

GPN-GL7 Purchasing Guidelines for

Washing Machines

Green Purchasing Network (GPN)

1. Scope

These guidelines cover important environmental issues that should be considered when purchasing household washing machines, including single-tank automatic and double-tank (semi-manual) style products.

2. Guidelines

When purchasing washing machines, the following articles should be considered for purchasing products with as little environmental burden as possible:

- (1) Use a minimal amount of water
- (2) Equipped with an automatic water supply system that draws water from used bathtub water
- (3) Minimal power consumption during operation
- (4) Provided full maintenance service by the manufacturer in order to make long-term use feasible
- (5) Designed to facilitate disassembling and recycling of component parts
- (6) Incorporate recycled plastics as much as possible
- (7) Does not contain lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium compounds, or specific bromine-based flame-retardants (PBB, PBDE), to the utmost extent possible

*These guidelines are subject to change in accordance with new findings and changes in social conditions.

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