

CEE Residential Clothes Washer Initiative specification

Current Specification

(revised January 2004)

<i>Level</i>	<i>MEF</i>	<i>WF</i>
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

Future Specification: Effective January 1, 2007

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<i>Level</i>	<i>MEF</i>	<i>WF</i>
Baseline*	1.26	13.3
Tier 1	1.8	7.5
Tier 2	2.0	6.0
Tier 3	2.2	4.5

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 DOE minimum standard. 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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