

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR® Computer Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing an update to the ENERGY STAR Computer [test method](#) to allow certain products to ship without an external power supply included and to lay out how they should be tested. This change was requested by stakeholders due to changes in the way laptops are sold. The changes are reflected in the updated test method. Products that have been certified to Version 8.0 will not be affected by this change and will remain ENERGY STAR certified.

EPA received support from stakeholders for this change. One stakeholder commented that the allowance to ship without an external power supply and test using the revised method should not be limited to power supplies of 30W or less. For power supplies greater than 30W, EPA continues to have concerns, which are shared by some stakeholders, regarding the performance of products not using a power supply designed specifically for that product. As such, EPA has retained the 30W limit. However, EPA is willing to revisit stakeholder interest in this issue as part of the Version 9.0 specification revision process, which is scheduled to launch later this year.

Please contact me at Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov or 202-343-9153 or John Clinger, ICF, at john.clinger@icf.com or (215) 967-9407 with questions or concerns about this amendment. For other computer related questions, please contact computers@energystar.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Fogle", positioned above a horizontal line.

Ryan Fogle
EPA Manager, ENERGY STAR for IT and Data Center Products

Enclosures:

[Version 8.0 Final Specification Rev. July 2022 \(includes updated test method\)](#)