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A. O. Smith VertexTM Gas Water Heaters Earn ENERGY STAR® Certification High Efficiency Water Heater Line Now Recognized by EPA Program

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. (April 10, 2013) - Leading water heater manufacturer A. O. Smith (www.hotwater.com) announced that its high efficiency VertexTM residential family of gas water heaters is now certified by the EPA's ENERGY STAR® program.

The Vertex is the first high efficiency tank style water heater with more than 75,000 BTU input to be endorsed by the ENERGY STAR program.

"Operating at up to 96 percent thermal efficiency, the Vertex is the energy efficiency leader of the residential water heating market," said Ralph Perez, director of product management for A. O. Smith. "We're thrilled to see it join the extensive selection of A. O. Smith products recognized by the ENERGY STAR program."

A residential gas condensing water heater, the Vertex combines an advanced internal heat exchanger with up to 100,000 BTU input, inspired by A. O. Smith's trusted Cyclone® commercial water heater. While performing at unprecedented thermal efficiency levels, Vertex models are fully condensing to deliver continuous hot water—shower after shower.

With advanced diagnostic capabilities, the Vertex 100 records performance history and has a backlit LCD display that details model function, including accurate temperature control. Its dimensions are similar to those of a standard 50-gallon power vent water heater, making it easy to install.

The Vertex is just one of A. O. Smith's ENERGY STAR qualified models. For a complete list, visit http://www.hotwater.com/resources/energy-star-qualified-products/.

About A. O. Smith:

A. O. Smith Corporation is a leading global manufacturer and marketer of residential and commercial water heaters and boilers. A. O. Smith offers its customers an additional competitive advantage in that the company designs, builds, distributes and field supports the world's broadest and deepest line of residential and commercial water heaters, as well as commercial boilers. This single-source concept simplifies ordering, installation and service and is backed by more than 70 years of research and innovation. For more information, visit www.hotwater.com. For the most up-to-date industry news, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.