

WELS Water Ratings

What is WELS?

The WELS (Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards) scheme provides a compulsory Australia wide efficiency and minimum performance standard for Australian water consuming products. You've most likely come across the WELS star rating stickers when purchasing an item such as a washing machine.

What needs a WELS Rating?

Most products in Australia that consume water needs to be tested under the WELS scheme. These items include taps, showers, washing machines & dishwashers. Similar to the energy star ratings, a government regulator tests the efficiency of the product and then provides a rating out of 6 stars.

Should I look for a higher WELS rating or Lower?

The higher the WELS rating, the lower the water consumed. Meaning whilst a higher rated product may cost more upfront, you will save on water consumption from efficiency without sacrificing experience.

To find out more about the WELS scheme you can visit www.waterrating.gov.au

Understanding the WELS Label

There are 3 sections to the WELS label, the star rating at the top, rate of water consumption in the middle and the registration & product details at the base of the label.



The Star Rating

shows the efficiency of the product. The more stars, the more water efficient.

The Water Consumption

shows things like how many litres per flush and litres per minute from a shower head etc. This allows you to be able to compare products.

The Registration & product details

shows the license number and registration number of the product.