

# SPECIAL FEATURES

## Swiss Quality

Products with the Q-Plus certification comply with European standards, and abide by stringent Swiss standards as defined by Suissetec/VSA. LAUFEN ceramic products are compliant with these Swiss quality standards and are recommended accordingly.



## LAUFEN Green Mission

LAUFEN is committed to protecting the environment, placing great emphasis on sustainable manufacturing processes in regard to energy, water and materials uses. LAUFEN implores efficient and eco-friendly practices across all stages of production – from product development to marketing materials. For example, LAUFEN uses the waste heat generated in the production process to dry our ceramic pieces.



LAUFEN's production sites operate in accordance with strict, international environmental principles. The Swiss Agency for Efficient Energy Use has awarded Keramik LAUFEN AG its prestigious label for being actively involved in voluntary climate protection. Additionally, LAUFEN Austria AG- with its production sites at Wilhemsburg and Gmunden- was awarded the EMAS environmental prize for outstanding environmental performance. Overall, LAUFEN supports and promotes active environmental policies; policies that are embedded in the company's principles and upheld by our workforce around the world.



## Water Sense®

LAUFEN Bathrooms has partnered with WaterSense - a program of the Environmental Protection Agency. Products bearing the WaterSense label:

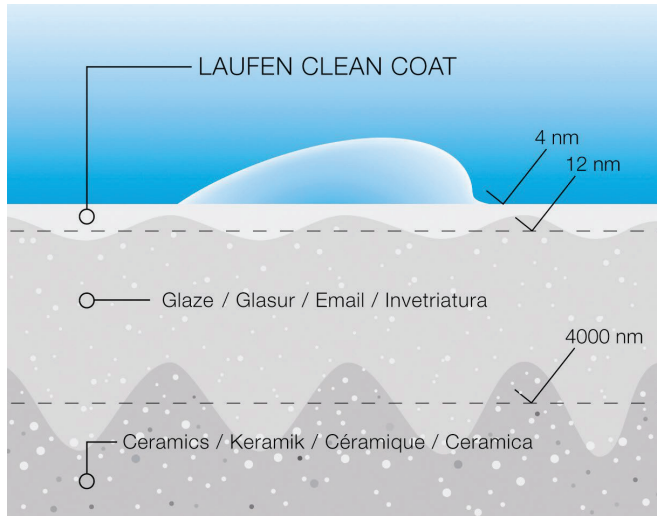
- Perform as well or better than their less efficient counterparts.
- Are 20 percent more water efficient than average products in that category.
- Realize water savings on a national level.
- Provide measurable water savings results.
- Achieve water efficiency through several technology options.
- Are effectively differentiated by the WaterSense label.
- Obtain independent, third-party certification.



LAUFEN's floor mount and wall hanging water closets have been certified to meet the rigid requirements of the WaterSense program. These products meet the WaterSense requirements for both minimal water usage and waste removal exceeding 350 grams. Frequently referred to as High-Efficiency Toilets (HET), LAUFEN's dual-flush technology is used throughout the product line to achieve its HET certification.



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## LAUFEN Clean Coat (LCC)

The LAUFEN Clean Coat (LCC) logo can be seen on the Alessi One bathroom collections. LCC is one of the most groundbreaking ceramic finishes on the market; it is virtually poreless and smooth to the touch. This sophisticated ceramic finish ensures that particles of dirt and bacteria can be simply rinsed off with water, thus, the ceramic stays clear of debris and is easier to clean. Due to the glaze-in-glaze method, where the LCC glaze is directly melted with the ceramic, the smooth finish of LCC remains hard and robust.



## ADA Compliant

What does "ADA Compliant" mean?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provides greater safety and comfort for individuals living with physical or challenging impairments. ADA regulations apply on both federal and state levels, however states have the ability to modify federal mandates or create their own codes.

Due to the myriad variables associated with the plumbing industry, manufacturers such as LAUFEN do not have a singular agency that would issue a product as ADA-approved in that proper installation to the codes is a mandatory component of compliance with ADA rules. LAUFEN has designed certain products that we feel can become part of an ADA compliant bathroom when installed according to regulation. We have designated the ADA compliance of these products in our Price Guide with the ADA icon. While we believe these products will be acceptable for ADA installations, we cannot guarantee that the product will be found acceptable in all locations.



## cUPC/ASME Compliant

The Uniform Plumbing Code (cUPC) and American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) are trade organizations that cooperatively meet to create mechanical design and test routines for plumbing products. These are trade organizations tasked with creating guidelines for safe and interchangeable products that provide value for consumers and competitiveness among manufacturers. All of LAUFEN Bathroom ceramic products (unless noted otherwise) meet the design requirements and laboratory testing demands of these organizations. Organizations that provide this testing routine include the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO Group), whom has issued several of LAUFEN's certifications.

