

HVAC Efficiency Requirements

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VARIABLE REFRIGERANT MULTI-SPLIT HEAT PUMPS

Size (Btu/h)	System Type	Minimum Efficiency Levels					
		SEER	SEER2	IEER	COP*	HSPF	HSPF2
< 65,000 Btu/h (single-phase)	Multi-split System	14	13.3			8	6.8
≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h				14.1	3.4		
≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h				13.5	3.3		
≥ 240,000 Btu/h and < 760,000 Btu/h				12.5	3.2		

UNITARY HEAT PUMPS

Size (Btu/h)	System Type	Minimum Efficiency Levels					
		SEER	SEER2	IEER	COP*	HSPF	HSPF2
< 65,000 Btu/h (single-phase)	Split System	14	13.3			8	6.8
	Single Package	14	13.3			8	6.7
≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	Split System & Single Package			14.1	3.4		
≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h				13.5	3.3		
≥ 240,000 Btu/h and < 760,000 Btu/h				12.5	3.2		

PACKAGED TERMINAL HEAT PUMPS & AIR CONDITIONERS (PTHP/PTAC)

Capacity (Btu/h)	Minimum Efficiency Levels	
	EER	COP
6,000	11.9	3.3
7,000		
8,000		
9,000	11.3	3.2
10,000	11	
11,000	10.7	
12,000	10.4	3.1
13,000	10.1	
14,000	9.8	
15,000	9.5	2.9
16,000		
17,000		
18,000		

All Non-CEE Advanced Tier HVAC units must exceed deemed program efficiency requirement tables on pages 1 – 3. Except for air-cooled chillers and ground source heat pumps, equipment must exceed only one of the efficiency categories listed in the efficiency standards tables, based on the size of the unit.

All equipment must meet AHRI standards (210/240, 320 or 340/360), be listed by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (ETL, UL, etc.), and use a minimum ozone depleting refrigerant (e.g., HCFC or HFC).

*Many heat pumps list two COP ratings: one which applies to an outdoor temperature of 47°F db and 43°F Fwb and another which applies to an outdoor temperature of 17°F db and 15°F Fwb. The COP standard listed in the table applies only to the COP rating at an outdoor temperature of 47°F db and 43°F Fwb.

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HIGH EFFICIENCY AIR-COOLED CHILLERS				
Size (Ton)	Full-Load Optimized Applications (Path A)		Part-Load Optimized Applications (Path B)	
	EER	IPLV	EER	IPLV
< 150	10.1	13.7	9.7	15.8
≥ 150	10.1	14.0	9.7	16.1

High efficiency air-cooled chillers may go through path A or B, but must meet or exceed both efficiency requirements.

UNITARY A/C UNITS					
Size (Ton)	Size (kBtu/h)	System Type	Minimum Efficiency Levels		
			SEER	SEER2	IEER
< 3.75	< 45	Split System	14	13.3	
< 3.75	< 45	Single Package	14	13.4	
≥ 3.75 to < 5.4	≥ 45 to < 65	Split System & Single Package	14	13.4	
≥ 5.4 to < 11.25	≥ 65 to < 135				14.8
≥ 11.25 to < 20	≥ 135 to < 240				14.2
≥ 20 to < 63.3	≥ 240 to < 760				13.2
≥ 63.3	≥ 760				12.5

UNITARY A/C UNITS – CEE ADVANCED TIER						
Size (Ton)	Size (kBtu/h)	System Type	Minimum Efficiency Levels			
			SEER	SEER2	IEER	EER
< 5.4	< 65	Split System	18	17.1		13
< 5.4	< 65	Single Package	17	16.3		12.5
≥ 5.4 to < 11.25	≥ 65 to < 135	Split System & Single Package			18	12.6
≥ 11.25 to < 20	≥ 135 to < 240				17	12.2
≥ 20 to < 63.3	≥ 240 to < 760				14.5	10.8

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GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMPS			
Size (Ton)	System Type	Minimum Efficiency Levels	
		EER	COP
All Sizes Eligible	Ground Loop – Closed	14.1	3.2
	Ground Water Loop – Open	18	3.7

Ground source heat pumps must meet or exceed both efficiency requirements.

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ADVANCED TIER HEAT PUMPS					
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		SEER	HSPF	IEER	COP
< 65,000 Btu/h	Split System	17.9	9.4		
< 65,000 Btu/h	Single Package	16.6	9.4		
≥ 65,000 Btu/h and < 135,000 Btu/h	Split System & Single Package			17.6	3.6
≥ 135,000 Btu/h and < 240,000 Btu/h				16.8	3.5
≥ 240,000 Btu/h				15.6	3.4

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