

How much water does it take?



Water is an essential ingredient in most manufacturing operations. Water is one of the main factors in getting consumer products on the shelf. Water is not only used by animals for consumption or farmers to irrigate crops, but throughout the entire manufacturing process.

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- ▮ Producing a typical U.S. car requires more than 50 times its weight in water. Choosing a fuel-efficient model will help – it takes **44 gallons** of water to refine one gallon of crude oil and up to **1,700 gallons** of water to produce a gallon of ethanol.
- ▮ Producing one pound of bread requires **500 gallons** of water.
- ▮ Producing one cotton t-shirt requires **256 gallons** of water.
- ▮ Producing one serving (8 oz.) of milk requires **48 gallons** of water.
- ▮ Producing one serving (4.6 oz.) of oranges requires **14 gallons** of water.