The Unified Water Label

Label Guidelines

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This Guide explains how the Unified Water Label should be displayed when being used on all printed and electronic media and any other applications.

The Guide also offers examples of how registered brands are using the label. The Label is available in various formats and sizes to suit different applications and product categories.

**Full Label**

The full label shows how the product stands against similar products with differing flow, volume or capacity levels.

The Label can be embedded into other graphics, but no adjustments can be made to the shape or format – with the exception of inserting the actual flow, volume or capacity figures.

Flow or volume figures should always be to 1 decimal place with the exception of WCs which must be to 2 decimal places with baths requiring no decimal points.

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The Labels provided are left blank for this purpose but can be used as is, as a general example of the full chart.

Amends in local language are acceptable within the energy icon section.

Above or below the label the registered brand name can be included.

The examples above from left to right are suitable for: Taps and Showers, WCs, Cisterns and Baths.
Flexibility of the Label

The full label can be adapted to allow flexibility for companies to add their own branding and local language to the label.

The graphic opposite demonstrates the elements can be changed (surrounded by dotted box) and which elements are mandatory.

The flexible optional elements are:

The energy icon
This can be adapted to suit the specific products energy use.

The Technical Icons/QR Code/Logo
There can either be 3 technical icons and either a QR code or your logo. If you do not wish to have a QR code or logo you can include 4 technical icons.

Banner above the Label - This can be used to have a statement, company name or website address.

The Mandatory elements are:

The Unified Water Label Banner
The UWLA website address
The Colour Banding
The Unified Water Label.

Simple & Honest
Straightforward
Informative & Reliable

Discover how the Unified Water Label helps you choose the best bathroom and kitchen products to suit your lifestyle and your budget.
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The energy icon can be added to the base of the Unified Water Label to depict to the consumer the expected annual energy use. Local language translation for the energy icon is accepted.

It is required that all basin taps, kitchen taps, showers (handsets and mixer controls) and baths shall carry the energy icon.

The energy icon shall in all cases be placed under the main water rating and to the far left of the space provided for all technical icons (for the applicable categories).

The electronic database will automatically add in the associated energy rating using the agreed methodology and the advised flow rate of the product.

Only THREE Technical icons can be included on any one Label alongside the Energy icon. The technical icon selection must align with the company's declaration of conformity.

When a specific figure is to be shown, a blue panel in Pantone Reflex Blue C can be added to the right side of the chart with the appropriate flow rate, volume for that product overlaid in Myriad Pro Semibold text and a font size to match the text in the scale on the left of the label.

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## WC Technical Icons

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<td>Standard Cistern and Bowl Arrangement with a washdown toilet bowl – all trap arrangements.</td>
<td>GRAVITY / TOILET</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single Flush Standard Cistern and bowl Arrangement with a washdown toilet bowl – all trap arrangements.</td>
<td>SINGLE FLUSH</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assisted Flush Standard Cistern and bowl Arrangement with a washdown toilet bowl – all trap arrangements.</td>
<td>ASSISTED TOILET</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dual Flush Standard Cistern and bowl Arrangement with a washdown toilet bowl – all trap arrangements. Full and reduced Flush volumes will be stated in the label.</td>
<td>Dual Flush Icon</td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard Cistern and toilet bowl combination – all trap arrangements.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard toilet bowl sold on its own – all trap arrangements.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard toilet cistern sold on its own – all trap arrangements.</td>
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### Urinals Technical Icons

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<tr>
<td>A pressure flushing valve kit with no extra parts needed, supplied to meet requirements. Directly connected to a supply or distributing pipe which is designed to flush the urinal manually.</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
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<tr>
<td>An electronic automatically operated flushing sensor valve serving urinals</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
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<td>Urinal Bowl independent or sold with cistern</td>
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<td>Baths freestanding or standard design.</td>
<td>![Icon]</td>
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<td>Technology</td>
<td>Description</td>
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<td>Thermostatic</td>
<td>Must meet the requirements set in chapter 10.8 of taps and showers technical criteria.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shower Set</td>
<td>Including Hand sets and Spray Handset!</td>
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<tr>
<td>Boost</td>
<td>The boost function is a water and energy saving feature. It allows for a temporary increase in flowrate that enables the user to more easily undertake a specific action. The boost function must auto return after flow control is turned off. Must meet the requirements set in chapter 10.1 of taps and showers technical criteria.</td>
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<td>Water Break</td>
<td>Additional force/action required – can be in the same plane as normal opening function. Does not need to be auto return as this is assured by closing the flow. Must meet the requirements set in chapter 10.10 of taps and showers technical criteria.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single Lever Mixer Taps</td>
<td>Standard dual flow mixer taps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Timed Flow</td>
<td>The time flow function is a water and energy saving feature for taps that have a variable or fixed conclusive timed flow. Must meet the requirements set in chapter 10.9 of taps and showers technical criteria.</td>
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<td><strong>Shower Handset</strong></td>
<td>Handheld shower with hose</td>
<td><strong>Shower Handsets</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Sensor Function</strong></td>
<td>If proximity or motion sensing – auto off after removal of hands. Must meet the requirements set in chapter 10.4 of taps and showers technical criteria</td>
<td><strong>Tap and Shower Systems</strong></td>
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| **Cold Start**     | Use of a specific cold start function can reduce the unintended use of hot water (that could be wasteful). Must meet the requirements set in chapter 10.2 of taps and showers technical criteria | **Taps:**  
- Single Lever  
- Combination Taps  
- Pillar taps |
| **Extendable Spout**| Kitchen taps that use an extendable Spout                                  | **Kitchen Taps**                  |
| **Kitchen Tap**    | Conventional Kitchen Mixer Taps                                             | **Kitchen Taps**                  |
Using the Energy Dial

The methodology for energy can be calculated as specified in the Unified Water Label Criteria and is specified in kWh/p.a.

The electronic database will automatically add in the associated energy rating using the agreed methodology and the advised flow rate of the product. The energy icon will be displayed with the label on the product database.

The figure will be placed as indicated in the icon to the left of the dial.

This same figure should be compared and categorised in the table to indicate the position of the needle, then aligned as per the illustration e.g. 150 to 300 kWh/p.a. align needle to the 30 degree indicator in the illustration.
Examples of the label in use at a European Exhibition

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It is appreciated that space in printed matter is a premium and therefore a ‘family’ of Labels have been created. If using this size of label a full explanation of the Unified Water Label must be included in the document being published, a copy of the explanation document is included in this download pack.

A. Reduced Size Label
The reduced label shows only the maximum water use value and colour arrow for the specific product listed. This format of the label is to be used when space is restricted.

B. One-line Label
The one-line label shows the product water efficiency value in its simplest form and should only be used when space in a document is restricted. This version of the label requires you to add in the product numeric value in black (see example below).

C. Extra Small One-line Label
This version of the Unified Water Label should only be used in printed catalogues/brochures and then only where space in a document is severely limited. It should never appear on its own and must be accompanied by the description detailed below on the relevant page. This version of the label requires you to add in the product numeric value in black (see example below).

Description to be included on a page when using the Extra Small One-line Label
The Unified Water Label for ******* (product category) Water is a precious commodity and we must use it wisely. You can now tell by looking for the European Water Label how much water a product uses in normal domestic conditions. For example a green arrow shows that a product uses the least amount of water as opposed to an arrow flag indicating that the product uses more water. You can find a complete explanation of the Unified Water Label and how it works for other products as well, at the front of this brochure.
Examples of where these labels have been used correctly.
Supply Line Flow Regulators

If a Shower Handset is supplied with a supply line flow regulator and the product complies with the scheme regulations a further Label may be used (see example below).

This Label requires 2 numeric values to be printed after the green and red arrows detailing the flow rates with and without the flow regulator fitted, to 1 decimal place, the text should match the colours of the arrows and the font must be in Arial.

A complete description of the Unified Water Label must be included in the document using this type of Label.

Example of where this Label has been used correctly
Shower Handset
Neck Leaflet

This Label is designed to be used with Shower Handsets and Taps - where a flow regulator is included, loose in the product box or packaging.

It is intended to show the difference in the appliances water flow with and without the use of the regulator. Values to this effect can be printed in the corresponding part of the chart using black, Arial text. The size of the leaflet must not be altered or any other part of the artwork amended without prior permission.

A high resolution PDF file of this artwork is included in the relevant downloadable pack which is available from the your registered area.

Labels provided in the download pack are in the following formats:

- JPG: Hi resolution, 300dpi, CMYK (this format is suitable for most applications)
- EPS – 300dpi, CMYK
- PDF: Hi resolution, print quality, CMYK
Efficient

The ‘Efficient Product’ blue Label can only be used with the following categories:

- Electric Showers
- Urinal Controllers
- Replacement Flushing Devices
- Greywater Systems

All other categories must use the correct full or family of Labels and follow the relevant instructions.

There are 2 versions of the Efficient Product label, a large one containing the words EFFICIENT PRODUCT and a smaller version for use where space is severely limited.

Examples of where this Label has been used correctly
Using the Label

Whilst the complete suite of labels are available, you will only gain access to those areas for which your company registration has been granted and products listed. Further advice and information on this can be obtained from the Unified Water Label Administrator (info@europeanwaterlabel.eu). The Unified Water Label remains the property of the Unified Water Label Association (UWLA) at all times and permission to reproduce the Label in any other format than those provided must be gained from the company prior to use.
Examples of promotion materials.
Examples of exhibition use.