

## HOW TO READ AN ENERGY GUIDE LABEL

When you're shopping for a new appliance, look for the **Energy Guide** label. It's the yellow tag you'll find attached to most appliances. It tells how much energy an appliance is estimated to use and makes it easier to compare the energy use of similar models. The more energy efficient an appliance is, the less it costs to run, and the lower your utility bills should be over the life of the appliance. Using less energy is good for the environment, too; it can reduce air pollution and help conserve natural resources.

U.S. Government Federal law prohibits removal of this label before consumer purchase.

# ENERGYGUIDE

Refrigerator-Freezer

- Automatic Defrost
- Side-Mounted Freezer
- Through-the-Door Ice

XYZ Corporation  
Model ABC-L  
Capacity: 23 Cubic Feet

### Estimated Yearly Operating Cost

**\$67**

\$57 \$74

Cost Range of Similar Models

**630 kWh**  
Estimated Yearly Electricity Use

Your cost will depend on your utility rates and use.

- Cost range based only on models of similar capacity with automatic defrost, side-mounted freezer, and through-the-door ice.
- Estimated operating cost based on a 2007 national average electricity cost of 10.65 cents per kWh.
- For more information, visit [www.ftc.gov/appliances](http://www.ftc.gov/appliances).

ENERGY STAR

Look for the Energy Star Logo!

Lists key features of the appliance you're looking at and the similar models that make up the cost range below.

The maker, model, and size tell you exactly what product this label describes.

What you might pay to run the appliance for a year, based on its electricity use and the national average cost of energy. The cost appears on labels for all models and brands, so you can compare energy use just like you would price or other features.

The cost range helps you compare the energy use of different models by showing you the range of operating costs for models with similar features.

An estimate of how much electricity the appliance uses in a year based on typical use. Multiply this by your local electricity rate on your utility bill to better judge what your actual operating cost might be.

If you see the ENERGY STAR logo, it means the product is better for the environment because it uses less energy than standard models.

**Appliances with labels include:** boilers, central air conditioners, clothes washers, dishwashers, freezers, furnaces, heat pumps, pool heaters, refrigerators, televisions, water heaters and window air conditioners.



**Appliances without labels:** clothes dryers, dehumidifiers, humidifiers, ovens and ranges.

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