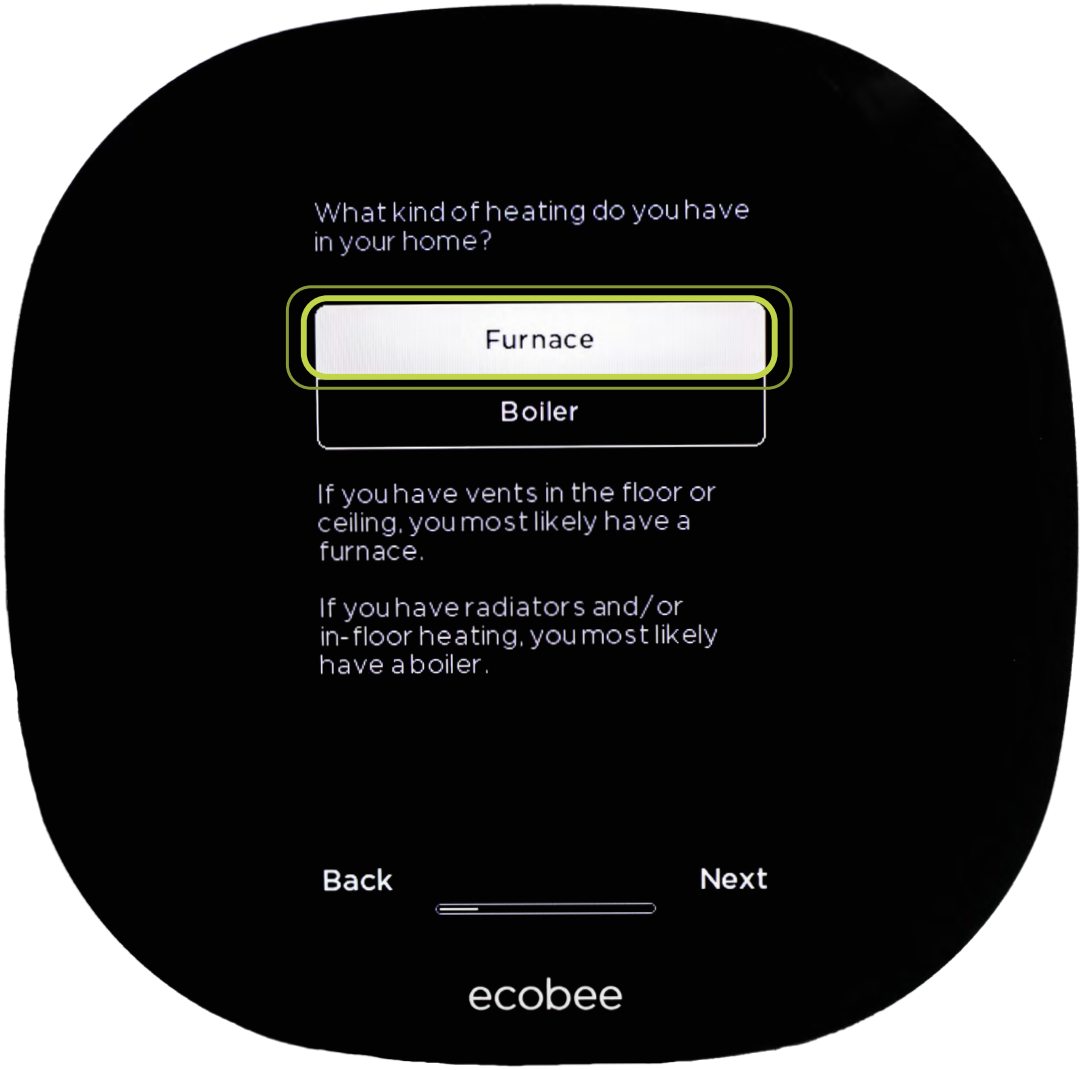
This is the recommended setting to maximize the efficiency of your air source heat pump before less efficient strip heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Select Disabled for Compressor Minimum Outdoor Temperature; select Next.

This maximizes the efficiency of your air source heat pump before less efficient strip heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Step 7

Select Furnace; select Next.



This is to tell the thermostat that the heat source for your home comes from the same components as your cooling.

Select By thermostat (recommended); select Next.

It is important to follow the ecobee3 lite installation documents to ensure your HVAC system is wired to maximize the thermostat's capabilities.

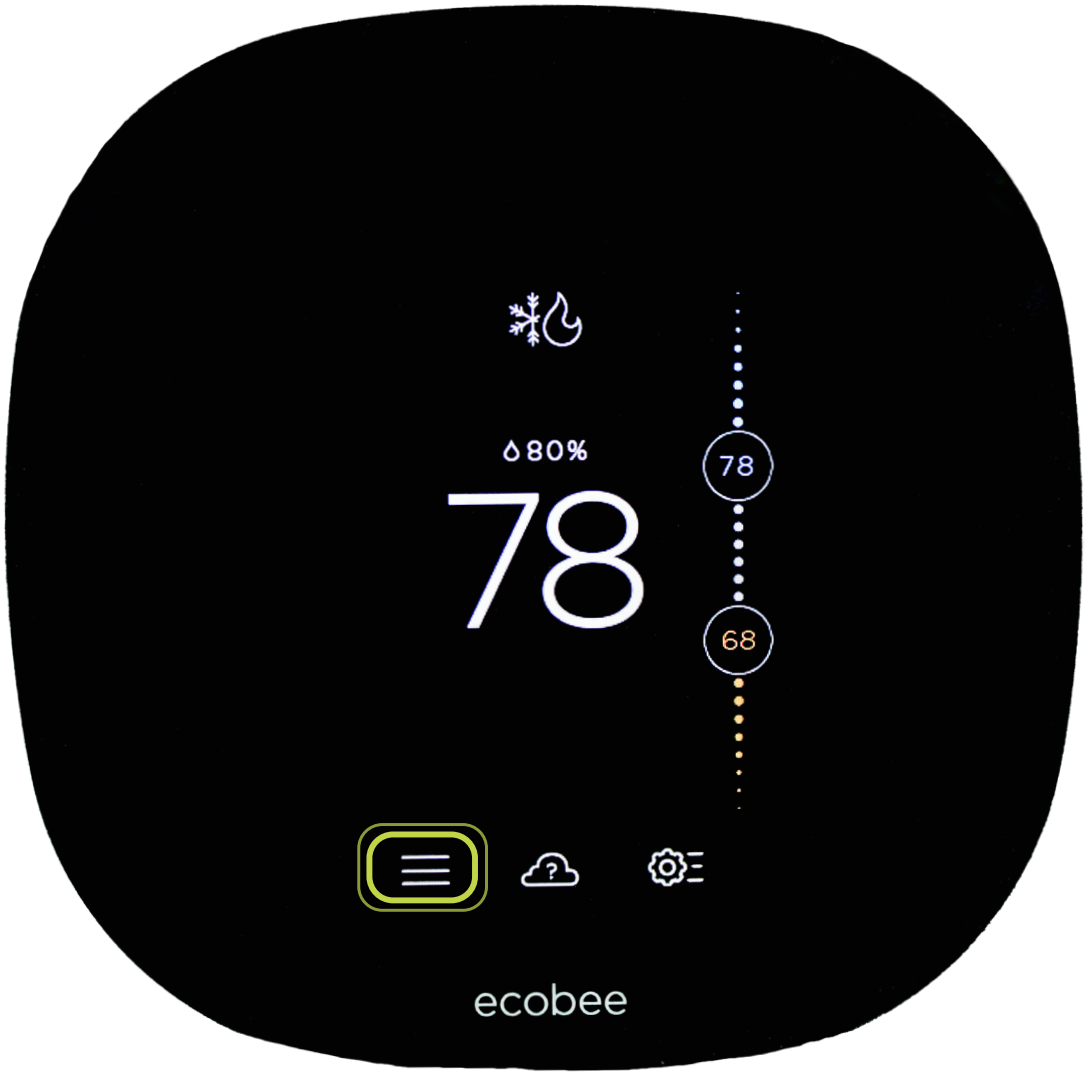
The next series of questions will allow you to customize the thermostat settings based on your preferences and location. Part 1 is complete.

Part Two

Your new ecobee3 lite has been configured to work with your HVAC system. Select the following settings to maximize comfort and efficiency.

Step 1

Once you are back on the home screen, select the Main Menu icon.

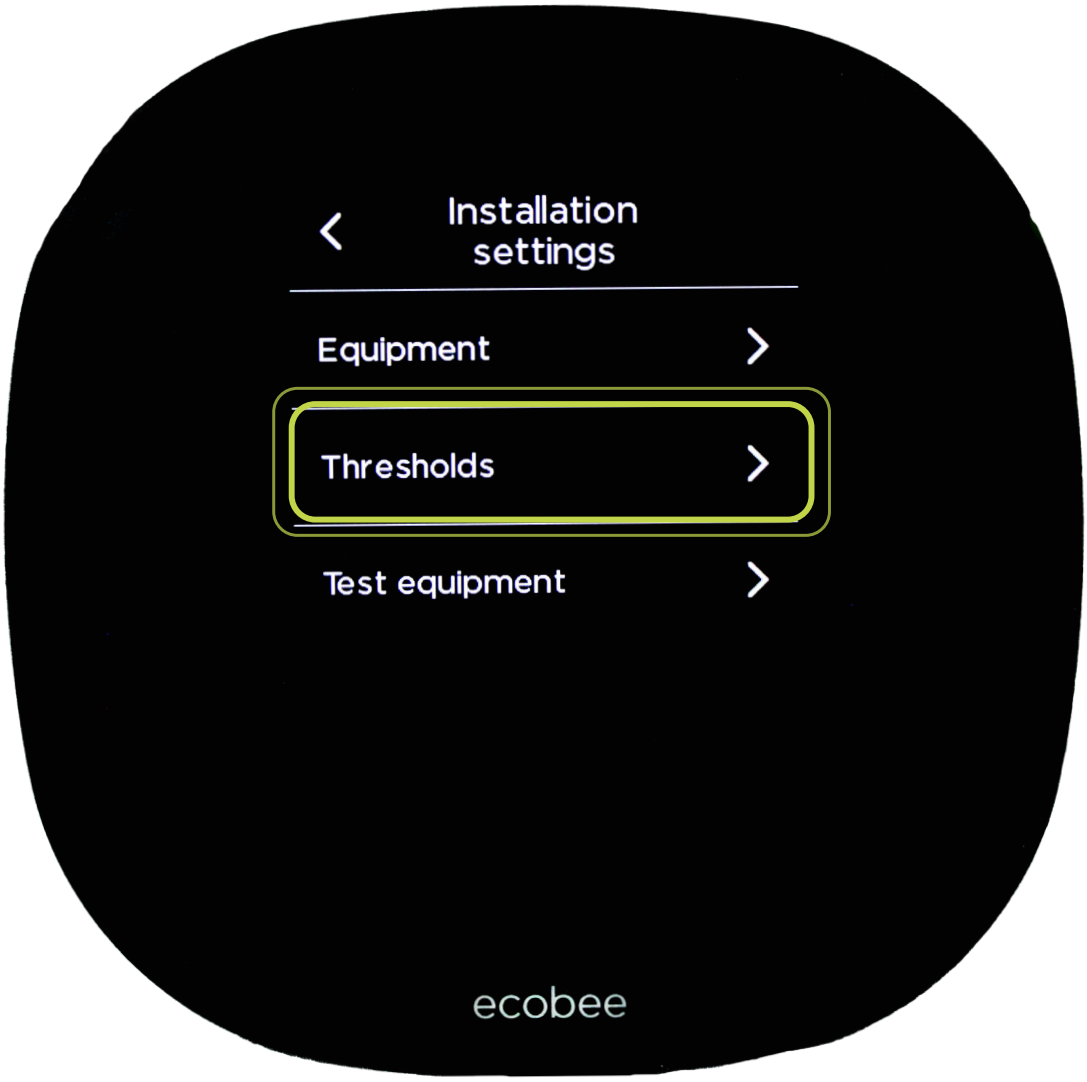


Scroll down, select Settings.

Step 3

Select Installation settings.

Select Thresholds.

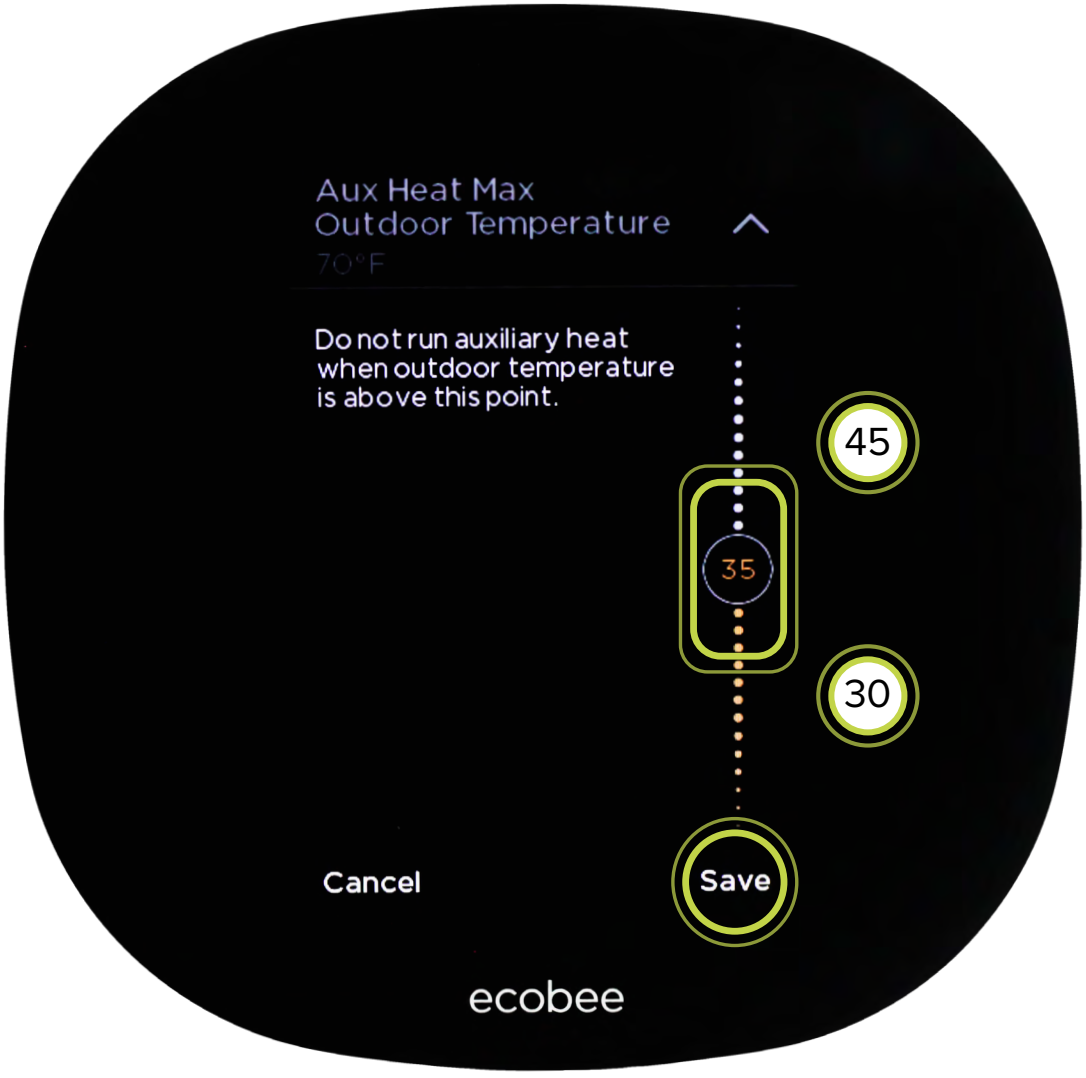


Step 5

Select Compressor Min Cycle Off Time; select 600 seconds.

This is a recommended setting to save energy and increase equipment durability. After the unit cycles off, it will not come back on for 10 minutes.

Select Aux Heat Max Outdoor Temperature; select between 30 and 45 degrees; select Save.



This temperature range is recommended to maximize the efficiency of your air source heat pump before less efficient strip heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Step 7

Select Heat Differential Temperature; select 1.0˚F.

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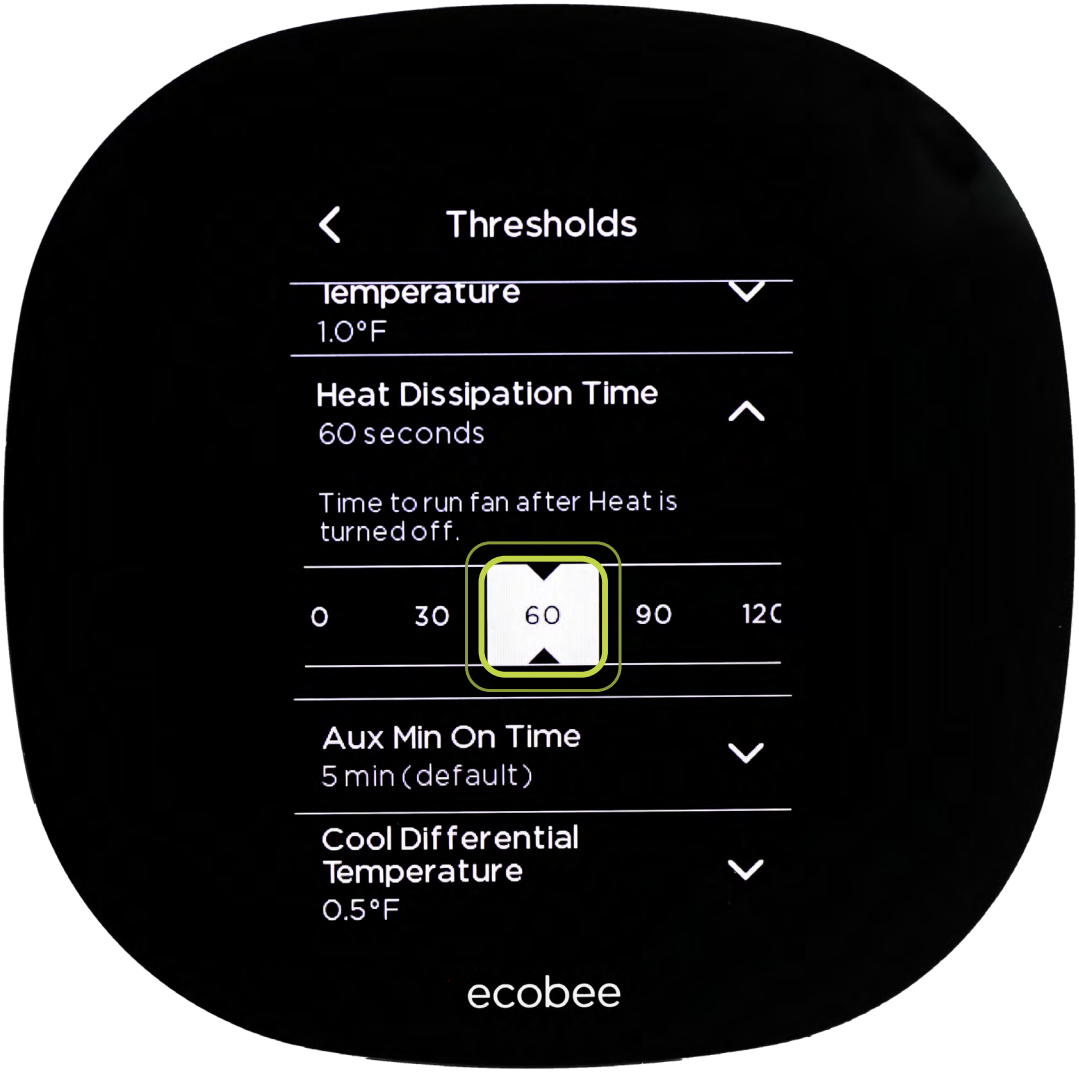
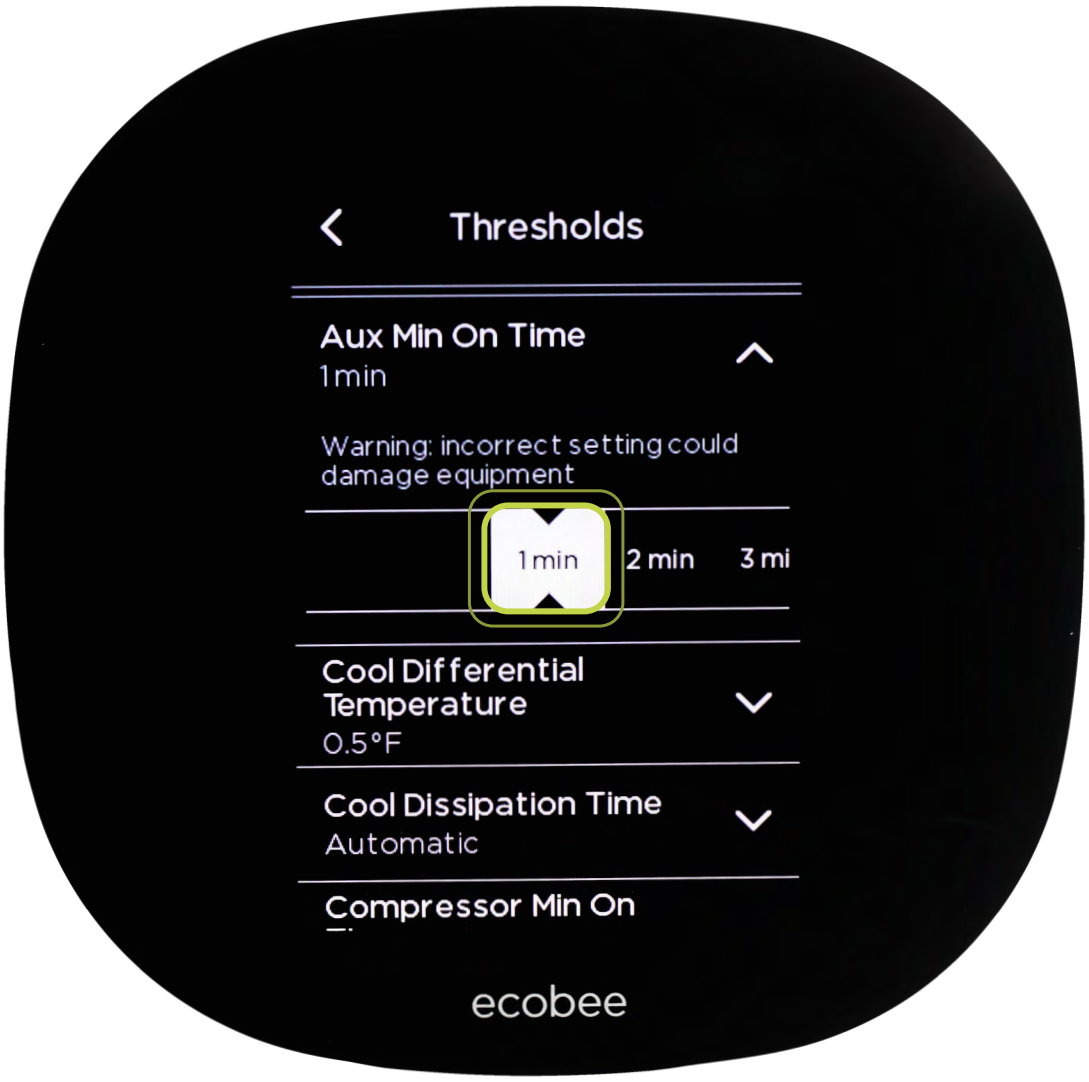
Select Heat Dissipation Time; select 60 seconds.



60 seconds will maximize the distribution of remaining heat in the system but not circulate cool air.

Step 9

Select Aux Min On Time; select 1 min.



This setting regulates the electric heat runtime, which maximizes energy savings and increases system durability.

Select Cool Differential Temperature; select 1.0˚F.

A 1˚F cool differential temperature will turn the cooling on after the indoor temperature is 1˚F above setpoint. This setting should decrease energy usage and increase system durability through longer runtimes.

Step 11

Select Cool Dissipation Time; select 0 seconds.

This maximizes the amount of humidity removed during cooling mode.

Select Compressor to Aux Temperature Delta; select 3˚F.

Step 13

Select Compressor to Aux Runtime; select 30 min.

When complete, select the arrow symbol in the upper left corner.

This is to maximize the efficiency of your air source heat pump before less efficient strip heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

ecobee recommends turning off the compressor when outdoor temperatures drop below 35˚F; however, this setting is not ideal for energy efficiency and costs. HVAC equipment manufacturers and the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) do not recommend turning off the compressor at all.

You will receive a warning message that states: “Compressor Min Outdoor Temperature for air-to-air Heat Pump should not be disabled. ecobee recommends 35˚F.”

Select Cancel to acknowledge this warning.

When complete, select the arrow symbol in the upper left corner to return to the main screen.

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Thermostat Setup Guidelines for All-Electric Heat Pumps

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Two-Stage Heat Pumps

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Part One

Step 1

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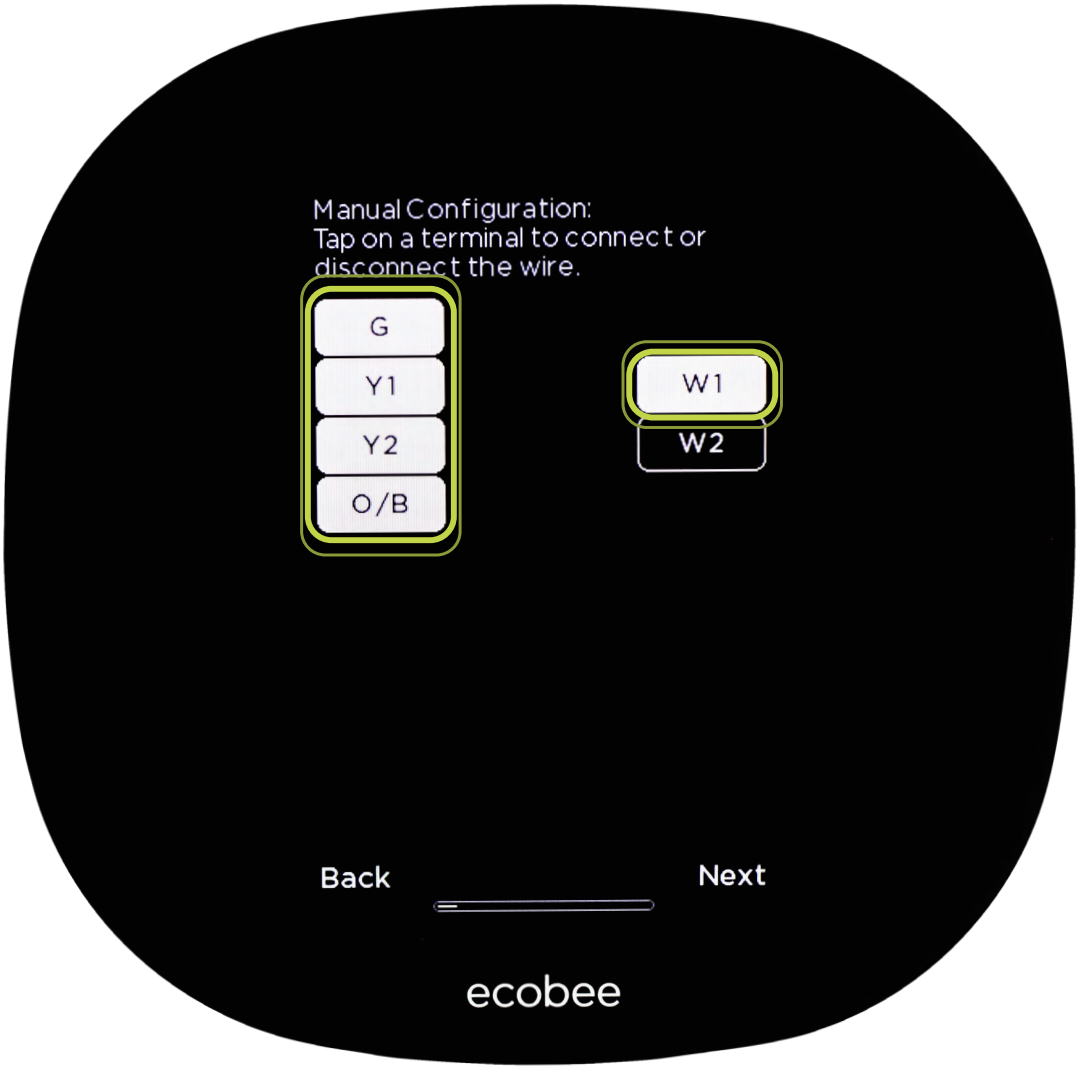


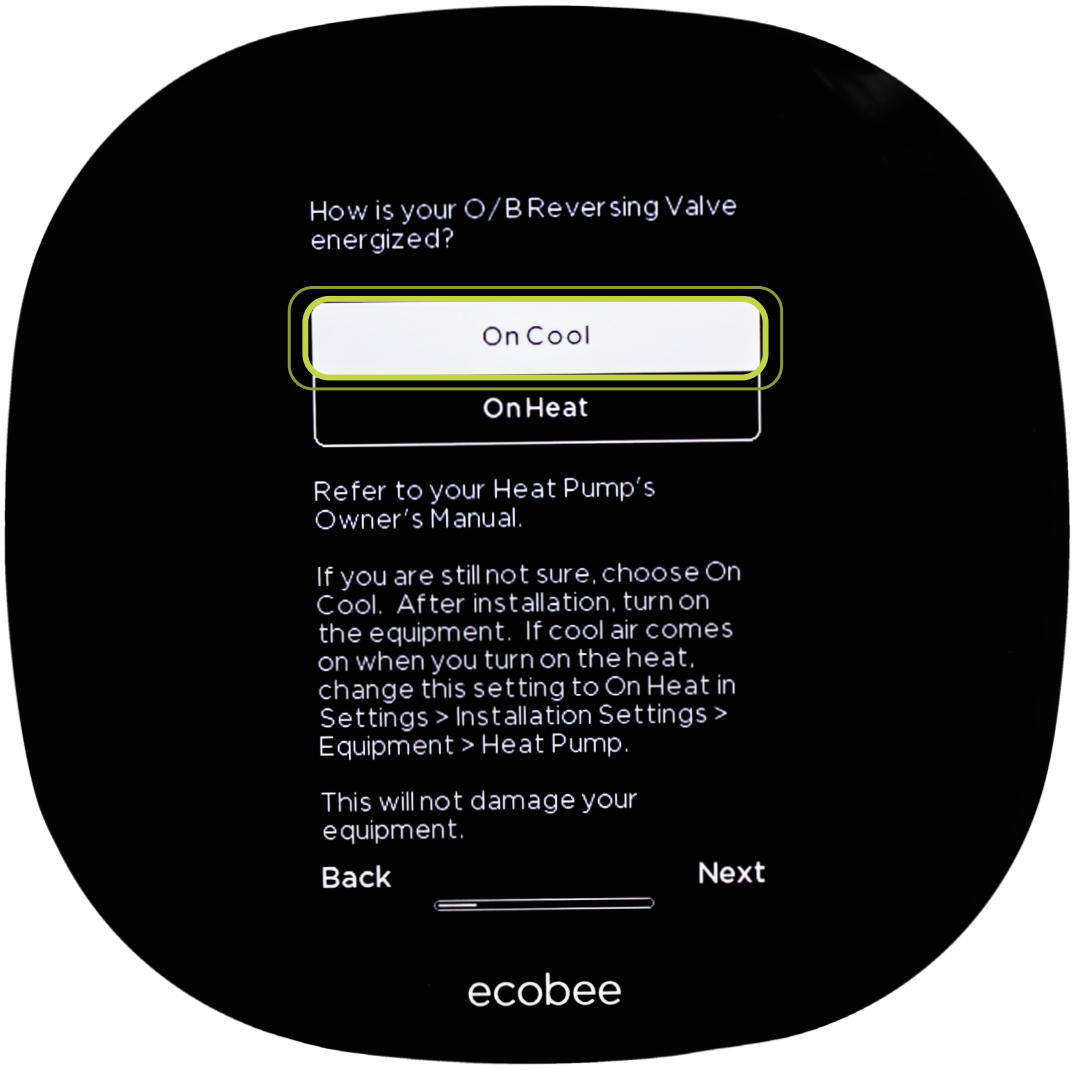
It is important to follow the ecobee3 lite installation documents to ensure your HVAC system is wired to maximize the thermostat's capabilities.

Step 3

Select Air to Air; select Next.

These are the recommended settings for an all-electric air to air heat pump. See the ecobee3 lite installation documents if any other source of heating (geothermal, furnace, etc.) is present.

For Rheem and Ruud branded equipment only, select On Heat; select Next. For all other equipment brands, select On Cool; select Next.



This will maximize your system's capabilities with the new thermostat.

Step 5

Select Enable Aux Heat Simultaneous Operation; select Next.

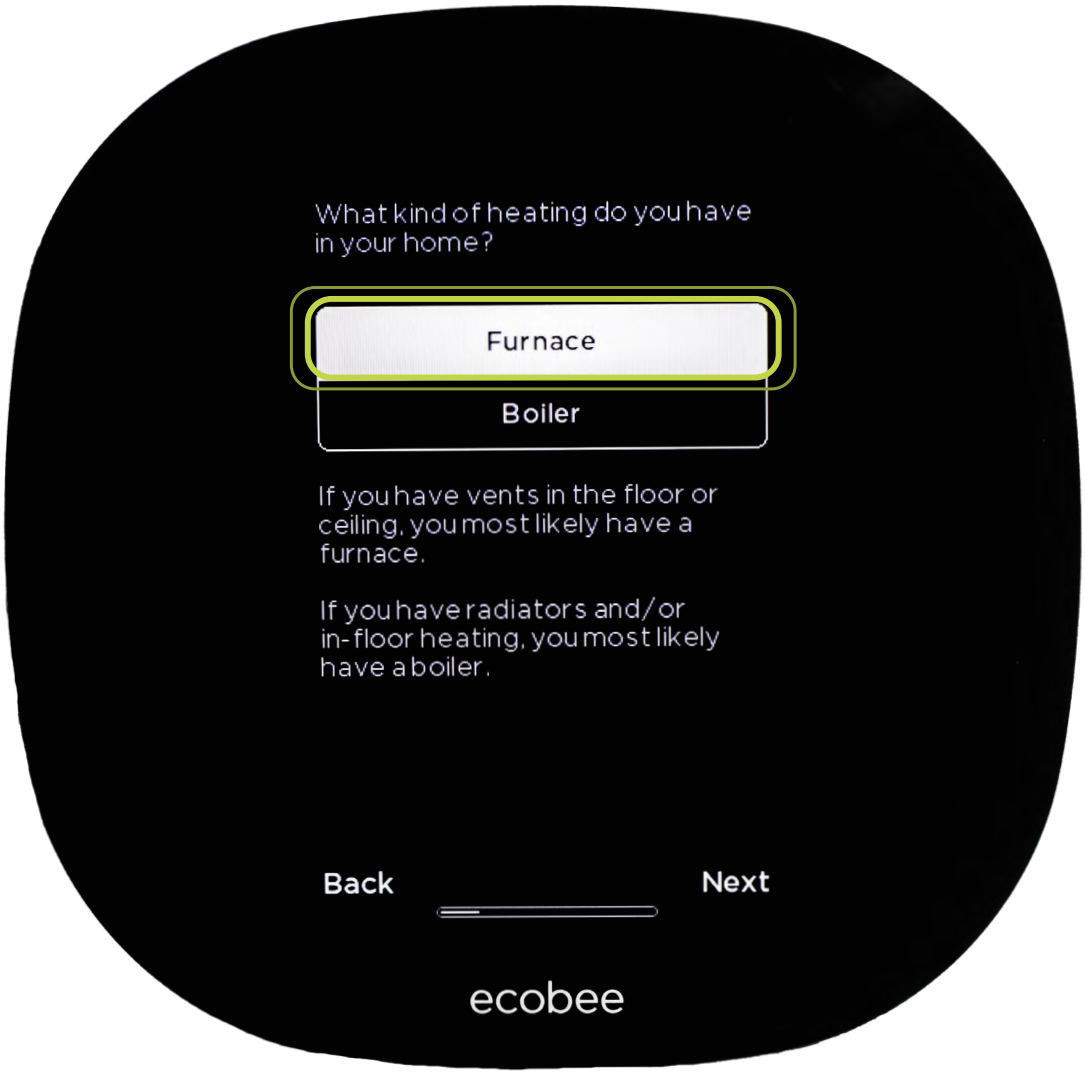
This is the recommended setting to maximize the efficiency of your air source heat pump before less efficient strip heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Select Disabled for Compressor Minimum Outdoor Temperature; select Next.

This maximizes the efficiency of your air source heat pump before less efficient strip heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Step 7

Select Furnace; select Next.



This is to tell the thermostat that the heat source for your home comes from the same components as your cooling.

Select By thermostat (recommended); select Next.

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Step 1

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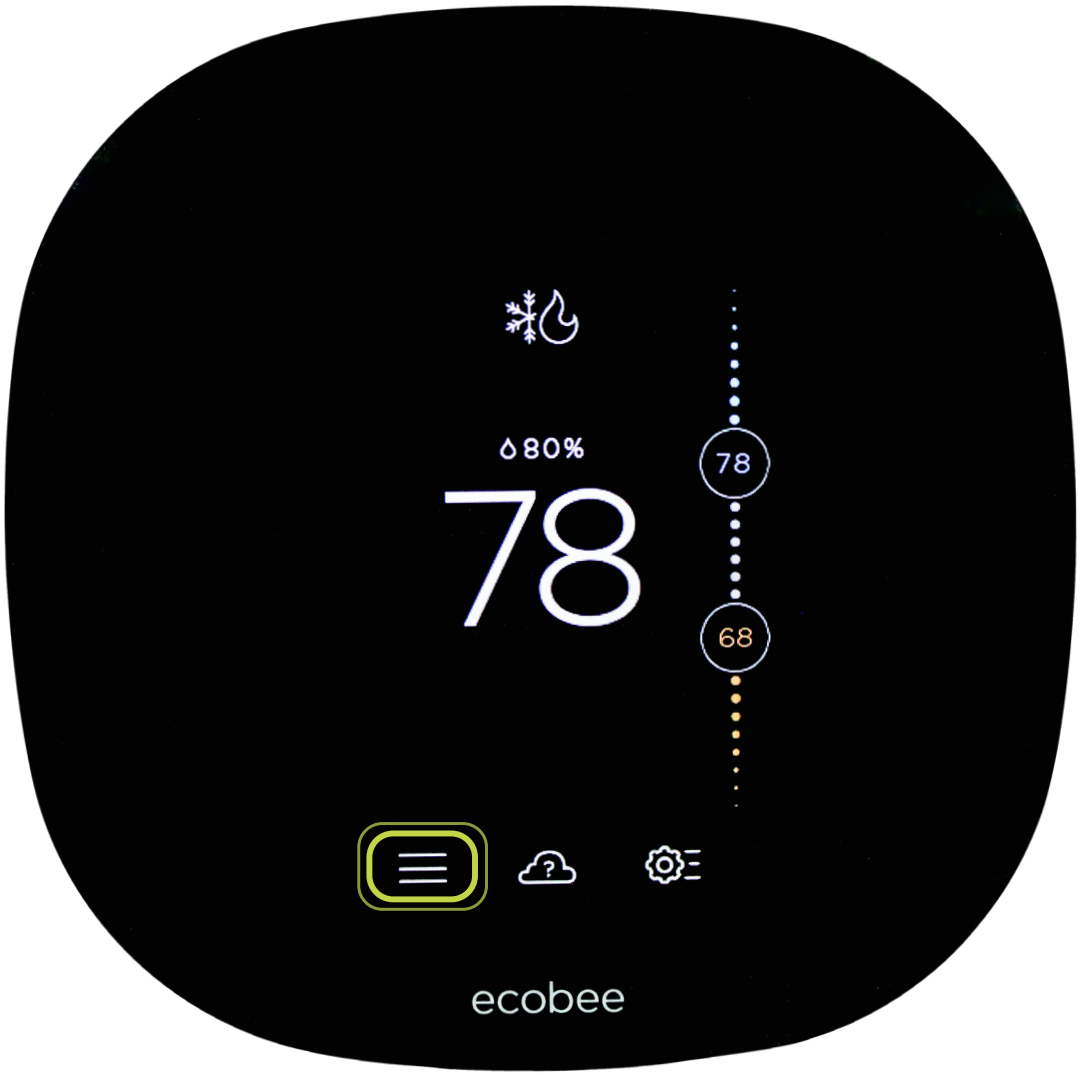
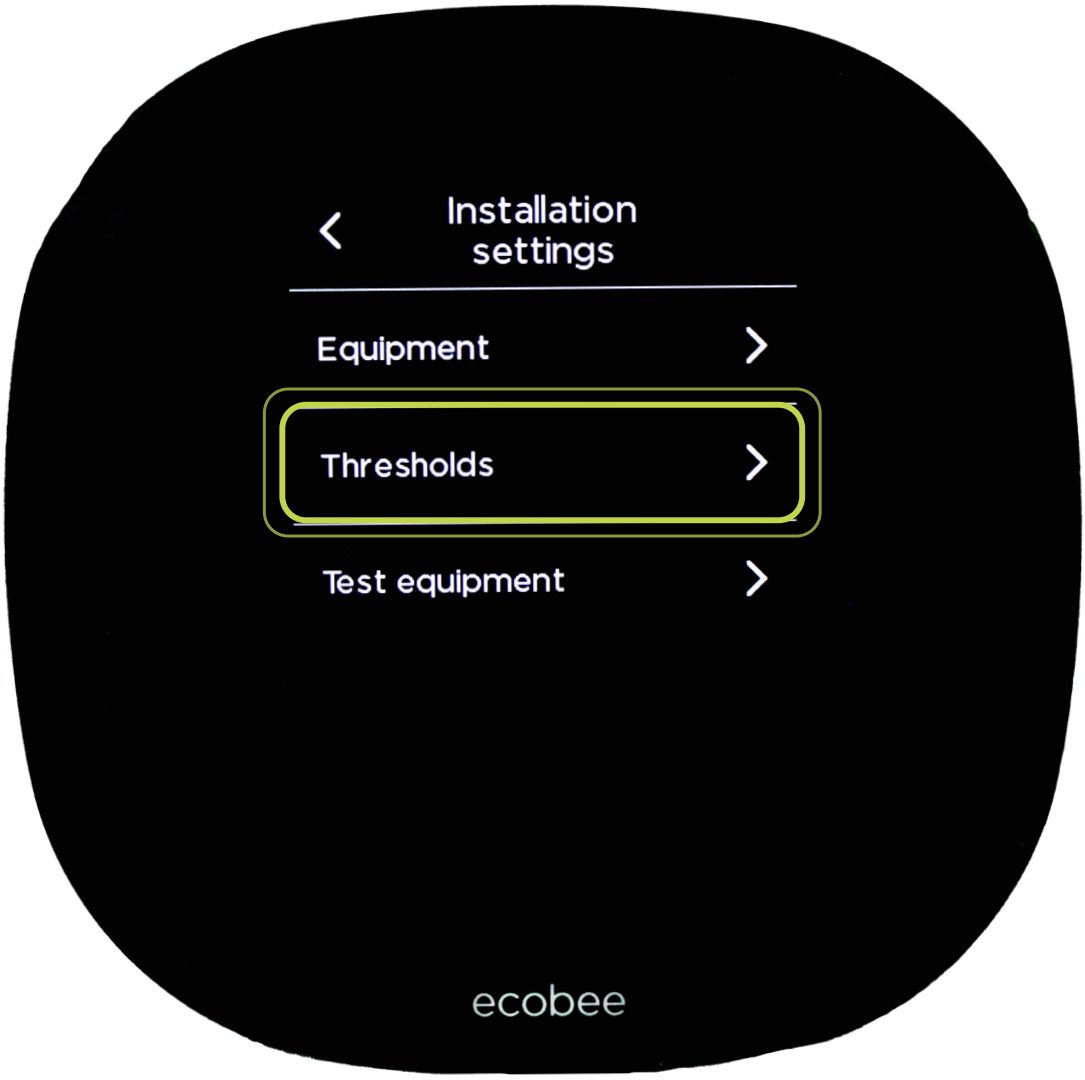


Scroll down, select Settings.

Step 3

Select Installation settings.

Select Thresholds.



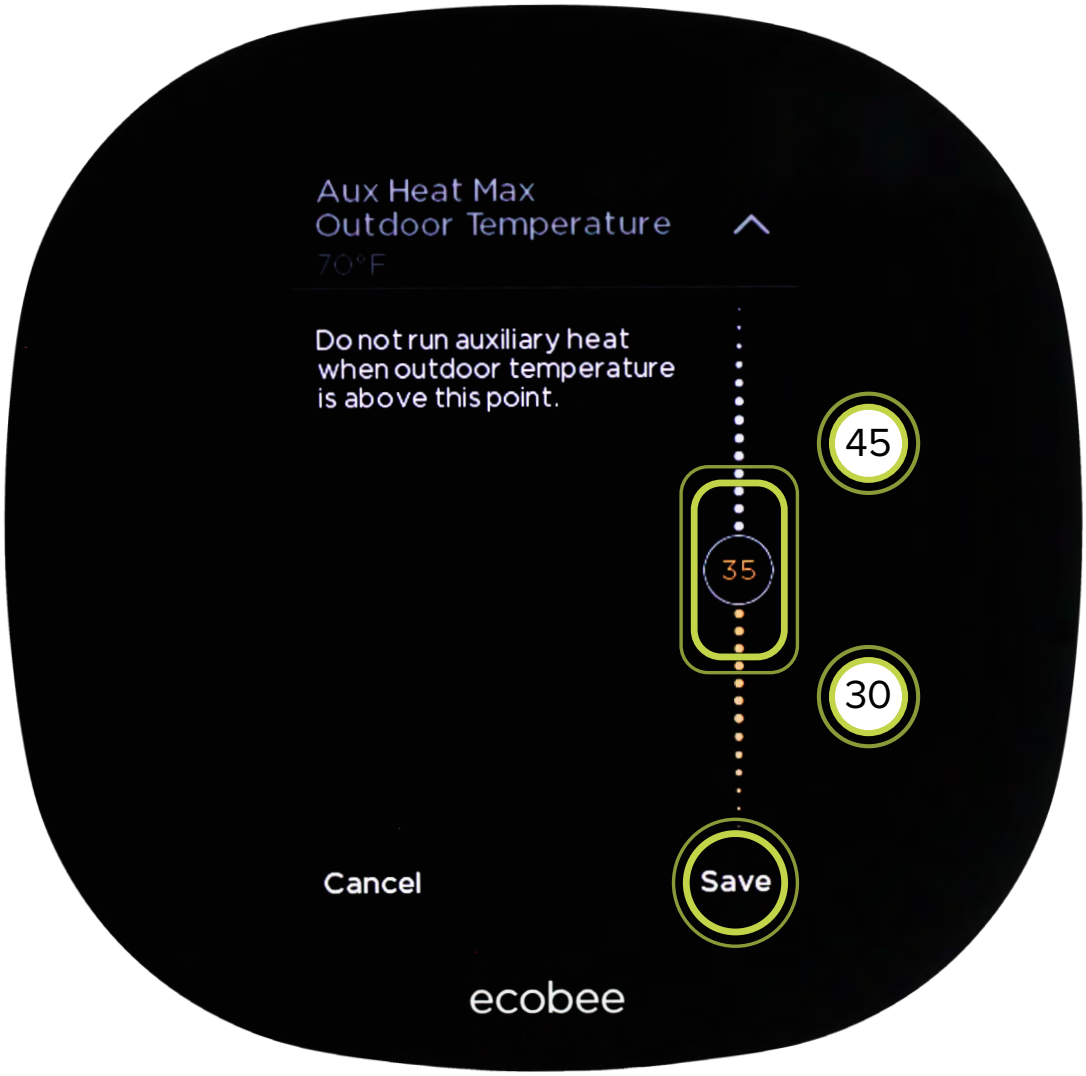
Step 5

Select Compressor Min Cycle Off Time; select 600 seconds.

This is a recommended setting to save energy and increase equipment durability. After the unit cycles off, it will not come back on for 10 minutes.

Step 6

Select Aux Heat Max Outdoor Temperature; select between 30 and 45 degrees; select Save.



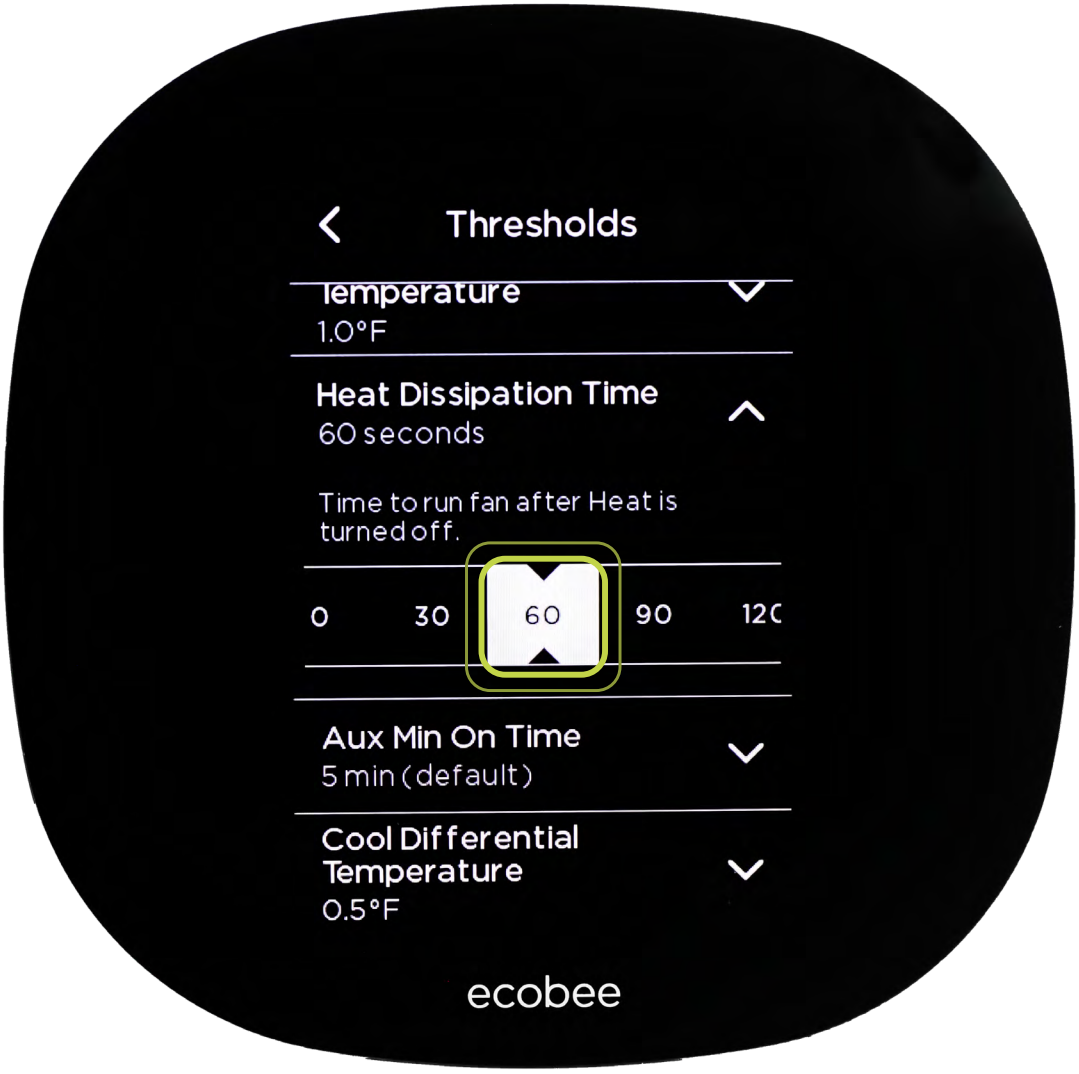
This temperature range is recommended to maximize the efficiency of your air source heat pump before less efficient strip heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Step 7

Select Heat Differential Temperature; select 1.0˚F.

A 1˚F heat differential temperature will turn the heat on after the indoor temperature drops 1˚F below setpoint. This setting should decrease energy usage and increase system durability through longer runtimes.

Select Heat Dissipation Time; select 60 seconds.



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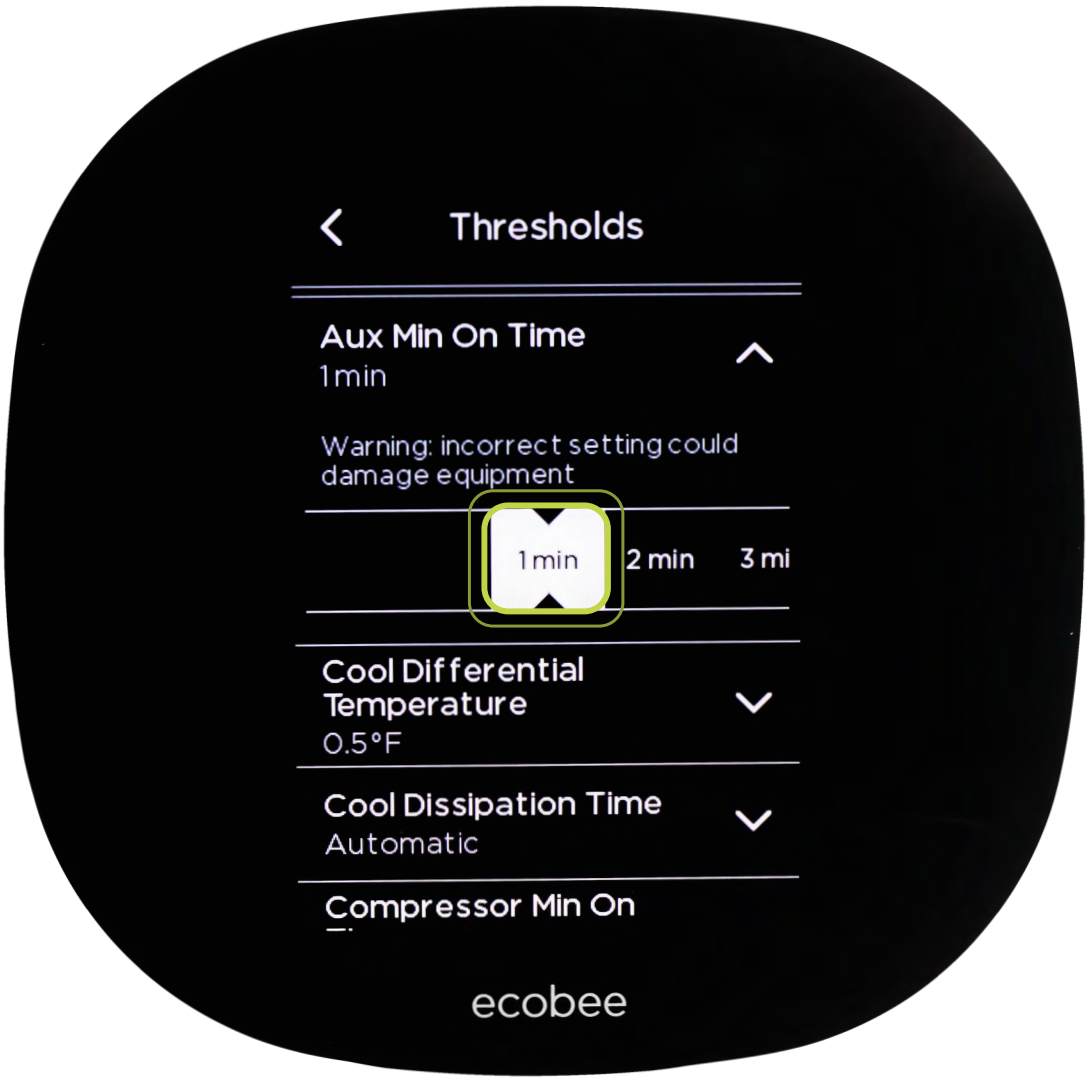
Step 9

Select Aux Min On Time; select 1 min.



This setting regulates the electric heat runtime, which maximizes energy savings and increases system durability.

Select Cool Differential Temperature; select 1.0˚F.

A 1˚F cool differential temperature will turn the cooling on after the indoor temperature is 1˚F above setpoint. This setting should decrease energy usage and increase system durability through longer runtimes.

Step 11

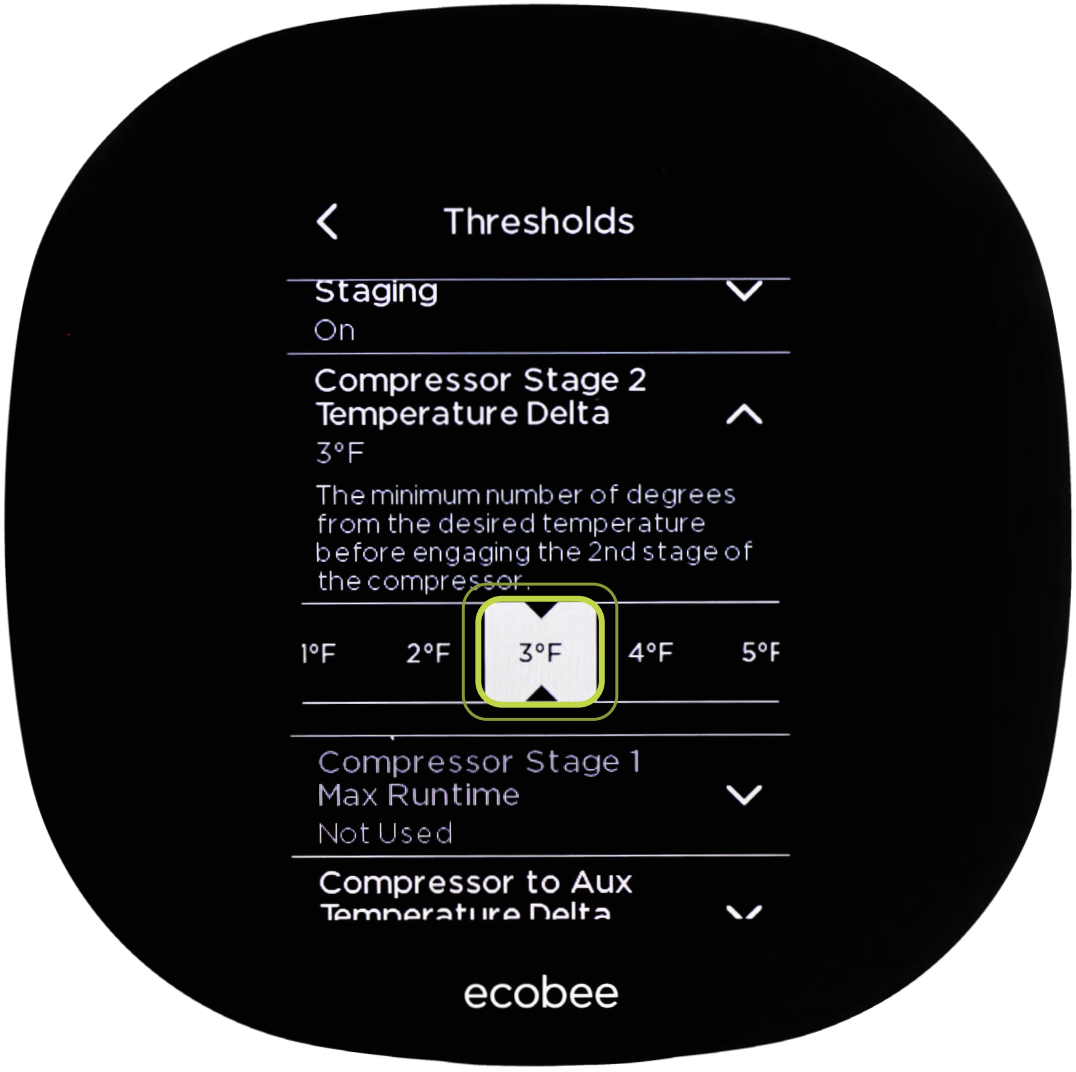
Select Cool Dissipation Time; select 0 seconds.

This maximizes the amount of humidity removed during cooling mode.

Select Compressor Reverse Staging; select On.

Step 13

Select Compressor Stage 2 Temperature Delta; select 3°F.



Select Compressor to Aux Temperature Delta; select 6°F.

This is to maximize the efficiency of your air source heat pump before less efficient strip heat comes on to maintain comfort at lower temperatures.

Step 15

ecobee recommends turning off the compressor when outdoor temperatures drop below 35˚F; however, this setting is not ideal for energy efficiency and costs. HVAC equipment manufacturers and the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) do not recommend turning off the compressor at all.

You will receive a warning message that states: “Compressor Min Outdoor Temperature for air-to-air Heat Pump should not be disabled. ecobee recommends 35˚F.”

Select Cancel to acknowledge this warning.

When complete, select the arrow symbol in the upper left corner to return to the main screen.

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SETUP QUICK GUIDE
For All-Electric Heat Pumps

Introduction

The ecobee3 lite is a powerful tool that can help save energy and money while managing energy resources to best serve all cooperative members. To make sure you're getting the most out of your ecobee3 lite, Advanced Energy offers the following recommendations for thermostat setup specific to your heat pump.

Please note: This information is only for heat pumps with auxiliary electric strip heat. If your heat pump has gas backup, this information does not apply. Please instead follow the ecobee3 lite Thermostat Setup Guidelines for Heat Pumps with Gas Furnace Backup (Dual Fuel Heat Pumps).

Heating 101

When it starts to get cold outside, your heat pump works like an air conditioner in reverse — it pulls any warmth out of the outside air, puts it through a compressor to heat it further and blows it throughout your home.

Your compressor is the most efficient way to heat your home, but it alone does not always keep your home at a desired temperature. When outdoor temperatures drop, auxiliary heat from the heat pump kicks in to maintain your comfort and thermostat settings, but this uses more energy. To maximize your home's comfort and efficiency, you can set your ecobee3 lite to perform best in all circumstances.

Suggested Settings to Maximize Energy Savings

The following settings can help you achieve your desired indoor temperature and save energy during the winter. These settings can be accessed with a few steps from your ecobee3 lite.

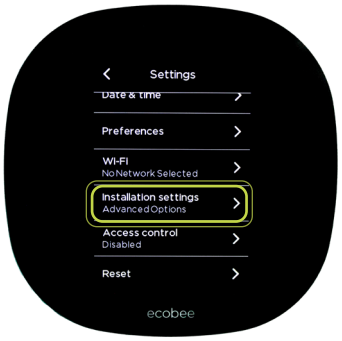
Step 1

Main Menu icon

Step 2

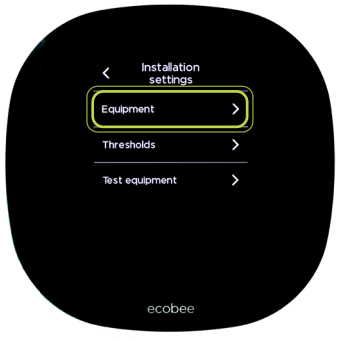
Settings

Step 3



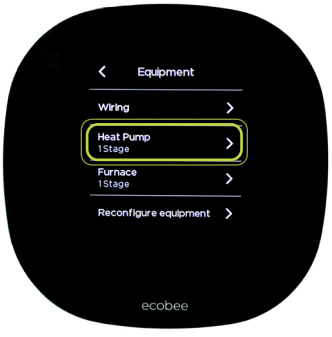
Installation settings

Step 4



Equipment

Step 5

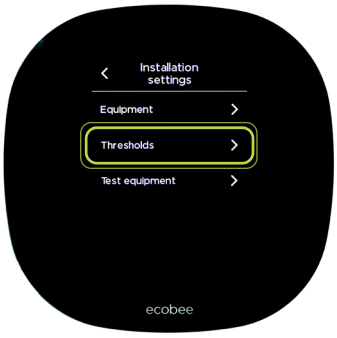


Heat Pump

Step 6

Aux Heat Simultaneous Operation - Enable

Step 7



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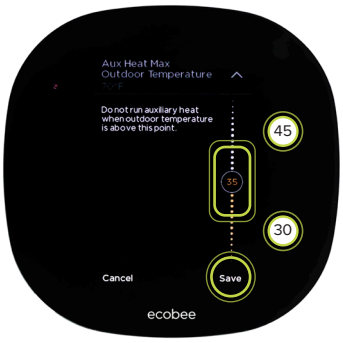
Select Thresholds.

Step 8

Compressor Min Outdoor Temperature - Disabled

Step 9



Aux Heat Max Outdoor Temperature

Choose between 30 and 45

Push Save

Step 10

Compressor to Aux Temperature Delta - 3˚F

Step 11

Compressor to Aux Runtime - 30 min

Step 12

Select Cancel to finalize settings and return to Installation settings menu

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This guide is part of a series providing settings recommendations for using the ecobee3, ecobee3 lite and ecobee SmartThermostat with voice control thermostats with different heat pump systems.

Installation Precautions

These recommendations are based on the presence of a heat pump system and thermostat operating per manufacturers' instructions prior to the ecobee3 lite installation.

Read the ecobee installation materials carefully and only install the thermostat yourself if you are comfortable with electrical wiring and device setup. If you are not, seek a qualified HVAC contractor to complete installation and setup.

Save Energy, Save Money

As a member-owned electric cooperative, we are committed to member comfort and satisfaction. With the right settings, the ecobee3 lite can help get the job done.

If you need more information or have questions about the settings on your ecobee3 lite, call ecobee customer support at 877-932-6233.

Congratulations, your new ecobee3 lite should now be setup to maximize your HVAC system efficiency and home comfort.

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