



# ENERGY STAR® Program Requirements for Boilers

## Partner Commitments

Following are the terms of the ENERGY STAR Partnership Agreement as it pertains to the manufacture and labeling of ENERGY STAR qualified products. The ENERGY STAR Partner must adhere to the following partner commitments:

### Qualifying Products

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1. Comply with current ENERGY STAR Eligibility Criteria, which define performance requirements and test procedures for boilers. A list of eligible products and their corresponding Eligibility Criteria can be found at [www.energystar.gov/specifications](http://www.energystar.gov/specifications).
2. **Prior to associating the ENERGY STAR name or mark with any product**, obtain written certification of ENERGY STAR qualification from a Certification Body recognized by EPA for boilers. As part of this certification process, products must be tested in a laboratory recognized by EPA to perform boiler testing. A list of EPA-recognized laboratories and Certification Bodies can be found at [www.energystar.gov/testingandverification](http://www.energystar.gov/testingandverification).

### Using the ENERGY STAR Name and Marks

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3. Comply with current ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines, which define how the ENERGY STAR name and marks may be used. Partner is responsible for adhering to these guidelines and ensuring that its authorized representatives, such as advertising agencies, dealers, and distributors, are also in compliance. The ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines are available at [www.energystar.gov/logouse](http://www.energystar.gov/logouse).
4. Use the ENERGY STAR name and marks only in association with qualified products. Partner may not refer to itself as an ENERGY STAR Partner unless at least one product is qualified and offered for sale in the U.S. and/or ENERGY STAR partner countries.
5. Provide clear and consistent labeling of ENERGY STAR qualified boilers.
  - 5.1. The ENERGY STAR mark must be clearly displayed in product literature (i.e., user manuals, spec sheets, etc.) and on the manufacturer's Internet site where information about ENERGY STAR qualified models is displayed.
  - 5.2. It is also recommended that the mark appear on the top/front of the product and on the product packaging.

### Verifying Ongoing Product Qualification

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6. Participate in third-party verification testing through a Certification Body recognized by EPA for boilers, providing full cooperation and timely responses. EPA/DOE may also, at its discretion, conduct tests on products that are referred to as ENERGY STAR qualified. These products may be obtained on the open market, or voluntarily supplied by Partner at the government's request.

### Providing Information to EPA

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7. Provide unit shipment data or other market indicators to EPA annually to assist with creation of ENERGY STAR market penetration estimates, as follows:

- 7.1. Partner must submit the total number of ENERGY STAR qualified boilers shipped in the calendar year or an equivalent measurement as agreed to in advance by EPA and Partner. Partner shall exclude shipments to organizations that rebrand and resell the shipments (unaffiliated private labelers).
- 7.2. Partner must provide unit shipment data segmented by meaningful product characteristics (e.g., type, capacity, presence of additional functions) as prescribed by EPA.
- 7.3. Partner must submit unit shipment data for each calendar year to EPA or an EPA-authorized third party, preferably in electronic format, no later than March 1 of the following year.

Submitted unit shipment data will be used by EPA only for program evaluation purposes and will be closely controlled. If requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), EPA will argue that the data is exempt. Any information used will be masked by EPA so as to protect the confidentiality of the Partner.

8. Report to EPA any attempts by recognized laboratories or Certification Bodies (CBs) to influence testing or certification results or to engage in discriminatory practices.
9. Notify EPA of a change in the designated responsible party or contacts within 30 days using the My ENERGY STAR Account tool (MESA) available at [www.energystar.gov/mesa](http://www.energystar.gov/mesa).

### **Training and Consumer Education**

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10. Partner shall comply with the following, product-specific requirements concerning training and education:
  - 10.1. Offer and encourage training to distributors and/or contractors on the following issues: system venting, condensate removal, code compliance, and proper use of the Manual J calculation, or other equivalent calculation, in order to encourage proper sizing of equipment.

### **Performance for Special Distinction**

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In order to receive additional recognition and/or support from EPA for its efforts within the Partnership, the ENERGY STAR Partner may consider the following voluntary measures, and should keep EPA informed on the progress of these efforts:

- Provide quarterly, written updates to EPA as to the efforts undertaken by Partner to increase availability of ENERGY STAR qualified products, and to promote awareness of ENERGY STAR and its message.
- Consider energy efficiency improvements in company facilities and pursue benchmarking buildings through the ENERGY STAR Buildings program.
- Purchase ENERGY STAR qualified products. Revise the company purchasing or procurement specifications to include ENERGY STAR. Provide procurement officials' contact information to EPA for periodic updates and coordination. Circulate general ENERGY STAR qualified product information to employees for use when purchasing products for their homes.
- Feature the ENERGY STAR mark(s) on Partner website and other promotional materials. If information concerning ENERGY STAR is provided on the Partner website as specified by the ENERGY STAR Web Linking Policy (available in the Partner Resources section of the ENERGY STAR website), EPA may provide links where appropriate to the Partner website.
- Ensure the power management feature is enabled on all ENERGY STAR qualified displays and computers in use in company facilities, particularly upon installation and after service is performed.
- Provide general information about the ENERGY STAR program to employees whose jobs are relevant to the development, marketing, sales, and service of current ENERGY STAR qualified products.
- Provide a simple plan to EPA outlining specific measures Partner plans to undertake beyond the program requirements listed above. By doing so, EPA may be able to coordinate, and communicate Partner's activities, provide an EPA representative, or include news about the event in the ENERGY

STAR newsletter, on the ENERGY STAR website, etc. The plan may be as simple as providing a list of planned activities or milestones of which Partner would like EPA to be aware. For example, activities may include: (1) increasing the availability of ENERGY STAR qualified products by converting the entire product line within two years to meet ENERGY STAR guidelines; (2) demonstrating the economic and environmental benefits of energy efficiency through special in-store displays twice a year; (3) providing information to users (via the website and user's manual) about energy-saving features and operating characteristics of ENERGY STAR qualified products; and (4) building awareness of the ENERGY STAR Partnership and brand identity by collaborating with EPA on one print advertorial and one live press event.

- Join EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership to improve the environmental performance of the company's shipping operations. The SmartWay Transport Partnership works with freight carriers, shippers, and other stakeholders in the goods movement industry to reduce fuel consumption, greenhouse gases, and air pollution. For more information on SmartWay, visit [www.epa.gov/smartway](http://www.epa.gov/smartway).
- Join EPA's Green Power Partnership. EPA's Green Power Partnership encourages organizations to buy green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with traditional fossil fuel-based electricity use. The partnership includes a diverse set of organizations including Fortune 500 companies, small and medium businesses, government institutions as well as a growing number of colleges and universities. For more information on Green Power, visit [www.epa.gov/greenpower](http://www.epa.gov/greenpower).



# ENERGY STAR® Program Requirements Product Specification for Boilers

## Eligibility Criteria Version 3.0 Rev. January 2024

Following is the **Version 3.0** product specification for ENERGY STAR certified boilers. A product shall meet all of the identified criteria if it is to earn the ENERGY STAR.

**1) Definitions:** Below are the definitions of the relevant terms in this document.

- A. **Residential Boiler:** A self-contained fuel burning appliance, with input less than 300,000 Btu/h and operating at or below 160 psig water pressure and 250°F water temperature, to supply low pressure steam or hot water for space heating applications<sup>1</sup>. A heating unit that meets this definition and also provides hot water for domestic or other use is considered a combination space-heating and water heating appliance for purposes of this agreement.
- B. **Basic Model<sup>1</sup>:** All units of a given type of covered product (or class thereof) manufactured by one manufacturer, having the same primary energy source, and which have essentially identical electrical, physical, and functional (or hydraulic) characteristics that affect energy consumption, energy efficiency, water consumption, or water efficiency.
- C. **Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE)<sup>1</sup>:** The ratio of annual output energy to annual input energy, which includes any non-heating season pilot input loss and, for gas or oil-fired furnaces or boilers, does not include electric energy.

**2) Scope:**

- A. **Included Products:** Products that meet the definition of a residential boiler and/or a combination space-heating and water heating appliance as specified herein are eligible for ENERGY STAR certification, with the exception of products listed in Section 2.B.
- B. **Excluded Products:** Boilers intended only for commercial applications and/or with an input rating of 300,000 Btu per hour energy or higher are not eligible for ENERGY STAR.

**3) Qualification Criteria:**

- A. **Energy Efficiency Requirements:** To certify for ENERGY STAR, residential boilers shall meet the following minimum requirements.

**Table 1: Performance Criteria for  
ENERGY STAR Certified Boilers**

Fuel Type	AFUE
Gas	90%
Oil	87%

<sup>1</sup> Based on definition in 10 CFR §430.2. When in conflict, the definitions in the 10 CFR §430.2 take precedence.

B. Significant Digits and Rounding:

- a. All calculations shall be carried out with actual measured (unrounded) values. Only the final result of a calculation shall be rounded.
- b. Unless otherwise specified, compliance with specification limit shall be evaluated using exact values without any benefit from rounding.
- c. Directly measured or calculated values that are submitted for reporting on the ENERGY STAR website shall be rounded to the nearest whole percentage point, as specified in 10 CFR 430.23(n)(2).

**4) Test Requirements:**

A. One of the following sampling plans shall be used for purposes of testing for ENERGY STAR certification:

- a. A single unit is selected, obtained, and tested. The measured performance of this unit and of each subsequent unit manufactured must be equal to or better than the ENERGY STAR specification requirements. Results of the tested unit may be used to certify additional individual model variations within a basic model as long as the definition for basic model provided in Section 1, above, is met; or
- b. Units are selected for testing and results calculated according to the sampling requirements defined in 10 CFR Part 429, Subpart B § 429.18. The certified rating must be equal to or better than the ENERGY STAR specification requirements. Results of the tested unit may be used to certify additional model variations within a basic model as long as the definition for basic model provided above and in 10 CFR Part 430.2 is met. Further, all individual models within a basic model must have the same certified rating per DOE's regulations in Part 429 and this rating must be used for all manufacturer literature, the qualified product list, and certification of compliance to DOE energy conservation standards.

B. Test methods identified in Table 2 shall be used to determine certification for ENERGY STAR.

<b>Table 2: Test Methods for ENERGY STAR Certification</b>	
<b>Performance Metric</b>	<b>Test Method Reference</b>
AFUE	10 CFR Part 430 Subpart B, Appendix EE

**5) Effective Date:** The ENERGY STAR Boiler specification shall take effect on **October 1, 2014**. To certify as ENERGY STAR, a product model shall meet the ENERGY STAR specification in effect on its date of manufacture. The date of manufacture is specific to each unit and is the date on which a unit is considered to be completely assembled.

**6) Future Specification Revisions:** EPA reserves the right to change this specification should technological and/or market changes affect its usefulness to consumers, industry, or the environment. In keeping with current policy, revisions to the specification are arrived at through industry discussions. In the event of a specification revision, please note that the ENERGY STAR qualification is not automatically granted for the life of a product model.