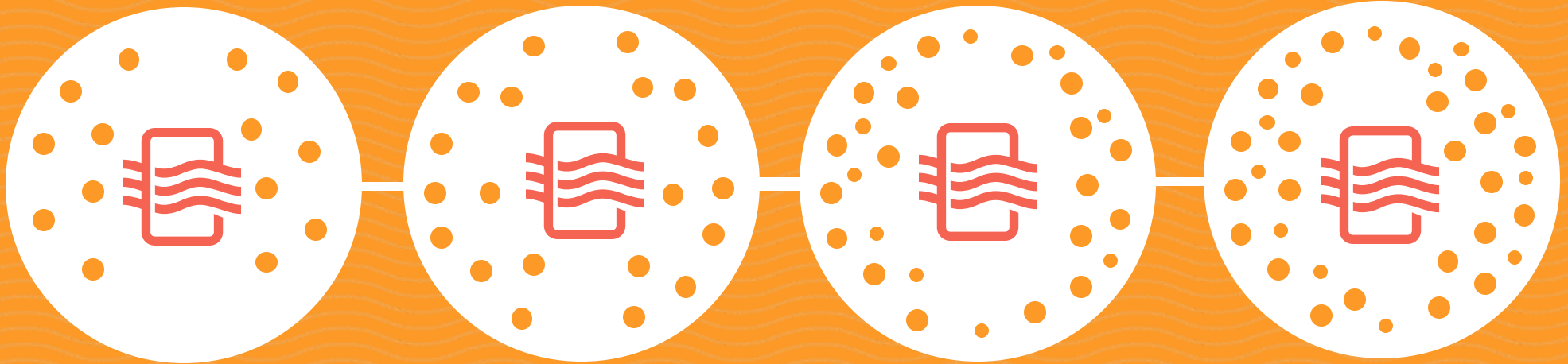


# MERV Air Filter Ratings

Air filters are rated on the **Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)** scale created by the ASHRAE. A higher MERV score indicates a tighter (less porous) filter weave which will trap more dust, particles and contaminants.



**MERV  
1 to 4**

**Economical**  
Basic filters provide a low-level of filtration at low cost.

**MERV  
5 to 8**

**Median-duty**  
Mid-range filters provide good filtration at a reasonable price.

**MERV  
9 to 12**

**Efficient**  
Higher quality filters capture particles as small as 1 micron.

**MERV  
13 to 16**

**HEPA**  
High-efficiency filters trap particulates as small as 0.3 micron.

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