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HOME APPLIANCE ENERGY SAVINGS QUANTIFIED

WASHINGTON, DC (May 8, 2009)—The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) has released the 2008 Energy Efficiency and Consumption Trends data for home appliances. This data, based on 2008 shipments of major appliances, shows the continuing pattern of decreased energy consumption.

Clothes washers show a 64% decrease in energy consumption per unit since 2000, while tub capacity increased by 9%. The ability for consumers to wash more clothes per load while also using less energy is great news for consumers and their energy bills. The data also shows that both refrigerators and dishwashers are over 30% more efficient than models sold in 2000.

Manufacturers continue to make improvements every year that reduce the amount of energy used to operate home appliances. The average refrigerator made in 2008 consumed 3% less energy than those made in the previous year. In fact, the average refrigerator sold today uses less energy than a 60 watt light bulb that is left on 24 hours a day.

In a time where people are making an effort to make their homes more efficient, appliance manufacturers are also committed to making the most efficient products. Replacing older, less efficient appliances with newer models can lead to major savings on your next energy bill.

Complete historical tables of energy efficiency and consumption trends data are available through AHAM. [Click here](#) for a direct link to purchase the Trends in Energy Efficiency data, or you may visit AHAM's web site www.aham.org.

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The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) is a not-for-profit trade association representing manufacturers of major, portable and floor care home appliances, and suppliers to the industry and is headquartered in Washington, DC. You can visit the AHAM web site at <http://www.aham.org>