

I have reviewed the EPA's proposal regarding ENERGY STAR rated thermostats.

If I understand the proposal correctly, ANY thermostat, manual or programmable will be included in the new campaign. I didn't see any reference to whether or not this proposal acknowledges differences between mechanical manual thermostats and electronic manual thermostats. Cadet believes there should be consumer differentiation between mechanical thermostats and electronic thermostats, and that they should not be classified in the same energy savings category. Mechanical manual thermostats have delayed responses that result in wider temperature swings of up to 8 degrees, as opposed to electronic thermostats that can be controlled within one degree.

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