EcoGuide

how to choose a class A professional refrigerator
The choices we make each day are the ones that **build the future of our planet** and improve our work. Respect for the environment is also the best way to ensure your business more efficient.

**A sustainable future**

The letter A on the cover is the **Green Spirit**, the symbol for a **more sustainable future**. Electrolux believes in the social responsibility and in the ethic based on the principles of transparency and awareness. Electrolux manufactures its products thinking of the generations to come.

In line with this spirit, the Ecoguide was born to help you through how to **choose, use and maintain professional refrigerators**.

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**Regulation requirements**

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<td>2011</td>
<td>JUNE 16</td>
<td>R290 high efficiency products already in production</td>
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<td>New A5** class ecostoreHP cabinets</td>
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<td>All Electrolux products are already above G4** energy class</td>
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* with the exception of heavy-duty cabinets and refrigerator-freezers.

** A5, B5, G4, F4: the letters stand for the European energy efficiency class and the numbers stand for the climatic class of Energy Label.
Responsible refrigeration

Professional refrigerators preserve a core asset: food. At the same time, its operation accounts for approximately 40 percent of consumption (see chart) of a professional kitchen. They are on day and night and require a lot of energy.

The relevance of quality

So, the importance of assessing the qualities of a good professional refrigerator to rationalize consumption and improve the efficiency of its operation. Choose refrigerators that ensure maximum reliability - while maintaining a constant and uniform temperature - and minimize energy use and environmental impact.

Incidence of consumption in professional kitchens

- 40% Refrigeration
- 37% Cooking
- 12% Ventilation
- 6% Water heating
- 5% Other

Professional refrigerators are the only appliances that run 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

With the new ecostore<sup>®</sup> generation you can save up to 830 €/year (freezer) and 300 €/year (refrigerator) in class A comparing an equivalent cabinet in class G*.  

* see note at page 4
Energy saving

In 2016 for the first time ever in the professional world there is an **European energy classification in classes for any refrigerated appliances**. An easy readable label to evaluate the cabinets consumptions based on the energy efficiency.

From July 1st 2019 there is an evolution of the Energy Label. The energy classes are from A+++ to G. The classification of the climate class instead remains the same from 3 to 5.

Most of the ecostore® family are in energy class A. Scan the Eprel QR code, in the next page, to know the energy and climatic classes of all the Electrolux refrigerating appliances.

* potential savings based on European Ecodesign directive data and obtained by comparing class G refrigerators and freezers with equivalent class A cabinets (energy cost of 0,21 €/kWh and net volume of 503 lt).


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<th>Energy efficiency class</th>
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<th>Savings between class G and A (€/year)*</th>
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<td>Freezer cabinet</td>
<td>124 207 290 415 622 705 954</td>
<td>830</td>
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<tr>
<td>Refrigerated cabinet</td>
<td>45 75 106 151 226 256 347</td>
<td>300</td>
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Mandatory for every manufacturer to insert data in the database of Eprel.

✓ Easier for the customer to compare

✓ Easier for the authorities to check the consistency of the data declared.

2019 - EPREL European Product registry For Energy Labelling

You can enter in the website to verify the Energy Label - the mandatory registration of appliances of any Professional refrigerated storage cabinet placed in the European Market.

EPREL

Scan to visit the Eprel website

Energy efficiency class

It shows you how much electricity the product uses during the year, helping you to budget for your energy bills.

The highest volume

The NET volume allows you to better choose the number and type of appliances to purchase.

The data on the label is now calculated according to a standard methodology and it provides the real usable space for food storage.

Climatic class, the safest working condition

The label indicates the capability of the product to correctly preserve food in different working conditions. The label will display:

- **5 “heavy duty”** performs at 40°C ambient temperature and 40% humidity
- **4 “normal duty”** performs at 30°C ambient temperature and 55% humidity
- **3 “light duty”** performs at 25°C ambient temperature and 60% humidity.
Be sure to choose the best solution

Discover some tips to make a conscious choice.

Did you know that ...

The glass door cabinets and counters for professional use must be labelled by the manufacturer. Electrolux follows the rule.

The glass door cabinets used for food storage and preservation are not display cabinets.

The Energy Label with energy class G, climate class 4, cannot be sold in Europe from January 2018. Moreover the energy class F, climate class 4, cannot be sold in Europe from June 2019.

From January 2020 cannot be sold products with gas HFCs with GWP of 2500 or more (e.g. R404A) and from January 2022 with gas HFCs with GWP of 2500 or more (e.g. R404A) according to the European Norms F-Gas.

Search for ...

European Energy Label in energy efficiency class A and climatic class 5
The climate class (5) is as important as the energy efficiency class (A) in order to preserve the food correctly.
Home products are not for professional kitchens

Notice the difference: when the label shows the sound level of the equipment and not the climate class, it is referring to appliances for household use.

Similar labels but different test conditions

The use of refrigerated equipment in a professional workplace is much more stressful than the use in the home environment. Home products used in a professional environment are dangerous because their preservation performances do not guarantee the Food Safety!

Choosing a certified professional refrigerator is a guarantee.

Professional equipment
Full loaded refrigerator
Door opens 72 times for 7”
Ambient temperature 40 °C.

Household equipment
Empty refrigerator*
Door closed
Ambient temperature 25 °C.
*except freezers
3 sustainable recognitions

The Electrolux Professional products follow the strictest international standards for protecting the environment and managing costs.

**GREAT BRITAIN ECA (Enhanced Capital Allowance)**

Certification is bestowed to the most efficient products in terms of energy savings. These products are checked and included in the ETL (Energy Technology List), which certifies their high energy efficiency. The products listed in the ETL offer significant long-term financial benefits and reduced CO₂ emissions.

[www.eca.gov.uk](http://www.eca.gov.uk)

**HORECA 24 Innovation of the year award**

November 2012, Gold medal to Electrolux ecostore as best innovation of the year in energy efficiency. “HORECA 24 Innovation of the year” award has been created to reward the most innovative products, companies, entrepeneurs and trends within the hospitality industry.

[www.horeca24premioinnovazione.it](http://www.horeca24premioinnovazione.it)

**Environmentally Friendly Innovation Award 2012**

December 2012, ecostore received an honorable mention from the jury of the “Environmentally Friendly Innovation Award 2012” promoted by Legambiente (League for the Environment) in Italy.

[www.premioinnovazione.legambiente.org](http://www.premioinnovazione.legambiente.org)
Natural gases are a responsible alternative

The cooling unit and foams that insulate the walls of the refrigerator contain gas. It is important to choose a sustainable refrigerator, that respects norms and the environment.

Reduce greenhouse effect

The latest generation of professional refrigerators uses natural gases such as cyclopentane (in the insulation) and Hydrocarbons (HC), such as the R290 which very low Global Warming Potential and reduce the greenhouse effect. **Longer life of the compressors, lower maintenance costs and cost savings** with Hydrocarbons gases. Hydrocarbons (HC) reduce the environmental impact and produce a less aggressive effect on the components of the refrigerator.

Environmental impact of gas

- **HC Hydrocarbons - low GWP**
  R290 (PROPANE) + R600 (ISOBUTANE)
- **HFC Hydrofluorocarbons**
  R404A + R134a and other gases

**GWP - Global Warming Potential**

Scan to visit ec.europa.eu website
“R290 gas reduces environmental impact and has a less aggressive effect on the refrigerator’s components than older traditional gas.”
Good insulation reduces power consumption

The insulation system is essential to limit consumption and to ensure high performance.

**ExtrA insulation**

Greener and more cost-effective. 90mm-thick stainless steel and cyclopentane gas keep the internal temperature consistent, cutting heat loss and compressor activity.

Cyclopentane gas increases the insulation efficiency and keeps foam insulating characteristic longer than traditional gases. Traditional insulation becomes 18% less efficient after 2 months*.

This has **3 very positive effects:**

- reduced electricity consumption,
- less wear and tear of the compressor,
- ease of disposal for the use of cyclopentane, as it is a natural gas.

Choosing a tropicalized refrigerator, i.e. able to keep the internal temperature stable, even if it reaches 40° on the outside, is synonymous with greater efficiency and reliability.

*Estimates of Electrolux Professional R&D Lab Test
More capacity, more convenience

When choosing a refrigerator, you should consider carefully the (net) professional capacity of food storage which is equivalent to the volume between the base of the grid at the bottom and the line that marks the max load at the top.

Extra capacity

The ideal device is one that allows the same size to have more space, ensuring a more rational use.

Another factor not to overlook is the location of the refrigeration unit which must be placed over the cell not to occupy the area reserved for food.

Choose same size refrigerators that provide more space for the food

Each food item in its place

To preserve food better and longer, it should be positioned inside refrigerators. First, do not cross the different type of food that could cause infections and possible alterations in food.

First In First Out

Storing food in closed containers to prevent mixing of odors, makes the **cleaning easier and facilitates an orderly arrangement**. It is also advisable to remove the food from the original containers - which transfer a strong bacterial load - as well as to rotate the food using the FIFO method (First In First Out - the first food items that get in must be the first to come out), so as to maximize the storage time of the food within the refrigerator.

For each type of food (fish, vegetables, poultry, red meat) there is a specific refrigerator.
Reduce food waste

Reduce food waste with Electrolux OptiFlow system and climate class 5 for keeping power consumption at a minimum even in the hottest and busiest kitchens.

Food safety

Choosing devices with systems that allow for proper air flow in the whole cell ensures an even distribution of temperature and humidity. OptiFlow system* is the intelligent air circulation system that promotes a uniform temperature distribution within the cell in any loading condition. An invaluable aid for proper food storage and for keeping power consumption at a minimum.

* Air circulation system of the new ecostore HP refrigerators by Electrolux Professional
Where to put the refrigerator

Refrigerators should be placed away from heat sources (ovens, cookers, stoves, chimneys, as well as windows and walls exposed to the sun) because otherwise they have to work harder to maintain a consistent internal temperature by consuming more energy.

Simple, space-saving installation

The ecostore® family, both cabinet than counter refrigerators, help you to save space because there is no need to leave clearance space* around them. They need frontal ventilation only thanks to the Tower Configuration of the cooling unit.

Relying on the advice of professional technicians to place your refrigerator.

* The ecostore® cabinets need a minimum distance from the roof.
extrA high performance, extrA efficiency, extrA peace of mind for your professional kitchen

ecostore® Premium Refrigerated Counters and Cabinets reduce running costs and food waste.
How to prevent problems

Refrigerators, as mentioned, run 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can prevent the risk of malfunction and expensive waste of energy through constant maintenance. Here are some operations which should be performed periodically.

Control of seals

The door seals of the refrigerator and freezer compartments ensure proper closure and prevent leakages. The cleaning and checking for wear, at least once a month, contribute to the limitation of energy consumption.

Seals in good condition prevent harmful and costly leakages. We recommend that you clean them once a month.
Cleaning the condenser

The capacitor must be kept free from dust that may obstruct the operation. It should be noted that some of the latest generation refrigerators mount devices that prevent the accumulation of dust*.

Evaporator defrost

The layer of ice, caused by moisture and steam of the food, hinders the proper functioning and increases fuel consumption. Removing the frost is easier if the fridge is equipped with an automatic defrosting system. The new generation of refrigerators defrost when necessary only, so they reduce energy costs**.

Regular maintenance helps you save

To ensure maximum efficiency of the refrigerator, and therefore maximum savings on consumption (see table), and for unforeseen expenses, it is better to rely on a periodic maintenance service. The frequency depends on where the refrigerator is located. It is important to make use of technical assistance centers authorized by the manufacturer and ask for original spare parts only. In environments such as bakeries, confectioneries and pizzerias (for the presence of flour) or in fast food restaurants, delis and food stalls (where the air is saturated with fat) it is necessary to repeat this operation more often. We recommend servicing professional refrigerators every 4-6 months.

* Device of the new ecostore refrigerators by Electrolux Professional. It does not need any cleaning operation of the condenser.
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Relationship between technical problems and increase in consumption

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Estimates of Electrolux Professional
Excellence
with the environment in mind

- Factories are ISO 14001-certified
- All our solutions are designed for low consumption of water, detergents and harmful emissions
- In recent years over 70% of our product features have been updated with the environmental needs of our customers in mind
- Our technology is RoHS and REACH compliant and over 95% recyclable
- Our products are 100% quality tested by experts