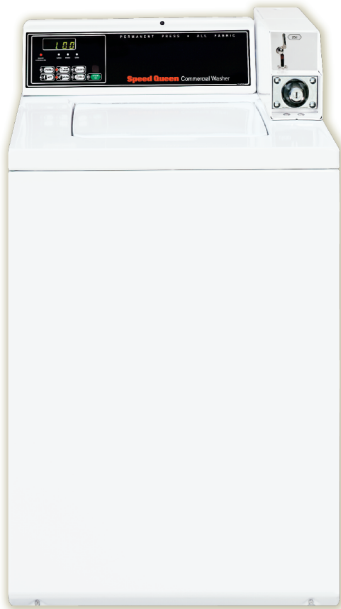


'07 WASHER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

As determined by the
U.S. Department of Energy



August 8, 2005, our president signed into law legislation that established efficiency standards for commercial clothes washers. These standards become effective **January 1, 2007** and mandate that new commercial clothes washers meet certain standards for BOTH energy efficiency and water consumption. Washers must have a minimum **MEF of 1.26**, and a maximum **WF of 9.5**.

Modified Energy Factor (MEF) — A measure of the energy efficiency. A higher MEF indicates a higher level of energy efficiency.

Water Factor (WF) — A measure of water efficiency. A lower WF indicates less water is used.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

This new standard **has no** impact on machines that are currently in service. The legislation requires that manufacturers produce only machines that are in compliance with the new standard after December 31, 2006. The regulations only apply to **new production** beginning January 1, 2007.

SPEED QUEEN® MODEL LINE IMPACT

Topload Models

- All current topload washer models with MDC controls (both coin drop and card-ready) are already fully compliant with the 2007 standards.
- A new electronic control will replace current electromechanical controls on topload washers in 2007. Utilizing the same design as coin slide Horizon® models, the new control directs the wash cycle and water temperature.
- NetMaster® toploaders will be replaced by a similar-looking model featuring a “small load” button. In addition, the new model will have a larger tub — increasing the rated cubic foot capacity.

Horizon Models

- All current horizon models, both coin and slide, NetMaster and MDC controls are already fully compliant with the 2007 standards.

We appreciate this opportunity to inform you of these new government regulations. Please contact Speed Queen at **1-800-345-5649** or www.speedqueen.com if you have any questions.

