The Department of Energy’s new rule on water heaters

Effective April 16, 2015, a new rule from the Department of Energy, part of the National Appliance and Energy Conservation Act (NAECA) mandates higher energy efficiency on almost all residential water heaters.

Some water heaters, like the Accelera® 300 heat pump water heater and Stiebel Eltron tankless water heaters, currently meet this rule. Many water heaters from other manufacturers do not.

Stiebel Eltron has had more than one way to comply since before the standards went into effect.

The Accelera® 300 heat pump water heater met the new standards before it was the new standards.

This is not a “hybrid.” It’s a heat pump water heater.

Decades of experience made it obvious to us that a heat pump water heater ought to make hot water with the heat pump, and not with a back-up element. This simple solution seems to have escaped others, yet made our heat pump water heater the largest seller in Europe for over 30 years.

› Engineered to be the best
› 30+ years manufacturing heat pump technology
› Standard HVAC fittings
› Easy and simple design
› Low maintenance
› Homeowner and installer friendly
› No gimmicky options that don’t increase functional output
› Manufactured with only the best components because better components = better product
› Direct-ship from factory to job site available (fees apply)

Accelera® 300

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<th>Capacity</th>
<th>Energy Star Energy Factor</th>
<th>Typical COP Range</th>
<th>First Hour Rating</th>
<th>Sound Pressure Level @ 3 ft</th>
<th>Rated Power Draw for Heat Pump</th>
<th>Rated Power Draw for Element</th>
<th>Electrical Requirement</th>
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<td>80 gal (300 l)</td>
<td>2.73</td>
<td>9-6</td>
<td>78.6 gal</td>
<td>55.2 dB(a)</td>
<td>1500 W</td>
<td>1700 W</td>
<td>260/208 V 15 A breaker</td>
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50 gallons of 140°F hot water can be drawn before the back-up element is needed. Most household draws can be satisfied through the heat pump alone.

Specially designed back-up element is placed to ensure that hot water is available during high demand periods but that the element is needed as little as possible.

20 sq. foot condenser wraps around the outside of the bottom of the tank. Placement maximizes heat pump efficiency, and also prevents problems with lime and with contamination of potable water.

Inlet prevents cold water from mixing with hot water during draws. This increases efficiency and minimizes use of the back-up element.

Every Stiebel Eltron tankless electric water heater has always met the new standards, and has an Energy Factor between .98 and 1.0

Why tankless from Stiebel Eltron?

› Engineered in Germany and proudly made in Germany and the U.S.A.
› Advanced Flow Control™ on Plus models auto adjusts water flow to maintain set temperature if demand temporarily exceeds capacity. Stiebel Eltron is the only manufacturer of tankless electric water heaters with this feature.
› Microprocessor technology in electronic models outputs steady temperatures even if flow rates vary up or down
› The best components plus excellence in manufacturing means proven reliability from the world leader
› Stiebel Eltron tankless electric water heaters operate quietly, all electronic models are totally silent
› All models cannot dry-fire and all have a high-limit switch with manual reset

Tankless electric water heaters do not have an Energy Star label because there is no Energy Star category for them. Stiebel Eltron tankless electric water heaters have an average Energy Factor (EF) of 0.99. Use this EF to compare their energy efficiency to other water heaters, including Energy Star products.
A new energy standard for water heaters

The Department of Energy has set a new conservation standard for residential water heaters as of April 16, 2015, revising earlier standards. Part of the National Appliance and Energy Conservation Act (NAECA), the new standard applies to residential water heaters, regardless of the fuel used or if they are storage tanks or instantaneous units.

What’s changed?
Some classes of water heaters have no new requirements, but other classes are changed greatly. Much higher energy efficiency standards are mandated for larger water heaters than for smaller water heaters. In the electric category, the new standard effectively prohibits 55 gallon or greater electric water heaters other than heat pump water heaters. In the gas category, the new standard may mean models must have additional insulation, flue enhancements, electronic ignition, and condensing gas technology, or a combination of these.

What do I do?
Many consequences of this change can be anticipated, but others are unknown. New water heaters will likely be larger and heavier than those they replace, and some customers may decide to upgrade sooner rather than later to capture savings. The latest news and information on the new standard will be on our website, including links to training and relevant Department of Energy and Energy Star websites.

NAECA old and new standards for potable water residential water heaters

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<td>Gas-fired Water Heater</td>
<td>20 – 55 gal</td>
<td>0.67</td>
<td>0.675</td>
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<td>55 – 100 gal</td>
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<td>0.8012</td>
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<td>55 – 120 gal</td>
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* There a small adjustment downwards in EF based on the size of the tank. For ease of understanding we have omitted that adjustment. See the complete standard 10 CFR 430.32(d) for all details. A link is on our website.

“Standards mandatory in 2015 will save approximately 3.3 quads of energy and result in approximately $63 billion in energy bill savings for products shipped from 2015-2044. The standard will avoid about 172.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, equivalent to the annual greenhouse gas emissions of about 33.8 million automobiles.”

Department of Energy Building Technologies Office website

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