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CEESM Residential Heating and Cooling Systems Initiative Electric Equipment Specifications

Scope: Input Rating ≤65,000 BTU/h

SEER2, EER2, HSPF2, 5°F, 17°F, and 47°F values shall be measured per the US Department of Energy test procedure at Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix M11.

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CEES CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONERS

2025 CEE Split CAC Specification							
Level SEER2 EER2							
CEE Tier 0	≥ 15.2	≥ 12.0					
CEE Tier 1 ≥ 17.0 ≥ 12.0							

2025 CEE Packaged CAC Specification							
Level SEER2 EER2							
CEE Tier O	≥ 15.2	≥ 11.5					
CEE Tier 1	≥ 16.0	≥ 11.5					

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CEE CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONERS

2026 CEE Split CAC Specification							
Level SEER2 EER2 Load Management†							
CEE Tier 1	≥ 17.0	≥ 12.0	AHRI 1380				

2026 CEE Packaged CAC Specification							
Level SEER2 EER2 Load Management [†]							
CEE Tier 1	≥ 16.0	≥ 11.5	AHRI 1380				

[†] Eligible systems must comply with AHRI 1380 (I-P): Demand Response through Variable Capacity HVAC Systems in Residential and Small Commercial Applications.

¹ https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-10/chapter-II/subchapter-D/part-430/subpart-B/appendix-Appendix%20M1%20to%20Subpart%20B%20of%20Part%20430

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CEE AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

2025 CEE Split ASHP Specification								
CEE Level	SEER2	EER2	HSPF2	COP at 5°F*	Capacity Ratio			
CEE Tier 1								
Path A	≥ 16.0	≥ 9.8	≥ 8.5	≥ 1.75	≥ 60% at 5°F/47°F			
Path B	≥ 16.0	≥ 11.0	≥ 8.0	≥ 1.75	≥ 45% at 5°F/47°F			
CEE Advanced Tier								
Refer to the DOE Cold Climate Heat Pump Challenge Specification								

2025 CEE Packaged ASHP Specification							
CEE Level SEER2 EER2 HSPF2 COP at 5°F* Capacity Ratio							
CEE Tier 1	≥ 15.2	≥ 10.0	≥ 7.2	≥ 1.75	≥ 45% at 5°F/47°F		

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2025 CEE Split ASHP Specification							
CEE Level	SEER2	EER2	HSPF2	COP at 5°F*	Capacity Ratio	Load Management†	
CEE Tier 1							
Path A	≥ 16.0	≥ 9.8	≥ 8.5	≥ 1.75	≥ 65% at 5°F/47°F	AHRI 1380	
Path B	≥ 16.0	≥ 11.0	≥ 8.0	≥ 1.75	≥ 50% at 5°F/47°F	AHRI 1380	
CEE Advanced Tier							
Refer to the DOE Cold Climate Heat Pump Challenge Specification							

2025 CEE Packaged ASHP Specification							
CEE Level SEER2 EER2 HSPF2 COP at 5°F* Capacity Ratio Load							
CEE Tier 1	≥ 15.2	≥ 10.0	≥ 7.2	≥ 1.75	≥ 45% at 5°F/47°F	AHRI 1380	

^{*} Equipment must perform the ENERGY STAR Cold Climate Heat Pump Controls Verification Procedure (CVP) where applicable, to confirm that the above performance metrics measured at the Appendix M1 low ambient test point at 5° F are achieved by the native controls operating as they would in a customer's home. Once the DOE CVP is available, equipment may test to that procedure instead of ENERGY STAR. Starting January 1, 2026, all applicable equipment must test to the DOE CVP.

Path A criteria are intended for heating dominated applications and whole home electrification scenarios Path B criteria are intended for cooling dominated applications and partial displacement scenarios (e.g., dual fuel heating systems)

Heating capacity ratio is calculated as heating capacity at 5 °F to the heating capacity at 47 °F, which for variable speed systems is the H1Nom heating capacity and for all other systems is the H1Full heating capacity.

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