

## ENERGY STAR® Program Requirements for Single Voltage External Ac-Dc and Ac-Ac Power Supplies

## **Partner Commitments**

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The following are the terms of the ENERGY STAR Partnership Agreement as it pertains to the manufacturing of ENERGY STAR qualified single voltage external ac-dc and ac-ac power supplies. The ENERGY STAR Partner must adhere to the following program requirements:

- comply with current <u>ENERGY STAR Eligibility Criteria</u>, defining the performance criteria that must be met for use of the ENERGY STAR certification mark in association with single voltage external ac-dc and ac-ac power supplies and specifying the testing criteria for single voltage external ac-dc and ac-ac power supplies. EPA may, at its discretion, conduct tests on products that are referred to as ENERGY STAR qualified. These products may be obtained on the open market, or voluntarily supplied by Partner at EPA's request;
- comply with current <u>ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines</u>, describing how the ENERGY STAR
  name and mark may be used. Partner is responsible for adhering to these guidelines and for
  ensuring that its authorized representatives, such as advertising agencies, dealers, and
  distributors, are also in compliance;
- qualify at least one ENERGY STAR qualified single voltage external ac-dc or ac-ac power supply
  model within three months of activating the external power supply portion of the agreement.
   When Partner qualifies the product, it must meet the specification (e.g., Tier 1 or 2) in effect at that
  time;
- provide clear and consistent labeling of materials used in association with ENERGY STAR
  qualified single voltage external ac-dc and ac-ac power supplies. The ENERGY STAR mark must
  never be displayed on the power supply unit itself. It must, however, be clearly displayed in the
  following partner materials used in the sale and marketing of external power supplies for the
  wholesale market and for the retail replacement power supply market, unless otherwise indicated
  below:
  - on the manufacturer's Internet site where information about ENERGY STAR qualified models is displayed
  - o on the product packaging—only required for the retail replacement power supply market, optional for wholesale product packaging

Partner also is encouraged to consider using the ENERGY STAR mark in product literature (e.g., specification sheets, product catalogs, brochures, etc.) and on product advertising/promotional materials (e.g., print advertisements, trade show booth posters, etc.);

• provide to EPA, on a quarterly basis, an updated list of ENERGY STAR qualifying single voltage external ac-dc and ac-ac power supply models. Once the Partner submits its first list of ENERGY STAR qualified power supply models, the Partner will be listed as an ENERGY STAR Partner on the ENERGY STAR Web site. Partner must provide quarterly updates in order to remain on the list of participating product manufacturers. If no new models are introduced during a particular quarter, Partner should notify EPA to ensure its partnership status is maintained;

- provide to EPA, on an annual basis, unit shipment data or other market indicators to assist in determining the market penetration of ENERGY STAR. Specifically, Partner must submit the total number of ENERGY STAR qualified single voltage external ac-dc and ac-ac power supplies shipped (in units) or an equivalent measurement as agreed to in advance by EPA and Partner. Unit shipment data must be segmented by nameplate output power category and model for both the United States (US) and outside the United States (non-US). Partner also is encouraged to indicate total unit shipments and/or the percent of total unit shipments that qualify as ENERGY STAR. The data for each calendar year should be submitted to EPA, preferably in electronic format, no later than the following March and may be provided directly from the Partner or through a third party. The data will be used by EPA only for program evaluation purposes and will be closely controlled. Any information used will be masked by EPA so as to protect the confidentiality of the Partner:
- notify EPA of a change in the designated responsible party or contacts for single voltage external ac-dc and ac-ac power supplies within 30 days.

## **Performance for Special Distinction**

In order to receive additional recognition and/or support from EPA for its efforts within the Partnership, the ENERGY STAR Partner may consider the following voluntary measures and should keep EPA informed on the progress of these efforts:

- collaborate with end-use product manufacturers to introduce the latest high-efficiency power supply technology into new, innovative product designs and popular, existing home and office electronics:
- consider energy efficiency improvements in company facilities and pursue the ENERGY STAR label for buildings;
- purchase ENERGY STAR qualified products. Revise the company purchasing or procurement specifications to include ENERGY STAR. Provide procurement officials' contact information to EPA for periodic updates and coordination. Circulate general ENERGY STAR qualified product information to employees for use when purchasing products for their homes;
- ensure the power management feature is enabled on all ENERGY STAR qualified computer monitors in use in company facilities, particularly upon installation and after service is performed;
- provide general information about the ENERGY STAR program to employees whose jobs are relevant to the development, marketing, sales, and service of current ENERGY STAR qualified product models;
- feature the ENERGY STAR mark on Partner Web site and in other promotional materials. If information concerning ENERGY STAR is provided on the Partner Web site as specified by the ENERGY STAR Web Linking Policy (this document can be found in the Partner Resources section on the ENERGY STAR Web site at <a href="https://www.energystar.gov">www.energystar.gov</a>), EPA may provide links where appropriate to the Partner Web site;
- provide a simple plan to EPA outlining specific measures Partner plans to undertake beyond the program requirements listed above. By doing so, EPA may be able to coordinate, communicate, and/or promote Partner's activities, provide an EPA representative, or include news about the event in the ENERGY STAR newsletter, on the ENERGY STAR Web pages, etc. The plan may be as simple as providing a list of planned activities or planned milestones that Partner would like EPA to be aware of. For example, activities may include: (1) increase the availability of ENERGY STAR qualified products by converting the entire product line within two years to meet ENERGY STAR guidelines; (2) demonstrate the economic and environmental benefits of energy efficiency through special in-store displays twice a year; (3) provide information to users (via the Web site and user's manual) about energy-saving features and operating characteristics of ENERGY STAR

qualified products, and (4) build awareness of the ENERGY STAR Partnership and brand identity by collaborating with EPA on one print advertorial and one live press event; provide quarterly, written updates to EPA as to the efforts undertaken by Partner to increase availability of ENERGY STAR qualified products, and to promote awareness of ENERGY STAR and its message.