

Indoor air quality management and Health Canada

(NC)—In the last several years, a growing body of scientific evidence has indicated that the air within homes and other buildings can be more seriously polluted than the outdoor air in even the largest and most industrialized cities. Other research indicates that people spend approximately 90 percent of their time indoors. Thus, for many people, the risks to health may be greater due to exposure to air pollution indoors than outdoors.

In addition, people who may be exposed to indoor air pollutants for the longest periods of time are often those most susceptible to the effects of indoor air pollution. For example, the young, the elderly, and the chronically ill, especially those who suffer from respiratory or cardiovascular disease.

While pollutant levels from individual sources may not pose a significant health risk by themselves, most homes have more than one source that contributes to indoor air pollution. Some of these sources can include smoke, dust, pet dander, radon, mold and other pollutants which can pose serious health risks and contribute to respiratory disease, asthma and even lung cancer. Fortunately, there are steps that most people can take both to reduce the risk from these existing sources and to prevent new problems from occurring.

One of the most effective steps one can take to reduce the risk of indoor air pollution is the latest technology in indoor air management, called the Venmar Whole-house HEPA Air Purification system (Pur Air machine). It combines the benefits of both HEPA filtration and ventilation to help eliminate indoor pollution sources.

The air purification system allows polluted air to exit and fresh air, filtered by HEPA filtration, to flow through the home. Its HEPA filter traps up to trap 99.97% of .03 microns particles and can significantly reduce the number airborne particles in your home. It also allows excess humidity and dangerous mold spores, volatile organic compounds (VOC), and carbon monoxide that are not captured by filtration, to escape the home.

Health Canada has recently granted Medical Devices Establishment Licence Number 1409 to the Venmar HEPA series (Class I – Non-invasive medical devices). This is a first among companies working in the area of residential business for units that combine filtration and ventilation.

The Medical Devices Bureau finally determined that "any air filters which have direct or indirect therapeutic claims linked to a disease state (e.g. asthma) will be considered medical devices. This applies to filters that are permanently installed as part of a ventilation system or as portable units."

Individuals who acquire one of Venmar's HEPA series units under prescription may be able to deduct the purchase price from their income tax.

The HEPA series devices substantially contribute to improving indoor air

quality in dwellings and, at the same time, may improve the quality of life of individuals with serious respiratory diseases. The HEPA

filters of the same type as the ones found in Venmar appliances are also used in the ventilation systems for some operating suites. For

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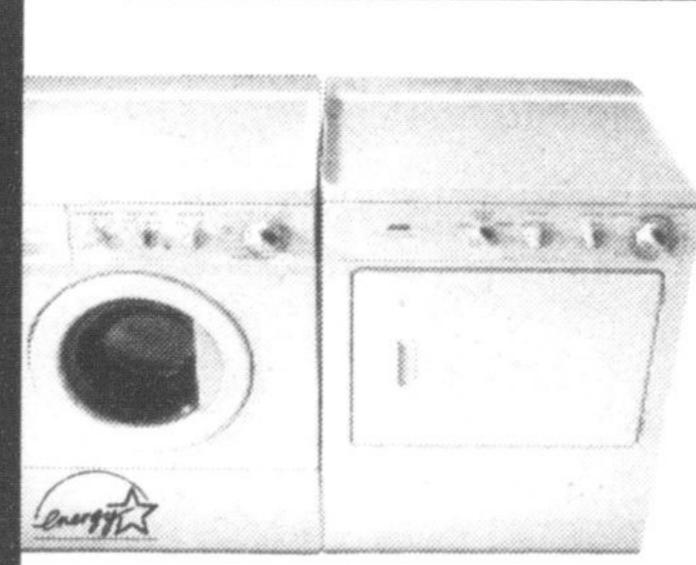


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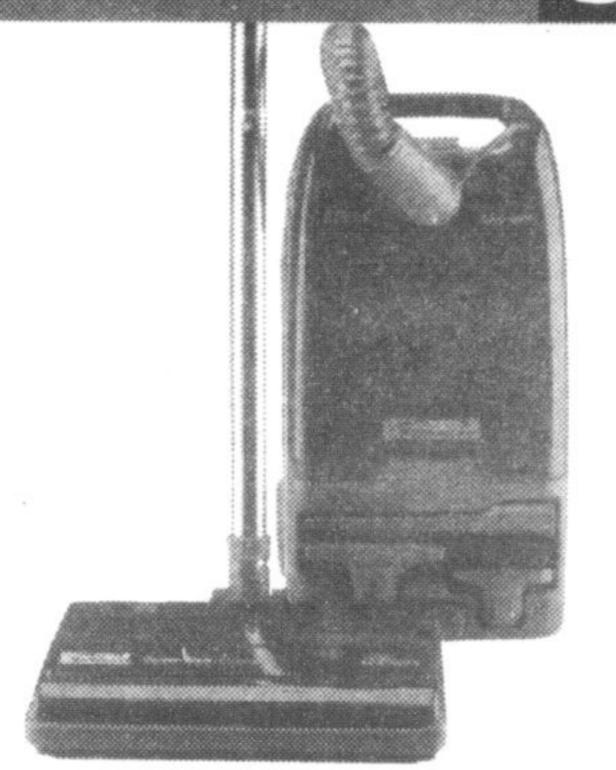
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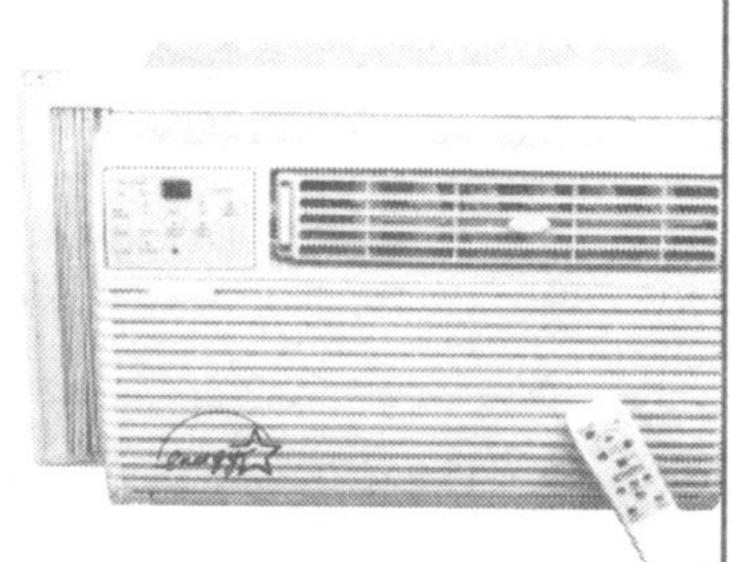
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