



Recognition Criteria Clothes Washers

Scope

Included products. Standard sized residential clothes washers are eligible for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient recognition in 2015.

Excluded products. The following products are not eligible for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient recognition in 2015:

- Compact clothes washers (volume under 1.6 cu-ft)
- Standard small volume clothes washers (volume 1.6 cu-ft to 2.5 cu-ft)*
- All-in-on combination washer-dryers
- Commercial clothes washers

** Standard small clothes washers are suspended from ENERGY STAR Most Efficient recognition at this time. EPA will reconsider recognition for small volume washers as products with higher efficiency become available.*

Recognition Criteria

1) Product must be ENERGY STAR certified consistent with applicable ENERGY STAR Partner Commitments and the requirements set forth in the Version 6.1 ENERGY STAR Program Requirements Product Specification for Clothes Washers and, for products certified on or after March 7, 2015, Version 7.0. Product performance must be certified by a certification body recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

2A) For products certified to Version 6.1: Products must meet the Modified Energy Factor (MEF) and Water Factor (WF) requirements shown in Table 1 below, as determined by the ENERGY STAR specified federal test procedure.

Table 1.

Clothes Washer Volume	MEF	WF
>2.5 cubic feet	≥3.2	≤3.0

2B) For products certified to Version 7.0: Products must meet the applicable Integrated Modified Energy Factor (IMEF) and Integrated Water Factor (IWF) requirements shown in Table 2 below, as determined by the ENERGY STAR specified federal test procedure. The requirements depicted in Table 2 are equivalent to the MEF and WF values in Table 1, and have been converted to IMEF and IWF using the appropriate top load and front load crosswalk calculations.

Table 2.

Product Type	IMEF	IWF
Top Loading	≥2.76	≤3.5
Front Loading	≥2.74	≤3.2

Recognition Period

EPA will add qualifying models to the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2015 product list for clothes washers from January 1, 2015 through December 30, 2015. The ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2015 designation may be used in association with models recognized during this period for as long as the model remains on the market.