



ENERGY STAR® Program Requirements Product Specification for Pool Pumps

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1 OVERVIEW

The following test method shall be used for determining product compliance with requirements for Demand Response (DR) functionality in the ENERGY STAR Residential Pool Pumps Connected Functionality Criteria.

2 APPLICABILITY

This test method is applicable to Residential Pool Pumps designed to meet both the ENERGY STAR Residential Pool Pumps Eligibility Criteria Version 1.0 and the Connected Functionality Criteria.

3 DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise specified, all terms used in this document are consistent with the definitions in both the ENERGY STAR Residential Pool Pumps Eligibility Criteria Version 1.0 and the Connected Functionality Criteria.

- A) Nominal Motor Speed: The rated speed(s) in rotations per minute (RPM) for Single- and Multi-speed pumps, and the speed displayed on the pump controls for Variable-speed and Variable-flow pumps.
- B) Response Time: The amount of time required for the Connected Pool Pump System to respond to a Demand Response signal, as measured during this test.
- C) Utility Equivalent Communication Device: Device capable of communicating with the connected pump and emulating all three signal types described in the Connected Functionality Criteria. It will be controlled by the technician during the conduct of this test procedure, allowing the technician to deliver the required signals.
- D) Acronyms:
 - 1) CPPS: Connected Pool Pump System
 - 2) DR: Demand Response
 - 3) GPM: Gallons Per Minute
 - 4) RPM: Rotations Per Minute
 - 5) UECD: Utility Equivalent Communication Device
 - 6) UUT: Unit Under Test

28 **4 TEST SETUP**

29 Unless otherwise specified, all test setup and condition requirements shall be identical to Sections 4 and
30 6.1 of the ENERGY STAR Program Requirements Test Method for Pool Pumps Version 1.0 (Rev. Jan-
31 2013).

32 **4.1 Connected Pool Pump System (CPPS) Setup**

33 The CPPS and Utility Equivalent Communication Device (UECD) shall be set up in accordance with
34 manufacturer installation instructions.

- 35 A) Connect the CPPS to the Utility Equivalent Communication Device via the applicable
36 communication medium over which the Open Standards Communication method employed by
37 CPPS is available.
- 38 1) For CPPS that normally utilize a cloud-based system for communicating with the UECD, the
39 CPPS may bypass the cloud system and be connected directly to the UECD for the purposes
40 of this testing.
- 41 B) Ensure that the CPPS is properly connected and can both receive and send data to the Utility
42 Equivalent Communication Device.

43 **5 DEMAND RESPONSE VERIFICATION TESTS**

44 The following testing shall be performed in the order of the sections, as written.

45 **5.1 CPPS Initialization**

- 46 A) Turn on the pump, set it to its maximum speed or flow, and allow it to run for one hour.
- 47 B) After one hour, measure and record nominal motor speed (in RPM) and the rate of flow (in
48 gallons per minute (GPM)).

49 **5.2 Response Time**

- 50 A) The CPPS' Response Time shall be measured during each test and shall be no more than 5
51 minutes for any test.
- 52 B) Response Time measurements shall begin upon receipt of the DR signal by the CPPS.
- 53 1) For units that do not provide signal receipt verification, measurements shall begin when the
54 signal is sent from the UECD.

55 **5.3 Type 1 Signal Test**

- 56 A) For CPPS with Single-speed Pumps:
- 57 1) Initiate a 30-minute Type 1 Signal.
- 58 2) Verify that the CPPS responds to the signal by limiting total pumping time during the 30-
59 minute signal period to no more than 10 minutes.
- 60 a) The rate of flow measured during non-pumping portion(s) of the signal period shall be
61 less than 2.0 GPM.
- 62 B) For CPPS with Multi-speed Pumps:
- 63 1) Initiate a 30-minute Type 1 Signal.
- 64 2) Verify that the CPPS responds to the signal by either:

- 65 a) reducing its speed to the lowest available speed, as specified by the manufacturer, and
66 remaining at this speed for the duration of the 30-minute signal period, or
- 67 b) switching to and remaining in off/Standby Mode for the duration of the 30-minute signal
68 period.
- 69 3) After completion of the signal period, place the CPPS in off/Standby Mode.
- 70 4) Program the CPPS to schedule a 1-hour pumping operation at maximum speed/flow set to
71 begin 10 minutes after completion of the previous signal period.
- 72 5) Initiate a 30-minute Type 1 Signal.
- 73 6) Verify that the CPPS remains in the off/Standby Mode for the duration of the 30-minute
74 period.
- 75 a) The rate of flow measured at any point during the signal period after the pump ceases
76 pumping shall be less than 2.0 GPM.
- 77 C) For CPPS with Variable-speed/flow Pumps:
- 78 1) Initiate a 30-minute Type 1 Signal.
- 79 2) Verify the CPPS responds to the signal by reducing its speed or flow, for Variable-speed or
80 Variable-flow pumps respectively, to a speed or flow equal to or less than 1/3 of that
81 measured in Section 5.1.B), for the duration of the 30-minute signal period.
- 82 3) After completion of the signal period, reduce the CPPS speed or flow, for Variable-speed or
83 Variable-flow pumps respectively, to less than 1/3 that measured in Section 5.1.B).
- 84 4) Program the CPPS controls to schedule a 1-hour pumping operation at maximum speed/flow
85 set to begin 10 minutes after completion of the previous signal period.
- 86 a) For CPPS with controls that require a specific pumped volume, use the rate of flow
87 measured in Section 5.1.B) to calculate the necessary pumped volume for a 1-hour
88 pumping operation at maximum flow.
- 89 5) Initiate a 30-minute Type 1 Signal.
- 90 6) Verify that the CPPS does not increase speed or flow, for Variable-speed or Variable-flow
91 pumps respectively, for the duration of the 30-minute signal period.

92 5.4 Type 2 Signal Test

- 93 A) Clear the CPPS controls of all scheduled pumping operations, set the CPPS to maximum
94 speed/flow, and allow it to run for at least 10 minutes after completion of the previous signal
95 period.
- 96 B) Initiate a 20-minute Type 2 Signal.
- 97 C) Verify that the CPPS ceases all pumping after receipt of the Type 2 Signal and does not pump for
98 the duration of the 20-minute signal period.
- 99 1) The rate of flow measured at any point during the 20-minute signal period shall be less than
100 2.0 GPM.
- 101 D) Repeat steps A-C of Section 5.4 two more times, to verify compliance with the Type 2 Signal
102 requirements.

103 5.5 Type 3 Signal Test

- 104 A) All CPPS – perform test 1) or 2), as applicable:
- 105 1) For CPPS with controls capable of scheduling pumping operation based on total desired
106 volume pumped:

- 107 a) Program the CPPS such that it would:
- 108 i. Start scheduled daily pumping activities **after** initiation of the Type 3 signal in Step
- 109 5.4.A)1)b), and
- 110 ii. Deliver a specific daily pumped volume.
- 111 Note: configuring the CPPS to minimize programmed pumping will speed testing
- 112 b) Initiate a Type 3 Signal with a duration that requires a pumping duration that significantly
- 113 exceeds that required to deliver the specific daily pumped volume.
- 114 c) Verify that the CPPS turns on and begins pumping.
- 115 i. Measure and record the rate of flow (in GPM) and time elapsed (in minutes) for the
- 116 duration of pumping operation.
- 117 d) Verify that the CPPS ceases all pumping operations after the programmed daily pumping
- 118 volume, $\pm 5\%$, is reached.
- 119 i. Actual pumped volume shall be calculated as the average rate of flow measured
- 120 during pumping operation multiplied by the time elapsed.

121 2) All other CPPS

- 122 a) Program the CPPS such that it would:
- 123 i. Start the scheduled pumping operation *one hour after* completion of the Type 2
- 124 Signal Test, and
- 125 ii. Deliver a 30-minute pumping operation.
- 126 b) Set the CPPS to the off/Standby Mode and allow the CPPS to cool down for 10 minutes.
- 127 c) Initiate a 1-hour Type 3 signal.
- 128 d) Verify that the CPPS turns on, begins pumping but ceases all pumping operations after
- 129 30 minutes, ± 1 minute.

130 B) For CPPS with Multi-speed, Variable-speed, and Variable-flow Pumps:

- 131 1) Program the CPPS to initiate pumping at a speed that is less than the maximum speed/flow
- 132 and for a duration that exceeds 1-hour.
- 133 2) After the start of pumping, allow the CPPS to run for at least 10 minutes.
- 134 3) Measure and record the nominal motor speed (in RPM) and the rate of flow (in GPM).
- 135 4) Initiate a 30-minute Type 3 Signal.
- 136 5) Verify that the CPPS increases its nominal motor speed and rate of flow for the duration of
- 137 the 30-minute signal period.

138 **6 REFERENCES**

- 139 A) ENERGY STAR Program Requirements Test Method for Pool Pumps Version 1.0 (Rev. Jan-2013).