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Recognition Criteria Clothes Washers

Scope

Included products: Standard sized residential clothes washers are eligible for ENERGY STAR® Most Efficient recognition in 2017.

Excluded products: The following products are not eligible for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient recognition in 2017:

- Compact clothes washers (volume under 1.6 cu-ft)
- Standard small volume clothes washers (volume 1.6 cu-ft to 2.5 cu-ft)*
- Combination all-in-one washer-dryers
- Clothes washers with heated drying functionality
- Commercial clothes washers

** Standard small volume clothes washers are suspended from ENERGY STAR Most Efficient recognition at this time. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (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 ENERGY STAR Program Requirements Product Specification for Residential Clothes Washers, Version 7.1. Product performance must be certified by a certification body recognized by EPA.

2) Top loading and front loading products must meet the energy and water performance requirements shown in the table below, as determined by the DOE test procedure in 10 CFR 430, Subpart B, Appendix J2.

Clothes Washer Volume	Integrated Modified Energy Factor (IMEF)	Integrated Water Factor (IWF)
>2.5 cubic feet	≥ 2.76	≤ 3.2

Recognition Period

EPA will add qualifying models to the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2017 product list for clothes washers from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2017 designation may be used in association with models recognized during this period for as long as the model remains on the market.