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Q: Which product classes apply to hybrid refrigeration products that include wine storage compartments?

A: Energy conservation standards applicable to hybrid products including wine storage compartments with fresh food and/or freezer compartments are determined based on the applicable product classes as presented in 430.32(a). In most cases, identification of the applicable product class will be clear based on the characteristics of a given basic model. For instance, a product including only fresh food and wine storage compartments is an all-refrigerator. If it is compact and has automatic defrost, it is product class 13; if it is compact and has manual defrost, it is product class 11. (See 10 CFR 430.32(a).) If the manufacturer does not believe there is a clear distinction as to which product class is applicable to a given basic model, manufacturers are encouraged to request additional clarification from DOE. DOE notes that all basic models, including those with various compartment types, which meet the definition of electric refrigerator, electric refrigerator-freezer, or freezer must be certified to the Department.

These FAQs may also be of interest:

- [What types of refrigerated wine storage products and/or hybrid wine storage products \(i.e., products combining wine storage, fresh food, and/or freezer compartments\) are covered under DOE's regulations?](#)
- [How should covered refrigeration products that include wine storage compartments be tested?](#)