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PREFACE

The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers develops standards in accordance with AHAM's "Policy and Procedures Governing Technical Standards" which states:

"AHAM standards shall be in the best interest, mutually, of consumers who use appliances, the industries which provide and service appliances, and other interested parties. They shall relate to actual use conditions, be technically and scientifically sound."

Use or observance of AHAM standards is voluntary.

This standard contains:

Test procedures that may be applied to any brand or model of portable humidifier.
Results of tests in accordance with this standard may be publicly stated.

Methods for determining residential humidification requirements. Determination made in accordance with these methods can be used as a guide when estimating the appliance humidifier water output capacity recommended for specific residential applications.

An appendix that sets forth recommended humidifier operating guidelines and practices.

With regard to safety, AHAM recommends that all appliance products -- both major and portable -- manufactured or marketed in the United States be submitted to an appropriate independent nationally recognized testing laboratory for inspection and listing in conformance with the appropriate national safety standard. The relevant standard for humidifiers is Underwriters Laboratories 998, "Standard for Humidifiers."

AHAM welcomes comments and suggestions regarding this standard. Any standard may be reviewed and improved as needed. All standards must be updated or reconfirmed at least every five years. Any interested party, at any time, may request a change in an AHAM standard. Such request should be addressed to AHAM's President, and should be accompanied by a statement of reason for the request and a suggested alternate proposal.

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