Look for EPA symbol on air conditioners

It you're in the market for a new heat pump of central air condition-er, add the government's new Ener-gy Star symbol to your list of things to look for. Why? Because the Energy Star loop means the unit is as least 20

logo means the unit is as least 20 percent more efficient than the products currently meeting mini-mum federal government stan-

experts at the Trane Home Comfort Institute explain that, in terms

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of cooling, only heat pumps and central air conditioners that have a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) of 12 or higher qualify for the Energy Star Label.

The SEER is a measure of a unit's cooling efficiency. The higher the SEER, the higher the efficiency. The higher the coliciency, the lower the energy bills.

Then U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the Energy Star program to help

increase the efficiency of heat pumps and central air conditioning being installed in homes. Doing so will dramatically reduce the nation's energy consumption. It will also help utilities offset their peak loads and avoid con-structing costly new power plants. Homeowners gain the added benefit of saving money because more effiof saving money because more effi-cient equipment costs less to oper-

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els easier to purchase, EPA if offering financing assistance through the special Energy Star loans from participating banks and other financial institutions. The loans nave lower interest rates, longer payment periods or both.

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