AEL&P's Comparison Shopping for a Dish 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			
Appearance			
Features			
Wash System			
*Automatic Soil Sensing			
Food Filtering/Disposal			
Water Heating			
Water Use (Gal/Normal)			
Water Fill Method			
Sound Dampening?			
Durability			
Flexibility			
Controls			
Reputation of the Dealer			
Reputation of the Brand			
Repair History			
Warranty			
Other Observations			
Price			
Delivery/Installation			
Disposal of Old			
EnergyGuide Annual kWh			
*With Soil Sensing, Added kWh			
Energy Cost (kWh x $.098 x 13 yrs)			
Total Cost Over 13 Years			

Features 1 = Pots & Pans/Heavy, 2 = Normal, 3= Light/China, (1-3 are minimum features) 4 = Quick Wash/Rinse, 5 = Heat Dry, 6 = Rinse and Hold, 7 = Delayed-Start, 8 = Water Heating Options, 9 = Sanitize

Wash system 1 = Upper Wash Arm, 2 = Lower Arm, 3 = Center Wash Tower,

Number/Size of Spray Arm Holes 4 = Many, smaller, 5 = Fewer, larger

***Automatic Soil Sensing (**Y/N)

Food filtering system Is 100% of water filtered? (Y/N) Secondary Filter? (Y/N)

Food disposal (Y/N) (Eliminates the need for pre-washing)

Water Heating Capability 1 = No control, 2 = Thermostat, 3 = Selectable higher temp for greasy foods

Water Fill Method 1= Metered/Float, 2 = Timed

Durability Rack Coating: 1 = Nylon, 2 = Vinyl Tine Shape, 3 = Extra Thick Tips, 4 = No difference, Tub Lining, 5 = Stainless Steel, 6 = Plastic

Flexibility 1 = Removable Tines, 2 = Fold-Down Shelves, 3 = Stemware Holder, 4 = Silverware Slots (Prevent Nesting), 5 = Fits Dishes and Pots Used, 6 = Fits Glassware Used, 7 = Removable Racks

Controls 1 = Dials, 2 = Buttons, 3 = Touchpad (Easier to Clean), 4 = Time Remaining Display, 5 = Hidden, 6 = Child Proof

***Soil Sensing Additional kWh:** If you don't pre-rinse, double the EnergyGuide amount.

Without Soil Sensing: These may actually use less kWh annually than the EnergyGuide says.

AELP's Energy Cost: $.098 assumes the annualized season rate, taxes and other components of the bill.