



# ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Program Requirements Product Specification for Laboratory Grade Refrigerators and Freezers, and Ultra-Low Temperature Freezers

## Draft 2 Test Method Rev. Sept-2013

### 1 OVERVIEW

The following test method shall be used for determining product compliance with requirements in the ENERGY STAR Eligibility Criteria for Laboratory Grade Refrigerators (LGR) and Freezers (LGF), and Ultra-Low Temperature Freezers (ULF).

### 2 APPLICABILITY

ENERGY STAR test requirements are dependent upon the feature set of the product under evaluation. The following guidelines shall be used to determine the applicability of each section of this document

This test method is applicable to LGRs, LGFs, and ULFs, specifically:

- LGRs: general purpose laboratory refrigerators, blood bank refrigerators, pharmacy and chromatography refrigerators,
- LGFs: general purpose laboratory freezers, -30 °C freezers, -20 °C freezers, and
- ULFs: freezers that maintain storage temperatures between -70 °C and -80 °C.

This test method does not include portable laboratory refrigerators and freezers, explosion proof refrigerators and freezers, and walk-in laboratory refrigerators. This test procedure is applicable to units with manual, automatic-timed, and automatic-smart or on demand defrost systems.

### 3 DEFINITIONS

A) Product Types:

- 1) Laboratory Grade Freezer (LGF): A refrigerated cabinet used for storing volatile reagents and biological specimens at setpoint temperatures between -40 °C and 0 °C (-40 °F and 32 °F), typically marketed through laboratory equipment supply stores for laboratory and medical use.
- 2) Laboratory Grade Refrigerator (LGR): A refrigerated cabinet used for storing non-volatile reagents and biological specimens at setpoint temperatures between 0 °C and 12 °C (32 °F and 53.6 °F), typically marketed through laboratory equipment supply stores for laboratory or medical use.
- 3) Ultra-Low-Temperature Laboratory Freezer (ULF): A freezer designed for laboratory application that is capable of maintaining setpoint storage temperatures between -70 °C and -80 °C (-94 °F and -112 °F).

**Note:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are interested in stakeholder feedback regarding the proposed product types (LGF, LGR, and ULF) and any other product types that should be defined here in the Test Method.

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32 B) Defrost-related Terms:

- 33 1) Automatic Defrost: A system in which the defrost cycle is automatically initiated and terminated,  
34 with resumption of normal refrigeration at the conclusion of the defrost operation. The defrost  
35 water is disposed of automatically.
- 36 2) Variable Defrost: A system in which successive defrost cycles are determined by an operating  
37 condition variable or variables other than solely compressor operating time. This includes any  
38 electrical or mechanical device performing this function.
- 39 3) Manual Defrost: A system in which the defrost cycle is initiated and terminated manually.
- 40 4) Semi-Automatic Defrost: A system in which the defrost cycle is manually initiated and  
41 automatically terminated, with automatic resumption of normal refrigeration at the conclusion of  
42 the defrost operation.

43 **Note:** DOE has updated the definitions for defrost-related terms to provide additional clarification. DOE  
44 and EPA are interested in stakeholder feedback regarding the updated definitions and their applicability to  
45 LGRs, LGFs, and ULFs.

46 C) Additional Terms:

- 47 5) Cabinet Temperature: The average of all temperature measurements taken inside a product's  
48 cabinet at any given time.
- 49 6) Peak Variance: The difference between the maximum and minimum temperatures measured  
50 across all thermocouples over the course of a given measurement period.
- 51 7) Refrigeration Cycle: The period of time from when the unit's refrigeration system turns on,  
52 through the time it turns off, until it turns on again (e.g., a compressor cycle).
- 53 8) Running Cycle: The period of time between the first time the unit's refrigeration system turns on  
54 after a defrost termination and the beginning of the next successive defrost.
- 55 9) Stability: The difference between the maximum and minimum temperature measured by a given  
56 thermocouple over the course of the entire test period.
- 57 10) Steady-State: The condition where the average of all Cabinet Temperatures measured during a  
58 single Refrigeration Cycle or, for those units that do not cycle, during a single 24-hour period, ,  
59 changes less than  $\pm 0.5$  °C (0.9 °F) from one Refrigeration Cycle or 24-hour period (respectively)  
60 to the next.

61 **Note:** Stakeholders commented that the Steady State requirements specified in the ENERGY STAR  
62 Laboratory Grade Refrigerators and Freezers and Ultra-Low Temperature Freezers Draft 1 Test Method  
63 (Draft 1 Test Method) were too stringent and recommended alternate requirements, ranging from 0.5 °C  
64 to several degrees Celsius. The Draft 1 Test Method requirements were based on the American Society  
65 of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc. ASHRAE standard 72-2005, Method of  
66 Testing Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers, which requires a change of less  $\pm 0.2$  °C (0.4 °F).  
67 However, based on stakeholder comments DOE performed validation testing on several different units to  
68 evaluate the performance of LGRs, LGFs, and ULFs during normal operation. As part of this testing, the  
69 units were allowed to run under normal conditions without door openings for several days. Validation  
70 testing showed that not all of the units were able to meet the Steady State requirements specified in the  
71 Draft 1 Test Method depending on the 24-hour periods evaluated, but all of the units were able to  
72 maintain an average temperature with changes less than  $\pm 0.5$  °C (0.9 °F) regardless of the 24-hour  
73 periods evaluated. In addition, the difference in average power draw between the 24-hour periods with  
74 the highest and lowest average temperatures for each unit was less than 3 percent, suggesting that  
75 variations in average temperature within this specified tolerance do not significantly affect energy  
76 consumption ratings. Based on this validation testing, DOE has updated the Steady State requirements to  
77 state that the Cabinet Temperature shall change less than  $\pm 0.5$  °C (0.9 °F) from one 24-hour period or  
78 Refrigeration Cycle to the next. DOE believes this change will reduce test burden without affecting the  
79 reported energy consumption of tested units. DOE is interested in stakeholder feedback regarding the  
80 new Steady State requirements.

81 11) Test: A 24-hour period over which measurements are taken and energy use evaluated under one  
82 set of conditions after Steady State conditions occur as described in this test procedure.

83 12) Uniformity: The difference between the maximum and minimum temperature measured inside of  
84 a unit's cabinet at any given time.

85 D) Acronyms:

86 1) AHAM: Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers

87 2) ANSI: American National Standards Institute

88 3) LGF: Laboratory Grade Freezer

89 4) LGR: Laboratory Grade Refrigerator

90 5) NIST: National Institute of Standards and Technology

91 6) ULF: Ultra-Low Temperature Laboratory Freezer

92 7) UUT: Unit Under Test

93 **4 TEST CONDITIONS**

94 A) Power Supply: The power supply shall be maintained at the rated voltage  $\pm 4.0$  percent and rated  
95 frequency  $\pm 1$  percent. The actual voltage shall be recorded as measured at the product service  
96 connection with the refrigeration system in operation (for units with multiple compressors, with all  
97 compressor motors in operation).

98 B) Ambient Conditions:

99 1) Dry-bulb Temperature: The average test-room dry-bulb temperature shall be  $24.0$  °C  $\pm 1.0$  °C  
100 ( $75.2$  °F  $\pm 1.8$  °F), when measured in accordance with Section 5 of this test procedure. Individual  
101 recorded temperatures shall be  $24.0$  °C  $\pm 2.0$  °C ( $75.2$  °F  $\pm 3.6$  °F).

102 2) Wet-bulb Temperature: The test-room wet-bulb temperature shall be  $18.0$  °C  $\pm 1.0$  °C ( $64.4$  °F  $\pm$   
103  $1.8$  °F), when measured in accordance with Section 5 of this test procedure. Individual recorded  
104 temperatures shall be  $18.0$  °C  $\pm 2.0$  °C ( $64.4$  °F  $\pm 3.6$  °F).

105 3) Dry-bulb Temperature Gradient: The dry-bulb temperature gradient shall be less than 2.0 °C per  
106 m (1.0 °F per foot) between  $T_A$  and  $T_B$  as defined in Section 5 of this test procedure.

107 4) Air Currents: Test room air currents across the display opening shall not exceed 0.25 m/s (49  
108 fpm) as measured at  $T_B$ . No external air drafts shall blow directly into the refrigerated zone.

109 **Note:** Stakeholders commented that the lighting and radiant heat requirements from ASHRAE 72 are not  
110 necessary, as they do not have any noticeable effect on the energy consumption of these units. DOE  
111 believes that these requirements were included in ASHRAE 72 because they were pertinent to open-case  
112 refrigerators and freezers, but that variations in levels of lighting and radiant heat that would typically be  
113 found in a laboratory or test site would not have a significant effect on the energy consumption of closed-  
114 door LGRs, LGFs, or ULFs. (DOE is not aware of any open-case LGRs, LGFs, or ULFs.) DOE notes that  
115 the DOE Residential Refrigerators and Freezers Regulatory Test Procedure (as codified in Appendix A to  
116 Subpart B of 10 CFR Part 430) does not include lighting or radiant heat requirements. Because DOE  
117 does not have a justification for including lighting and radiant heat requirements, DOE has removed those  
118 requirements from the Draft 2 Test Method. All other ambient condition requirements have been retained  
119 and mirror those in ASHRAE 72. DOE requests stakeholder feedback regarding the proposed updates to  
120 the ambient condition requirements.

121 C) Instrument Requirements:

122 1) Electrical energy measurements shall be made with instruments accurate to  $\pm 2$  percent of the  
123 quantity measured.

124 2) Accuracy of all temperature measurements shall be within  $\pm 0.8$  °C ( $\pm 1.4$  °F) of the measured  
125 value.

126 3) Time measurements shall be made with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.5$  percent of the time period being  
127 measured.

128 4) Air velocity shall be measured with an instrument having an accuracy of  $\pm 10$  percent.

129 **5 TEST SETUP**

130 A) Volume Measurements: The volume of each covered commercial refrigerator, freezer, or  
131 refrigerator-freezer shall be determined using the methodology set forth in the ANSI/AHAM HRF-  
132 1-2008. Computer-aided design (CAD) models can be used to determine the useable volume, as  
133 long as the drawings allow measurements and calculations to be made based on the volume  
134 measurement requirements specified in ANSI/AHAM HRF-1-2008.

135 **Note:** DOE has updated the volume measurement requirements to reference ANSI/AHAM HRF-1-2008,  
136 an industry test method commonly used for refrigerators and freezers. DOE requests stakeholder  
137 feedback regarding the updates to the volume measurement requirements.

138 Stakeholders requested that the Test Method allow the net usable volume to be determined using CAD  
139 drawings. DOE agrees that CAD models can be used to determine the useable volume, as long as  
140 measurements and calculations are made based on drawings that meet the requirements specified in  
141 ANSI/AHAM HRF-1-2008.

142 B) UUT Configuration: The cabinet with its refrigerating mechanism shall be assembled and set up in  
143 accordance with the printed instructions supplied with the cabinet. All packing materials and skid  
144 boards shall be removed. Chiller or drip trays shall be in their proper places during all tests. Outer  
145 door gaskets shall be checked for adequacy of seal to the cabinet and adjusted, if required.  
146 Containers, covers, and shelves shall not be removed. Unless otherwise specified, the following  
147 conditions apply:

148 1) Any operational mode that reduces energy usage during energy consumption testing and not  
149 during normal usage shall be disabled for energy consumption testing.

150 2) Representative shelving shall be used during testing. If the UUT offers more than one type of  
151 shelf or shelf configuration, labs must test and report each option / configuration separately. If a  
152 UUT offers drawers or baskets, that configuration must also be tested separately.

153 C) Accessories: All accessories shipped with the unit shall be installed prior to testing. During the test  
154 period, all standard components, such as shelves, end enclosures, lights, anti-condensate heaters,  
155 racks, monitoring devices, alarms, and similar items that would normally be used during working  
156 periods, shall be installed and used as recommended by the manufacturer.

157 1) All manually controlled accessories that come standard with the equipment shall be installed and  
158 turned to the "ON" position during testing.

159 D) Ambient Temperatures: The ambient dry-bulb temperature shall be measured at the following  
160 locations:

161 1) For Upright UUTs: Two locations in front of the UUT along a vertical line at the centerline of the  
162 UUT. The ambient measurement line extends from a point,  $T_A$ , which is  $150\text{ mm} \pm 50\text{ mm}$  (5.9 in.  
163  $\pm 2$  in.) above the highest point on the UUT, down to the geometric center of the door opening,  
164  $T_B$ . If there are multiple outer doors,  $T_B$  shall be at the geometric center of all door openings.  
165 Both points are located  $915\text{ mm} \pm 15\text{ mm}$  (36 in.  $\pm 2$  in.) out from the door opening.

166 2) For Chest-type UUTs: Two locations along a horizontal line at the centerline of the UUT. The  
167 ambient measurement line across the door in the longest dimension (either width or depth) from a  
168 point,  $T_A$ , which is  $150\text{ mm} \pm 50\text{ mm}$  (5.9 in.  $\pm 2$  in.) beyond the door edge farthest from the  
169 door's geometric center, across to the geometric center of the door opening,  $T_B$ . Both points are  
170 located  $915\text{ mm} \pm 15\text{ mm}$  (36 in.  $\pm 2$  in.) above the door opening.

171 3) If placing a thermocouple at any point,  $T_A$  or  $T_B$ , interferes with the opening of the door, the  
172 thermocouple shall be moved away from the UUT, perpendicular to the plane of the door  
173 opening, until it no longer interferes with the door opening.

174 4) These points shall be selected such that they are not affected by external or UUT heat sources,  
175 such as condensing units, ballasts, heaters, or lights.

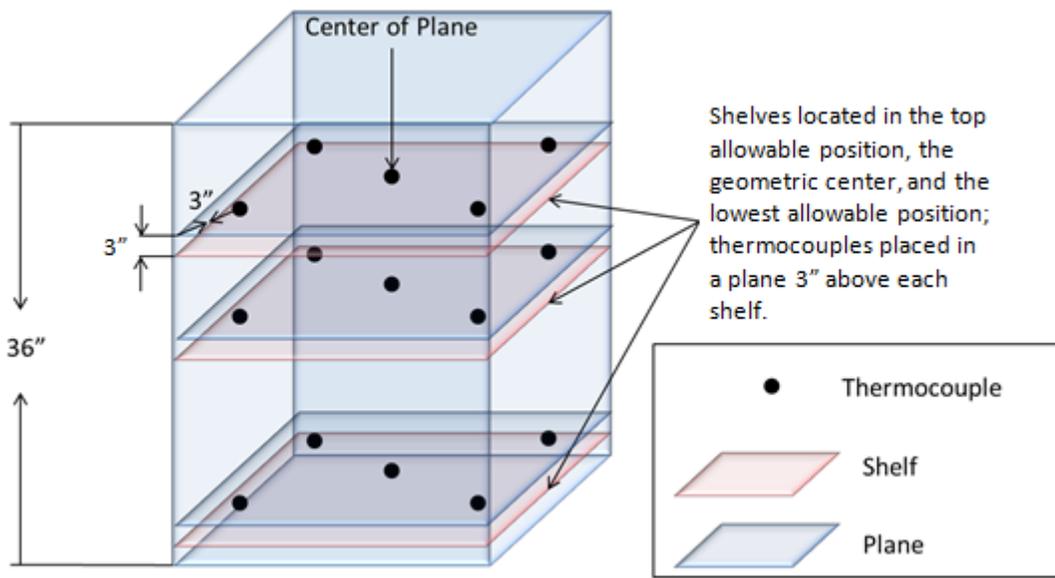
176 **Note**: During validation testing, DOE noted that the Draft 1 Test Method did not specify where to place  
177 the ambient temperature thermocouples when testing a chest-type UUT. DOE also noted that, for some  
178 UUTs, the distance from the thermocouples and the UUT's door did not allow the door to be fully opened.  
179 Based on these observations, DOE has updated the ambient temperature thermocouple placement  
180 requirements to accommodate chest-type UUT's and UUT's with wider doors. DOE is interested in  
181 stakeholder feedback regarding the proposed ambient thermocouple locations.

182 E) Placement of Thermocouples: The UUT shall be filled with un-weighted bare thermocouples as  
183 follows. Thermocouples shall be routed into the cabinet using an access port whenever possible.

184 **Note**: Stakeholders commented that staying within the Set-Point Temperature tolerances specified in  
185 Table 1 would be extremely difficult when using un-weighted thermocouples. DOE performed additional  
186 testing to evaluate the effect of un-weighted versus weighted thermocouples on the Cabinet Temperature  
187 over the course of a test. Testing showed that un-weighted and weighted thermocouples measured the  
188 same overall average cabinet temperature over the course of a test. As such, DOE has retained the  
189 requirement to use un-weighted bare thermocouples to reduce overall test burden. DOE emphasizes that  
190 the Set-Point Temperature tolerances are based on the overall average of all cabinet temperature  
191 measurements taken over the course of a test.

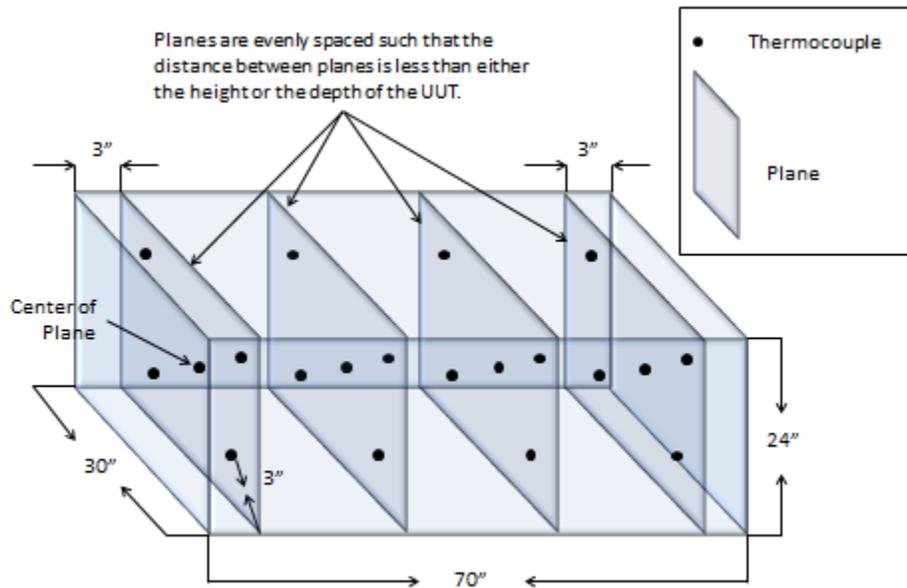
192 Stakeholders also commented that thermocouples should be routed into the cabinet through an access  
193 port whenever possible. DOE agrees with this comment and has updated the Draft 2 Test Method to  
194 specify as such. DOE requests stakeholder feedback regarding an appropriate way to route  
195 thermocouples into a cabinet without an access port.

- 196 1) Thermocouple Locations (Upright UUTs with shelves/drawers): Thermocouples shall be placed  
 197 on three planes located 3 in.  $\pm$  1 in. above the topmost shelf/drawer, the middle shelf/drawer, and  
 198 the bottom of the UUT, or 3 in.  $\pm$  1 in. above the bottom drawer or basket. Thermocouples shall  
 199 be placed in the geometric center and 3 in.  $\pm$  1 in. diagonally from each corner of each plane (5  
 200 sensors per plane). For level, adjacent shelves within a UUT, the plane shall extend across all  
 201 shelves. For level, adjacent baskets within a UUT, thermocouples shall be placed at the  
 202 geometric center of each basket.
- 203 a. If the UUT does not have inner doors, three shelves/drawers should be placed in the (1) top  
 204 allowable position, (2) geometric center, and (3) lowest allowable position.
- 205 b. If the UUT has inner doors, shelves should be evenly placed in the standard locations based  
 206 on the inner doors. If placing the thermocouples in three planes as instructed above would  
 207 result in any compartment created by the inner doors not containing thermocouples, add one  
 208 plane of thermocouples 3 in.  $\pm$  1 in. from the bottom of that compartment.
- 209 c. If the location of any thermocouple interferes with any hardware built into the UUT, move that  
 210 plane of thermocouples up or down until the thermocouples are at least 2 inches away from  
 211 the hardware.
- 212 2) Thermocouple Locations (Upright UUTs without shelves/drawers): If a UUT is sold without  
 213 shelving/drawers, then the lab may test it without shelves/drawers. Thermocouples shall be  
 214 placed a plane located 3 in.  $\pm$  1 in. from the top of the UUT, 3 in.  $\pm$  1 in. from the bottom of the  
 215 UUT, and at the geometric center of the UUT. If this configuration is such that the distance  
 216 between planes is greater than either the interior width or the interior depth of the UUT, add  
 217 additional planes and evenly space the middle planes between the top and bottom plane until the  
 218 distance between planes is less than either the height or depth of the UUT. Thermocouples shall  
 219 be placed in the geometric center and 3 in.  $\pm$  1 in. diagonally from each corner of each plane (5  
 220 sensors per plane).
- 221 a. If the location of any thermocouple interferes with any hardware built into the UUT, move that  
 222 plane of thermocouples along the height of the UUT until the thermocouples are at least 2  
 223 inches away from the hardware.
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 227 **Figure 1: Example of Placement of Thermocouples in Upright Refrigerator with Shelves**  
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- 229 3) Thermocouple Locations (Chest UUTs): Thermocouples shall be located in planes 3 in.  $\pm$  1 in.  
 230 from the left end, 3 in.  $\pm$  1 in. from the right end, and at the geometric center of the depth of the  
 231 refrigerator. If this configuration is such that the distance between planes is greater than either  
 232 the interior height or the interior depth of the UUT, add additional planes and evenly space the  
 233 middle planes between the leftmost and rightmost plane until the distance between planes is less  
 234 than either the height or depth of the UUT. At each location, thermocouples shall be placed in the  
 235 geometric center of each plane and 3 in.  $\pm$  1 in. diagonally from each corner of each plane (5  
 236 sensors per plane).
- 237 a. If the location of any thermocouple interferes with any hardware built into the UUT, move that  
 238 plane of thermocouples along the length of the UUT until the thermocouples are at least 2  
 239 inches away from the hardware.



240 **Figure 2: Example of Placement of Thermocouples in Chest Freezer Without Shelves or Baskets**

243 **Note:** Stakeholders requested clarification regarding the placement of thermocouples inside of a UUT.  
 244 DOE has updated the thermocouple replacement requirements to account for units with inner doors and  
 245 chest-type UUTs. DOE is interested in stakeholder feedback regarding the updated thermocouple  
 246 placement requirements.

## 247 6 TEST METHODOLOGY FOR ALL PRODUCTS

### 248 6.1 General Principles

#### 249 A) Measurements:

- 250 1) The following data shall be measured and reported at the beginning of the test:
- 251 a. Air velocity measured at point  $T_B$ .
- 252 2) The following data shall be recorded at one-minute intervals during the test:
- 253 a. Time: The time elapsed from the beginning of the test. The beginning and end of any  
 254 Refrigeration and/or Defrost Cycle shall also be noted.
- 255 b. Total energy consumption of the UUT.
- 256 c. Temperature recorded by each thermocouple in the cabinet.

- 257 d. Dry bulb temperature at points  $T_A$  and  $T_B$ .
- 258 e. Wet bulb temperature at points  $T_A$  and  $T_B$ .
- 259 B) Cabinet Temperature Requirements: UUTs shall be tested at the following Cabinet Temperatures, as  
 260 defined in Section 3, based on product type:

261 **Table 1. Cabinet Temperature Requirements**

Product Type	Cabinet Temperature and Acceptable Tolerance (°C)
Laboratory Grade Refrigerators	$4 \pm 1$
-20 Freezers	$-20 \pm 1$
-30 Freezers	$-30 \pm 1$
-40 Freezers	$-40 \pm 1$
Ultra-Low-Temperature Laboratory Freezers	$-70 \pm 1.5$
	$-80 \pm 1.5$

- 262 1) Ultra-Low Temperature Freezers shall be tested at both -70 and -80 °C.
- 263 2) Products that are capable of operating at multiple temperatures shall be tested at the lowest  
 264 temperature listed in Table 1 at which the product is capable of operating.

**Note:** DOE and EPA are interested in stakeholder feedback regarding whether the Product Types specified in Table 1 appropriately describe all products covered by this Test Method and whether any additional set point temperatures should be considered for each Product Type. DOE and EPA also request feedback regarding any other Product Types that should be included and at what temperatures they should be tested.

In addition, DOE and EPA also request stakeholder feedback regarding whether there are any units that can operate as both a refrigerator and freezer (i.e., a single compartment can be set to temperatures both above and below 0 °C) and how they are operated most often in normal usage.

273 **6.2 Door-Opening Requirements**

- 274 A) Doors shall be opened as follows:
- 275 1) For UUTs with swinging doors: If the UUT does not have inner doors, the main door shall be  
 276 opened to an angle of 90 degrees  $\pm$  1 degree (relative to the closed-door position). If the UUT has  
 277 inner doors, inner doors shall be opened to an angle of 90 degrees  $\pm$  1 degree, and the main door  
 278 shall be opened to an angle of 90 degrees  $\pm$  1 degree or to the smallest angle that will allow inner  
 279 doors to be opened to an angle of 90 degrees  $\pm$  1 degree, whichever is largest.
- 280 2) For UUTs with sliding doors: Doors shall be opened as far as possible.
- 281 B) For Refrigerators: Each door shall be opened a total of 24 times during the test—three times per  
 282 hour, every 20 minutes, for eight consecutive hours. The door shall be opened at a constant rate over  
 283 a period of two seconds, held open for 15 seconds, and closed at a constant rate over a period of two  
 284 seconds.
- 285 C) For Freezers and ULFs: Each door shall be opened a total of eight times during the test—once per  
 286 hour, every 60 minutes, for a period of eight consecutive hours..
- 287 1) If the UUT has inner doors:
- 288 a. Open the main door at a constant rate over a period of 2 seconds.
- 289 b. Open the largest inner door. If more than one door is the same size, open the uppermost of  
 290 those doors (for upright freezers) or the rightmost of the doors (for chest freezers).
- 291 c. Leave doors open for 15 seconds.
- 292 d. Close inner door at a constant rate over a period of 2 seconds.

- 293 e. Close main door at a constant rate over a period of 2 seconds.
- 294 2) If the UUT does not have inner doors:
- 295 a. Open the main door at a constant rate over a period of two seconds.
- 296 b. Leave door open for 15 seconds.
- 297 c. Close main door at a constant rate over a period of 2 seconds.

298 **Note:** In the Draft 1 Test Method, DOE requested stakeholder feedback regarding the proposed door  
299 opening requirements. DOE received some stakeholder comments that agreed with the proposed door  
300 openings. Others requested door openings be removed from the Test Method citing concerns regarding  
301 the repeatability of any door opening test, as well as the relevance of the proposed door opening  
302 requirements to normal operation. Some stakeholders also recommended that units be tested at a higher  
303 ambient temperature without door openings, commenting that this would simulate the increased energy  
304 consumption caused by door openings.

305 Based on stakeholder comments, DOE performed additional testing to evaluate the inclusion of door-  
306 openings in the test method. For units with no inner doors, DOE performed testing by opening the door  
307 once per hour for 15 seconds for eight consecutive hours. For units with inner doors, DOE evaluated two  
308 different door-opening patterns. In both patterns, DOE opened the outer door and one inner door once  
309 per hour for 15 seconds, beginning with the opening of the inner door, for eight consecutive hours. In the  
310 first pattern, DOE opened the largest inner door for all door-openings. In the second pattern, DOE opened  
311 either the topmost (for upright units) or rightmost (for chest units) door in the first hour. In each of the next  
312 hours, DOE opened the inner door closest to the one opened in the previous hour. DOE also tested with  
313 an elevated ambient temperature.

314 Test results indicated that the power consumption of the unit changed less than 5 percent between  
315 Refrigeration Cycles for units without inner doors and for units with inner doors using the first inner door-  
316 opening pattern. Results obtained using the second inner door-opening pattern showed fluctuations  
317 greater than 5 percent between Refrigeration Cycles. DOE also found that testing in an elevated ambient  
318 temperature without door openings did not consistently correlate with testing at the normal ambient  
319 temperature with door openings for the units that were tested; thus, DOE does not believe that testing  
320 with an elevated ambient temperature can adequately simulate door openings for the range of products  
321 covered by this test method. Based on this testing, DOE believes that testing with door-openings using  
322 the first inner door-opening method described above produces more consistent test results and has  
323 decided to retain the proposed door openings in the Draft 2 Test Method. DOE also believes this to be  
324 more representative of normal operation than testing without door openings.

325 Stakeholders also commented that opening all of the inner doors at one time did not represent normal  
326 operation for any product types covered by this Test Method. DOE agrees with the stakeholders'  
327 comment and has updated the Draft 2 Test Method to specify that only one inner door shall be opened for  
328 each outer door opening. DOE is interested in stakeholder feedback regarding the proposed door-  
329 opening requirements. In addition, DOE is requesting stakeholder feedback regarding whether there are  
330 any products covered by this Test Method that do not have any doors or for which the proposed door-  
331 opening requirements would not be applicable.

### 332 **6.3 Energy Consumption Test**

- 333 A) Steady-State Condition: When the test conditions specified in Section 4 of this test method have been  
334 achieved, the UUT shall be operated until the UUT reaches and maintains Steady-State Conditions  
335 for at least three complete Refrigeration Cycles or, if the unit does not cycle, for at least three hours.  
336 Controls may be adjusted as recommended by the manufacturer to obtain Steady-State temperature  
337 conditions within the Cabinet Temperature Requirements, specified in Table 1.
- 338 B) Test Periods: The test period shall be performed as described below based on the UUT's as-shipped  
339 defrost setting. Door openings, as specified in Section 6.2, shall begin three hours after the start of a  
340 defrost period, if one occurs. Otherwise they must start at the beginning of the 24-hour period.

- 341 1) UUTs with No Defrost, Manual Defrost, or Semi-Automatic Defrost: The test period shall be 24  
 342 hours with no defrost.
- 343 2) UUTs with Automatic or Variable Defrost: The test period shall be 24 hours starting at the  
 344 beginning of a defrost period.
- 345 3) ULFs: The test period shall be 24 hours.

346 **Note:** Upon further evaluation, DOE recognized the additional burden and overall subjectiveness of the  
 347 Defrost Adequacy Assurance test included in Draft 1 of the test method and does not believe the Defrost  
 348 Adequacy Assurance test is the appropriate method for determining defrost performance at this time. As  
 349 such, DOE has removed the defrost adequacy assurance test from the Draft 2 Test Method. DOE  
 350 requests stakeholder feedback regarding the removal of this test, particularly whether there is a more  
 351 appropriate and less burdensome method for evaluating the defrost performance of units covered by this  
 352 Test Method.

## 353 7 REPORTING

- 354 A) Test Cabinet Temperature: The overall average of all Cabinet Temperatures measured during the 24-  
 355 hour test period shall be reported.
- 356 B) Ambient Temperature: The average dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperatures shall be reported for the  
 357 entire 24-hour test period.
- 358 C) The following values shall be calculated and reported for a three hour period during the test that does  
 359 not include any of the eight hour door opening periods.
- 360 1) Test Uniformity: The overall test Uniformity shall be calculated and reported by taking the average  
 361 of the Uniformities calculated for each one minute measurement interval.
- 362 2) Test Stability: The overall test Stability shall be calculated and reported by taking the average of  
 363 the Stabilities calculated for each thermocouple.
- 364 3) The maximum and minimum measured temperatures and the Peak Variance.

365 **Note:** Stakeholders requested that Uniformity and Stability be defined and reported as part of the this  
 366 Test Method. DOE agrees with stakeholders that these values should be reported and that they provide  
 367 additional performance information to consumers without increasing test burden. DOE requests  
 368 stakeholder feedback regarding the inclusion of reporting requirements for Uniformity and Stability.

- 369 D) Energy Consumption:
- 370 1) For LGRs and LRFs, the total energy consumption measured during the 24-hour test period shall  
 371 be reported, in kWh/day.
- 372 2) For ULFs:
- 373 a. The total energy consumption measured during the 24-hour test period at both Cabinet  
 374 Temperatures (as noted in Table 1) shall be reported.
- 375 b. In addition, the calculated energy consumption at -75 °C shall be calculated and reported as  
 376 the weighted average of the test results at -70 °C and -80 °C, as follows:

$$\text{Energy consumption} = E1 + (-75 - T1) \times \frac{(E2 - E1)}{(T2 - T1)}$$

377 Where:

378 T1 = Overall average of all recorded interior temperature measurements over the course of the  
 379 test at -70 °C

380 T2 = Overall average of all recorded interior temperature measurements over the course of the  
381 test at -80 °C  
382 E1 = Total energy consumption during the test at -70 °C  
383 E2 = Total energy consumption during the test at -80 °C.

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