

Dear Sirs/Mdm,

We got informed about the ENERGY STAR®Dishwasher Webinar: Cleanability Test Procedure Discussion dated September 19th and had a chance to look at the distributed presentation.

As we are doing performance test following different measurement standards on dishwashers since many years we know how hard it is to perform these tests in a correct way. Having that in mind I can not agree to the statement you took (page 53 reading “Our results indicate that the IEC test method does not provide consistent results or adequate differentiation among units tested”)!

Actually the IEC methodology (in the form of the European clone EN50242) is to our experience the only methodology all around the world which has been proven to provide repeatable **and** reproducible results! We organised and evaluated two round robin tests in 2003 and 2009 with some 20 laboratories participating showing the results are reproducible within expected limits. This methodology also allows differentiating dishwashers on a reasonable level of performance.

Anyhow, you should also not call the tests you did “IEC tests”, as they did not follow the IEC 60436 standard at all: wrong reference machine, other test conditions, other load items, other soils, other detergent and rinse-aid, other cleaning evaluation calculation!

If you are interested on our experience I’m happy to share it with you.

Best regards.

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