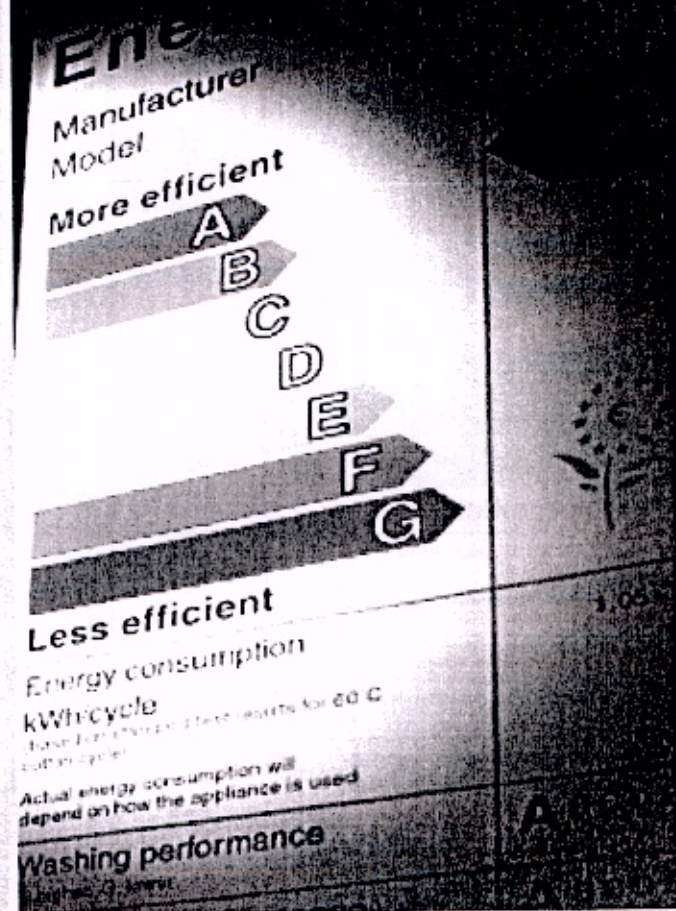


# Energy Labels

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By law, the European Community Energy Label must be displayed on all new household products of the following types displayed for sale, hire or hire-purchase:

- **Refrigerators, freezers and fridge-freezer combinations**
- **Washing machines**
- **Electric tumble dryers**
- **Combined washer-dryers**
- **Dishwashers**
- **Lamps**
- **Electric ovens**  
*(after 1 July 2003)*
- **Air conditioners**  
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Mail Order catalogues, Internet advertisements and manufacturers' literature must contain similar information. You should expect to be provided with this information wherever you buy these products.

## Product details

Actual savings will, of course, depend on how you use the product and how much you pay for your electricity. You can also save money by loading washing machines, washer-dryers and dishwashers fully, using economy and low temperature settings, and spin-drying clothes well before you tumble dry; by ensuring that fridges and freezers are installed away from cookers and other sources of heat in accordance with the manufacturer's advice; and by switching off lights when not needed.

### **Manufacturer's name and product details**

This confirms the manufacturer's name and model number - check that this is the same as the model you actually choose to buy.

### **The European Ecolabel**

Some products may be awarded the European Ecolabel which may appear on the label or elsewhere. The Ecolabel indicates that the product has been independently assessed and found to meet strict environmental criteria (considering more than just energy consumption), putting it among the best in its class.

## How well does it perform?

Dishwasher: 10-30 litres per wash  
(based on an 8-place  
setting)

Dishwasher: 10-50 litres per wash  
(based on a 12-place  
setting)

**Water efficiency** Choose a model that uses water more efficiently. For example, buying a washing machine that uses 30 litres per wash rather than 100 litres could save an average family about £20 per year on a metered water bill and reduce their water consumption by about 1,500 bucketfuls.

### Noise

Manufacturers don't have to provide information on noise - and most don't. If shown, the lower the number, the quieter the appliance.

### Lamps

The label design is simpler than for other labelled appliances. In addition to the standard 'A-G' scale for energy efficiency, the label provides information on the luminous flux of the light bulb in lumens, the input power of the light bulb in watts and the average rated life of the light bulb in hours.