



Recognition Criteria for Consumer Refrigeration Products

Scope

Included products: Consumer refrigeration products are eligible for ENERGY STAR® Most Efficient recognition in 2025.

Excluded products: The following products are not eligible for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient recognition in 2025:

- All-refrigerators. At the present time, standard-size all-refrigerators are not eligible for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2025 recognition.
- Coolers. At the present time, coolers are not eligible for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2025 recognition.

Recognition Criteria

- 1) Product must be an ENERGY STAR certified Consumer Refrigeration Product currently listed on the ENERGY STAR list of certified models.
- 2) For standard-size refrigerator-freezers and freezers, products must have an Annual Energy Consumption (AEC) of less than or equal to 637 kWh per year.
- 3) For standard-size refrigerator-freezers other than top freezers¹, product must be at least 27% more efficient than federal requirements (see table below), as determined by the DOE test procedure in 10 CFR 430 Subpart B, Appendix A. For standard-size chest freezers, product must be at least 15% more efficient than federal requirements, as determined by the DOE test procedure in 10 CFR 430 Subpart B, Appendix B. For standard-size upright freezers and compact freezers, product must be at least 20% more efficient than federal requirements, as determined by the DOE test procedure in 10 CFR 430 Subpart B, Appendix B. For compact refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers, product must be at least 30% more efficient than federal requirements, as determined by the DOE test procedure in 10 CFR 430 Subpart B, Appendix A.

¹ Top freezers are not subject to part 3 of the Recognition Criteria; all ENERGY STAR certified top freezers that have an AEC less than or equal to 637 kWh per year are eligible for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient recognition.

Product Class		Maximum AEC (kWh/year)
1	Refrigerator-freezers and refrigerators other than all-refrigerators with manual defrost.	$AV \leq 81.1, AEC_{MAX} \leq 5.83*AV + 164.3$ $AV > 81.1, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
2	Refrigerator-freezers—partial automatic defrost.	$AV \leq 81.1, AEC_{MAX} \leq 5.83*AV + 164.3$ $AV > 81.1, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
4	Refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with side-mounted freezer without an automatic icemaker.	$AV \leq 67.6, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.21*AV + 217.4$ $AV > 67.6, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
4-BI	Built-In Refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with side-mounted freezer without an automatic icemaker	$AV \leq 67.6, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.21*AV + 217.4$ $AV > 67.6, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
4I	Refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with side-mounted freezer with an automatic icemaker without through-the-door ice service.	$AV \leq 54.0, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.21*AV + 301.4$ $AV > 54.0, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
4I-BI	Built-In Refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with side-mounted freezer with an automatic icemaker without through-the-door ice service.	$AV \leq 54.0, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.21*AV + 301.4$ $AV > 54.0, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
5	Refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with bottom-mounted freezer without an automatic icemaker	$AV \leq 62.8, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.46*AV + 231.4$ $AV > 62.8, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
5-BI	Built-In Refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with bottom-mounted freezer without an automatic icemaker	$AV \leq 62.8, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.46*AV + 231.4$ $AV > 62.8, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
5I	Refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with bottom-mounted freezer with an automatic icemaker without through-the-door ice service	$AV \leq 49.8, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.46*AV + 315.4$ $AV > 49.8, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
5I-BI	Built-In Refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with bottom-mounted freezer with an automatic icemaker without through-the-door ice service	$AV \leq 49.8, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.46*AV + 315.4$ $AV > 49.8, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
5A	Refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with bottom-mounted freezer with through-the-door ice service	$AV \leq 39.6, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.75*AV + 369.7$ $AV > 39.6, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
5A-BI	Built-in refrigerator-freezer—automatic defrost with bottom-mounted freezer with through-the-door ice service	$AV \leq 39.6, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.75*AV + 369.7$ $AV > 39.6, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
7	Refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with side-mounted freezer with through-the-door ice service	$AV \leq 47.9, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.23 *AV + 338.6$ $AV > 47.9, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
7-BI	Built-in refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with side-mounted freezer with through-the-door ice service	$AV \leq 47.9, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.23 *AV + 338.6$ $AV > 47.9, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
AV = Adjusted Volume (AV) shall be calculated in accordance with the DOE test procedure in 10 CFR 430 Subpart B, Appendix A.		

Product Class		Maximum AEC (kWh/year)
8	Upright freezers with manual defrost	$AV \leq 99.9, AEC_{MAX} \leq 4.73*AV + 164.6$ $AV > 99.9, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
9	Upright freezers with automatic defrost without an automatic ice maker	$AV \leq 65.9, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.90*AV + 182.6$ $AV > 65.9, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
9I	Upright freezers with automatic defrost with an automatic icemaker	$AV \leq 53.7, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.90*AV + 266.6$ $AV > 53.7, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
9-BI	Built-In Upright freezers with automatic defrost without an automatic icemaker	$AV \leq 65.9, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.90*AV + 182.6$ $AV > 65.9, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
9I-BI	Built-In upright freezers with automatic defrost with an automatic icemaker	$AV \leq 53.7, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.90*AV + 266.6$ $AV > 53.7, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
10	Chest freezers and all other freezers except compact freezers	$AV \leq 88.0, AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.20*AV + 91.6$ $AV > 88.0, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
10A	Chest freezers with automatic defrost	$AV \leq 58.7, AEC_{MAX} \leq 8.70*AV + 125.9$ $AV > 58.7, AEC_{MAX} \leq 637$
11	Compact Refrigerator and Refrigerator-Freezer other than All-Refrigerator - manual defrost	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.32*AV + 176.6$
11A	Compact All-Refrigerator - manual defrost	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 5.49*AV + 153.4$
12	Compact Refrigerator-Freezer - partial automatic defrost	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 4.14*AV + 235.1$
13	Compact refrigerator-freezers - automatic defrost with top-mounted freezer	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 8.26*AV + 237.4$
13I	Compact refrigerator-freezers—automatic defrost with top-mounted freezer with an automatic icemaker	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 8.26*AV + 321.4$
13A	Compact All-Refrigerators - automatic defrost	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.42*AV + 181.5$
14	Compact Refrigerator-Freezer - automatic defrost with side-mounted freezer	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 4.77*AV + 319.8$
14I	Compact Refrigerator-Freezer - automatic defrost with side-mounted freezer with an automatic icemaker	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 4.77*AV + 403.8$
15	Compact Refrigerator-Freezer - automatic defrost with Bottom-Mounted freezer	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 8.26*AV + 237.4$
15I	Compact Refrigerator-Freezer - automatic defrost bottom-mount- with an automatic icemaker	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 8.26*AV + 321.4$
16	Compact upright freezers with manual defrost	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 6.92*AV + 180.6$
17	Compact upright freezers with automatic defrost	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 8.14*AV + 281.5$
18	Compact chest freezers	$AEC_{MAX} \leq 7.4*AV + 109.4$
AV = Adjusted Volume (AV) shall be calculated in accordance with the DOE test procedures in 10 CFR 430 Subpart B, Appendix A and 10 CFR 430 Subpart B, Appendix B.		

Recognition Period

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will add eligible models to the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2025 product list for refrigerators from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. The ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2025 designation may be used in association with models recognized during this period for as long as the model remains on the market.