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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 2016.

Excluded products: The following products are not eligible for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient recognition in 2016:

- 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. 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 ENERGY STAR specified federal test procedure.

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 2016 product list for clothes washers from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2016 designation may be used in association with models recognized during this period for as long as the model remains on the market.