

**(c) Central air conditioners and heat pumps.** The [energy conservation standards](#) defined in terms of the [heating seasonal performance factor](#) are based on Region IV, the minimum standardized design heating requirement, and the provisions of [10 CFR 429.16](#).

**(1)** Central air conditioners and central air conditioning [heat pumps manufactured](#) on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2023, must have [Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio](#) and [Heating Seasonal Performance Factor](#) not less than:

Product class	Seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER)	Heating seasonal performance factor (HSPF)
(i) Split systems - air conditioners	13	
(ii) Split systems - heat pumps	14	8.2
(iii) Single package units - air conditioners	14	
(iv) Single package units - heat pumps	14	8.0
(v) Small-duct, high-velocity systems	12	7.2
(vi)(A) Space-constrained products - air conditioners	12	
(vi)(B) Space-constrained products - heat pumps	12	7.4

**(2)** In addition to [meeting](#) the applicable requirements in [paragraph \(c\)\(1\)](#) of this section, products in product class (i) of [paragraph \(c\)\(1\)](#) of this section (*i.e.*, split-systems - air conditioners) that are installed on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2023, in the [States](#) of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, or Virginia, or in the District of Columbia, must have a [Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio \(SEER\)](#) of 14 or higher. Any [outdoor unit](#) model that has a certified combination with a rating below 14 [SEER](#) cannot be installed in these States. The least efficient combination of each [basic model](#) must comply with this standard.

**(3)**

**(i)** In addition to [meeting](#) the applicable requirements in [paragraph \(c\)\(1\)](#) of this section, products in product classes (i) and (iii) of [paragraph \(c\)\(1\)](#) of this section (*i.e.*, [split systems](#) - air conditioners and [single-package units](#) - air conditioners) that are installed on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2023, in the [States](#) of Arizona, California, Nevada, or New Mexico must have a [Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio \(SEER\)](#) of 14 or higher and have an [Energy Efficiency Ratio \(EER\)](#) (at a standard rating of 95 °F dry bulb outdoor temperature) not less than the following:

Product class	Energy efficiency ratio (EER)
(i) Split systems - air conditioners with rated cooling capacity less than 45,000 Btu/hr	12.2
(ii) Split systems - air conditioners with rated cooling capacity equal to or greater than 45,000 Btu/hr	11.7
(iii) Single-package units - air conditioners	11.0

**(ii)** Any [outdoor unit](#) model that has a certified combination with a rating below 14 [SEER](#) or the applicable [EER](#) cannot be installed in this region. The least-efficient combination of each [basic model](#) must comply with this standard.

**(4)** Each [basic model](#) of single-package central air conditioners and central air conditioning [heat pumps](#) and each individual combination of split-system central air conditioners and central air conditioning [heat pumps manufactured](#) on or after January 1, 2015, shall have an average [off mode](#) electrical power consumption not more than the following:

Product class	Average off mode power consumption $P_{W,OFF}$ (watts)
(i) Split-system air conditioners	30
(ii) Split-system heat pumps	33
(iii) Single-package air conditioners	30
(iv) Single-package heat pumps	33
(v) Small-duct, high-velocity systems	30
(vi) Space-constrained air conditioners	30
(vii) Space-constrained heat pumps	33

**(5)** Central air conditioners and central air conditioning [heat pumps manufactured](#) on or after January 1, 2023, must have a [Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio 2](#) and a [Heating Seasonal Performance Factor 2](#) not less than:

Product class	Seasonal energy efficiency ratio 2 (SEER2)	Heating seasonal performance factor 2 (HSPF2)
(i)(A) Split systems - air conditioners with a certified cooling capacity less than 45,000 Btu/hr	13.4	

(i)(B) Split systems - air conditioners with a certified cooling capacity equal to or greater than 45,000 Btu/hr	13.4	
(ii) Split systems - heat pumps	14.3	7.5
(iii) Single-package units - air conditioners	13.4	
(iv) Single-package units - heat pumps	13.4	6.7
(v) Small-duct, high-velocity systems	12	6.1
(vi)(A) Space-constrained products - air conditioners	11.7	
(vi)(B) Space-constrained products - heat pumps	11.9	6.3

**(6)**

**(i)** In addition to meeting the applicable requirements in paragraph (c)(5) of this section, products in product classes (i) and (iii) of paragraph (c)(5) of this section (*i.e.*, split systems - air conditioners and single-package units - air conditioners) that are installed on or after January 1, 2023, in the southeast or southwest must have a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio 2 and a Energy Efficiency Ratio 2 not less than:

Product class	Southeast *	Southwest **	
	SEER2	SEER2	EER2 ***
(i)(A) Split-systems - air conditioners with a certified cooling capacity less than 45,000 Btu/hr	14.3	14.3	11.7/9.8 †
(i)(B) Split-systems - air conditioners with a certified cooling capacity equal to or greater than 45,000 Btu/hr	13.8	13.8	11.2/9.8 ††
(iii) Single-package units - air conditioners			10.6

\* "Southeast" includes the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories.

\*\* "Southwest" includes the States of Arizona, California, Nevada, and New Mexico.

\*\*\* EER refers to the energy efficiency ratio at a standard rating of 95 °F dry bulb outdoor temperature.

† The 11.7 EER2 standard applies to products with a certified SEER2 less than 15.2. The 9.8 EER2 standard applies to products with a certified SEER2 greater than or equal to 15.2.

†† The 11.2 EER2 standard applies to products with a certified SEER2 less than 15.2. The 9.8 EER2 standard applies to products with a certified SEER2 greater than or equal to 15.2.

(ii) Any [outdoor unit](#) model that has a certified combination with a rating below the applicable standard level(s) for a region cannot be installed in that region. The least-efficient combination of each [basic model](#) must comply with this standard.

(d) **Water heaters.** The uniform energy factor of [water heaters](#) shall not be less than the following: