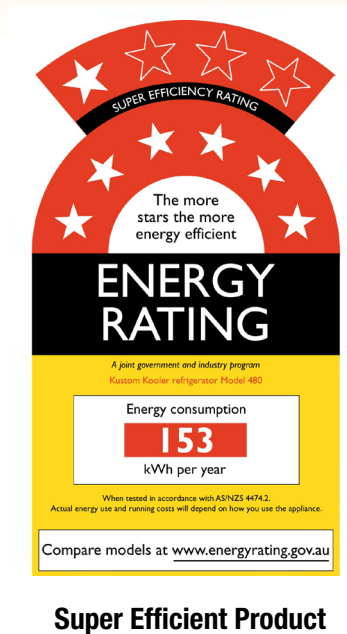
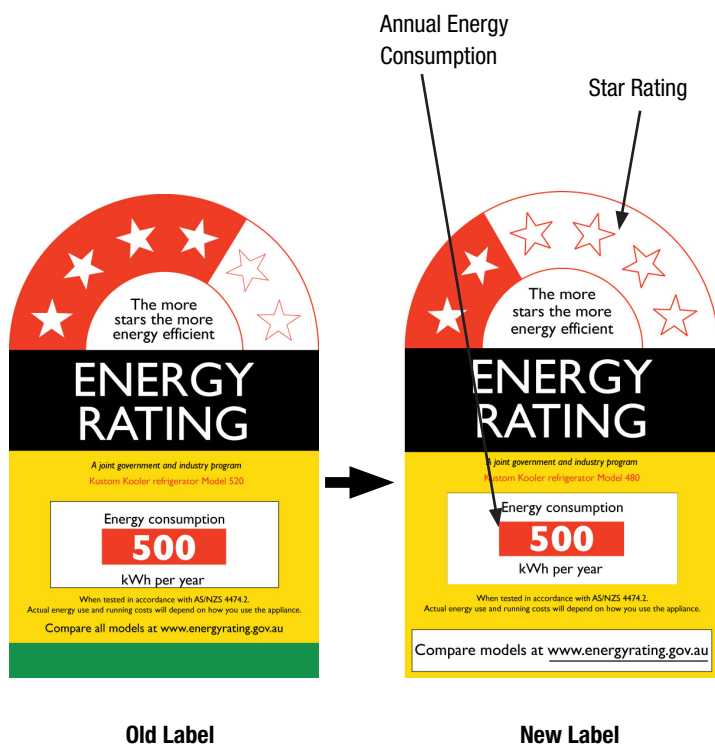


# The Revised Energy Rating Label Refrigerators and Freezers

On 1 April 2010 new energy rating labelling regulations for refrigerators and freezers came into force throughout Australia. All refrigerators and freezers imported or manufactured after this date must meet new strengthened minimum energy performance standards and carry a new form of energy rating label. For a period of time there will be an overlap between older stock that was labelled under the old system and newer stock that need to carry the revised label under the new system. This overlap will continue until all older stock has been relabelled or sold.



## Why change the rating scale ?

By 2010 it had been 10 years since the rating scale had been updated and continuous improvement in refrigerator performance over that period had resulted in star ratings for all products clustering at the top of the range (4 to 6 stars). To overcome this disincentive to further efficiency improvements, a new more stringent scale was introduced to provide expanded scope for improvements in energy efficiency.

In addition to a new scale, the star rating has now been extended from 6 to 10-stars to allow scope for 'super efficient' products that should appear in shops over the coming years

## How can I tell if it is a new or an old label ?

The old label is easily identified by the green strip at the base of the label. New labels have no green strip. If not, you can always go to the energyrating website ([www.energyrating.gov.au](http://www.energyrating.gov.au)) and view a list of products showing both the old and the new star ratings.

## What is the difference between the old and the new label?

While the appearance and dimensions of the new label will be similar, compared to the old label the revised rating scale on the new label will reduce the number of stars on the label for the same energy consumption. For example, an appliance that was previously rated as a 4-star product will now only be rated as 1.5 to 2-stars under the new scale. This means that the product delivered to your door (with the new label) may show a different star rating to the product on display in the store (with the old label). Rest assured, the product and its performance are un-changed, all that has changed is the rating scale.

## How to choose an efficient refrigerator or freezer

Decide on the size, type and features you want; don't buy something that's too big for your needs.

Use the energy rating labels and or the energyrating website ([www.energyrating.gov.au](http://www.energyrating.gov.au)) to help you select an energy efficient model. The 'energy consumption' number on the label will give you an indication of likely annual energy consumption for the product.

### For more detailed information go to:

<http://www.energyrating.gov.au/pubs/factsheet-trans-ac.pdf> - for more information on the transition.

[http://www.energyrating.gov.au/appsearch/air\\_srch.asp](http://www.energyrating.gov.au/appsearch/air_srch.asp) - for listings of air-conditioners and their energy ratings.

<http://www.energyrating.gov.au/acl.html> - for tips for choosing an efficient air-conditioner.

