

CEE RESIDENTIAL CLOTHES WASHER INITIATIVE

High-efficiency specifications

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NOTE: Although all models on the CEE list are very efficient, the tiers are structured so that the most efficient products are listed in the higher tiers. For example, Tier 3B contains the most efficient models.

Level	MEF	WF
Baseline*	1.04	13.3
Tier 1	1.42	9.5
Tier 2	1.60	8.5
Tier 3A	1.80	7.5
Tier 3B	1.80	5.5

MEF=Modified Energy Factor, a combination of Energy Factor and Remaining Moisture Content. MEF measures energy consumption of the total laundry cycle (washing and drying). It indicates how many cubic feet of laundry can be washed and dried with one kWh of electricity; the higher the number, the greater the efficiency.

WF=Water Factor (number of gallons needed for each cubic foot of laundry). A lower number indicates lower consumption and more efficient use of water.

*Baseline MEF is the Federal minimum standard which is 1.04 as of Jan. 1, 2004. The federal standard will increase to 1.26 in 2007. Baseline WF is an average for washers sold in 1994, as supplied to DOE by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

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