



Requirements for Laundry Operations

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https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/090/92/Title

The Bureau of Weights and Measures inspects timing devices in accordance with NIST Handbook 44, which is adopted under Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 92.02(1).

The following is a short list of some of the general requirements for timing devices, such as timed dryers found in laundromats. This is not an all-inclusive list of requirements.

Primary Indicating Element

A timing device must be equipped with a primary indicating element, and may also be equipped with a primary recording element. The primary indicating element must be a readily observable in-service light, or other equally effective means, that automatically indicates when laundry driers are in operation.

Units of Measure

If a timing device is equipped to record, it must indicate and record the time in terms of minutes for time intervals of 60 minutes or less, and in hours and minutes for time intervals greater than 60 minutes.

Statement of Rates

The price in terms of money per unit or units of time for the service dispensed, and the number of coins the device will accept and be activated by at one time, must be clearly, prominently, and conspicuously displayed.

Operating Instructions

Operating instructions shall be clearly stated on the device.

Statement of Responsibility

Money-operated devices, other than parking meters, are required to have clearly and conspicuously displayed adequate information detailing the method for the return of monies paid when the product or service cannot be obtained. This information shall include the name, address, and phone number of the local responsible party for the device. This information is required to be on the device or immediately adjacent to the device. This requirement does not apply to devices at locations where employees are present and responsible for resolving any monetary discrepancies for the customer.