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I enjoyed the meeting in Chicago and the different inputs. I believe most of the items below were covered in the meeting but I'll put them down here as well.

We would like to see multiple tank rack machines as well as flight type machines added to the specification. Both of these types of machines vary some from manufacturer to manufacturer but they do share a common measurement in rack/ hour for rack type and dishes per hour in flight type. The flight type are sold in lower volume but the upper end of the water consumption is in the 400 gallon per hour range vs a undercounter machine at 30 gallon per hour. I would suggest a water measurement for flight type of gallons/ 100 dishes, this is consistent with how NSF measures, and regardless of the dimensions on the machine this should keep the playing field level.

As far as the under counter models go after sitting in the meeting and hearing the different concerns, it may be best to keep the separation as it is between high temp and low temp. There was a lot of discussion on separating out the fill and dump type machines because of their higher water consumption, but virtually all of the low temp machines are fill and dump style (so this additional category will not do much) with only Hobart and Champion making a high temp fill and dump. In separating out the high temp from the low temp units, you are effectively also separating out the majority of the fill and dump machines from the Fresh water rinse.

For the most part the high temp fill and dump is considered a lower end machine as compared to the high temp fresh water rinse and the end user will sacrifice the water consumption to purchase a less expensive unit on the front end. If the water consumption bar is lowered on the high temp fill and dump to achieve an energy star rating, I doubt this will influence a buying decision on high temp fill and dump, as it is compared to a fresh water rinse unit.

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