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Proposed Eligibility for Recognition Clothes Washers

Scope

Included products. Standard sized residential clothes washers are eligible for Most Efficient recognition.

Excluded products. The following products are not eligible for Most Efficient recognition in 2012:

- Compact clothes washers (volume under 1.6 cubic feet)
- All-in-one combination washer-dryers
- Commercial clothes washers

Recognition Criteria

- 1) Product must be ENERGY STAR qualified consistent with applicable ENERGY STAR Partner Commitments and the requirements set forth in the latest version of the ENERGY STAR Program Requirements Product Specification for Clothes Washers, Version 5.1. Product performance must be certified by an EPA-recognized certification body.
- 2) Products must meet applicable Modified Energy Factor (MEF) and Water Factor (WF) requirements shown in the table below:

Clothes Washer Volume	MEF	WF
≤ 2.5 cubic feet	≥ 2.3	≤ 4.5
> 2.5 cubic feet	≥ 3.0	≤ 3.3

Recognition Period

EPA will add qualifying models to the 2012 Most Efficient product list for clothes washers from January 1, 2012 through December 30, 2012. The 2012 Most Efficient designation may be used in association with models recognized during this period for as long as the model remains on the market.