

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



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Dear ENERGY STAR® Clothes Dryer Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing an amendment to the ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer specification. This version 1.1 specification now incorporates the definition of Clothes Dryer with a Supplementary Drying System.

EPA shared the proposed amendment to the specification in a letter on February 10, 2017. Three commenters supported the addition as written, while one raised questions about the definition. In response to comments, EPA has removed reference to the unit being powered by a single electric power source. The updated definition clarifies that the supplementary drying system is not tumble type, and that it is in a separate compartment from the primary dryer. EPA has also increased the percentage of the rated input power allowed for the supplementary drying system relative to the primary dryer. This modest increase will enable more flexibility in terms of products that are convenient for consumers, while still ensuring that the supplementary drying system accounts for a minimal amount of energy use. A comment was also provided recommending that the Agency vet this proposal through a full revision. In response, EPA notes that the specification revision numbering system and nomenclature is driven by whether or not the revision prompts recertification of products (which in this case, it does not). Regardless of the nature of the change, full opportunity for notice and comment is provided.

The final Version 1.1 definition is as follows:

Clothes Dryer with Supplementary Drying System: A consumer product that meets the definition of an Electric or Gas Clothes Dryer and includes a supplementary drying system in the same housing, but in a separate compartment from the primary dryer. The supplementary drying system does not have a tumble-type drum. The supplementary drying system has a rated input power that is less than 20% of the primary dryer's rated input power¹ and draws no discernable power when not in use.

One commenter inquired about how a Clothes Dryer with Supplementary Drying System would be tested. In response, EPA has added a footnote to the specification, clarifying that the primary dryer must meet the appropriate CEF to certify for ENERGY STAR as if it were a stand-alone product. Further, the Department of Energy wishes to clarify that generally the presence of a supplementary drying system does not exclude a Clothes Dryer from coverage and the applicability of test procedures and standards.

Please feel free to contact me with any specific questions or concerns at Fiffer.Melissa@epa.gov or (202) 343-9464, or Steve Leybourn, ICF, at Steve.Leybourn@icf.com or (202) 862-1566.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Fiffer".

Melissa Fiffer, Product Manager
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¹ The supplementary drying system's rated input power and the primary dryer's rated input power both may be determined from a label on the product or the product's user manual.