

AEL&P's Comparison Shopping for a Clothes Washer

What makes this model more efficient than other similar models? ● How do I maintain it to maximize the efficiency over its life? ● Can optional features that increase energy use be eliminated? ● What about style, color, safety, ease of cleaning, construction and capacity? ● Will a more expensive but energy saving model be cheaper in the long run? ● What do I need to know about this appliance to use it most effectively?

Brand/Model			
Washing Method			
Capacity (cubic ft.)			
Dimensions (WxDxH)			
Exterior Color			
Features			
Cycle Settings			
Rinse Settings			
Controls			
Dispensers			
Cycle Chime			
Water Used (Lg load)			
Maximum Spin Speed-rpm			
Internal Water Heater (Y/N)			
*Sound Silencing			
Wash-Tub Lining			
Pump			
Hoses and Fittings			
Transmission			
Heavy-Duty Suspension			
Reputation of the Dealer			
Repair History?			
Warranty			
EnergyGuide Annual kWh			
Energy Star Rated?			
Other Observations			
Price			
Disposal of Old			
Delivery of New			
**Annual kWh \$ x 13 yrs			
Total Cost Over 13 Years			



Washing Method 1 = Front Loading, Horizontal Axis, 2 = Top Loading, Vertical Axis, 3 = Top Loading, Horizontal Axis

Features 1 = Water Level Control, 2 = Water Temp. Control for Wash, 3 = Water Temp. Control for Rinse, 4 = Load Size Control, 5 = Presoak, 6 = Fabric Settings, 7 = Suds Saver, 8 = Delay Wash, 9 = Time Remaining Indicator, 10 = Stain Removal Options, 11 = Auto Water Temp. Control

Cycle settings 1 = Delicates/Knits, 2 = Fine Wash, 3 = Quick Wash, 4 = Super Wash, 5 = Presoak (soak to wash), 6 = Soak Only

Rinse Settings 1 = Warm and Cold Rinse Options, 2 = Extra Rinse

Controls 1 = Push Button, 2 = Dial, 3 = Programmable

***Sound Silencing?** (Fair, Good, Excellent)

Dispensers 1 = Bleach, 2 = Fabric Softener, 3 = Detergent

Wash Tub Lining 1 = Stainless, 2 = Porcelain on Plastic, 3 = Porcelain on Metal, 4 = Plastic, 5 = smooth holes, 6 = rough holes

Pump – Is it protected to resist affects of water, detergent, bleach etc.? Y/N

Hoses – Are the fittings and hoses brass to better withstand high pressure, prevent corrosion and leaks? Y/N

Transmission – More simple is probably more reliable than ones made with complex shifting mechanisms and solenoids.

Heavy-Duty Suspension – This will help with unbalanced loads, vibration noise, and reduce walking.

****AELP's Energy Cost:** \$.098 assumes the annualized rate, taxes and other components of the bill. Annual kWh x \$.098 = Annual kWh \$