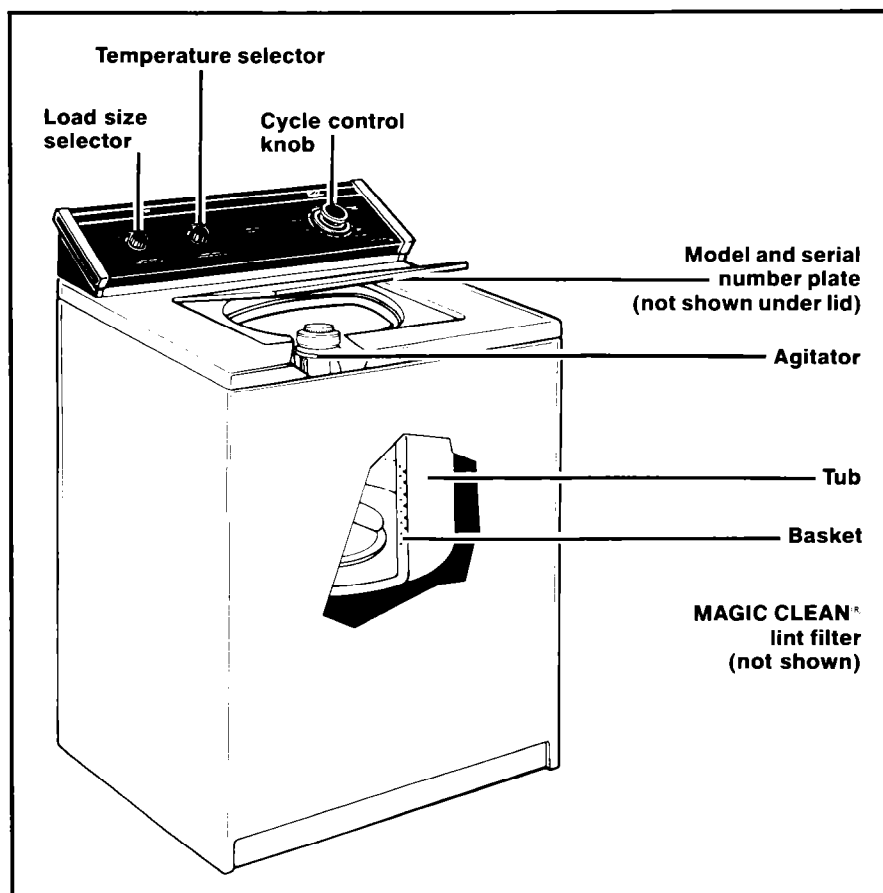




# Use & Care Guide



**LARGE CAPACITY TWO SPEED  
AUTOMATIC WASHERS  
LA5200XT LA5500XT**

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Thank you for buying a Whirlpool appliance. Please complete and mail the Owner Registration Card provided with this product. Then complete the form below. Have this information ready if you need service or call with a question.

- Copy model and serial numbers from plate (under lid near hinge) and the purchase date from the sales slip.
- Keep this book and the sales slip together in a handy place.

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**Model Number**

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**Serial Number**

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**Purchase Date**

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**Service Company Phone Number**

Remove the Consumer Buy Guide label. It will be easier to remove before the washer is used.

You should wipe out the basket with a damp cloth before using to remove dust from storing or shipping.

# Important Safety Instructions

## **⚠ WARNING**

To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, or injury to persons when using your washer, follow basic precautions, including the following:

- **Read these Laundry Instructions for important use and safety information before using your washer.**
- **NEVER** wash items cleaned, washed, soaked in or spotted with wax, paint, gasoline, or in flammable fluids in the washer. The fumes can create a **FIRE HAZARD** or **EXPLOSION. ALWAYS** hand launder and air dry fabrics containing these materials.
- **NEVER** allow children to operate, play with, or crawl inside the washer. Close supervision of children is necessary when the washer is used near children.
- When discarding an old washer, **ALWAYS** remove the lid to prevent accidental entrapment.
- **NEVER** put your hands into the washer until all motion stops. If the lid is opened while the basket is spinning, the basket will automatically stop in a few seconds.
- **DO NOT** tamper with controls.
- **NEVER** use or store flammable fluids (dry-cleaning solvents, kerosene) in or near your washer. Do Not add flammable fluids to the wash water. These substances give off vapors that can create a **FIRE HAZARD** or **EXPLOSION.**
- If hot water has not been used recently (usually 2 weeks or longer), hydrogen gases may build up in the water heater and the hot water pipes. **HYDROGEN GAS IS EXPLOSIVE.** To prevent injury or damage, before using your washer, turn on all hot water faucets and allow water to run for several minutes. This will allow gases to escape. **DO NOT** smoke or use any open flame near the faucet while it is open.
- **You are personally responsible for making sure that your washer:**
  - is installed, repaired, and parts replaced by a qualified person.
  - is properly installed and leveled on a floor that can support the weight.\*
  - is connected to the right kind of outlet, electric supply, water supply and drain.\*
  - is properly grounded.\*
  - is properly maintained.\*
  - is protected from the weather and kept where the temperature will not fall below freezing.

\*See the Installation Instructions.

– SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS –

## Additional safety instructions and your responsibilities

- **ALWAYS** store detergent, laundry aids and other materials in a cool, dry place where children can't reach them – in a locked cabinet if possible.
- **ALWAYS** read and follow instructions on packages of detergent and laundry aids – especially warnings and precautions.
- **HAZARDOUS FUMES** can be formed if chlorine bleach is used in the same wash as ammonia or acids such as vinegar or rust remover.
- **ALWAYS** unplug the power supply cord before attempting to service the washer.
- **DO NOT** machine wash glass fiber materials. Small particles can stick to fabrics washed in following loads and cause skin irritation.
- **You are personally responsible for making sure that your washer:**
  - is used only for jobs normally expected of home automatic washers.
  - is not run by children or anyone unable to operate it properly.

# Operating Instructions

## Starting your washer

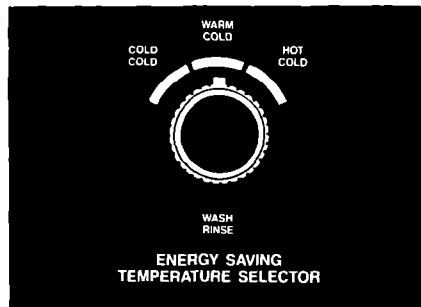
Be sure to measure and add detergent, then place a sorted load in the washer before starting it.



### 1. Select a load size

- Turn the knob to point at a setting that describes the size of load you want to wash.
- The water level can be set for EX SMALL (a few items), MEDIUM or LARGE (a full load).

**NOTE:** Use the LARGE water level for best permanent press results.



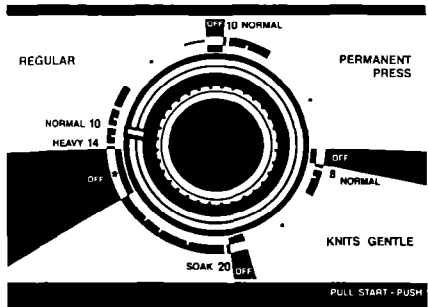
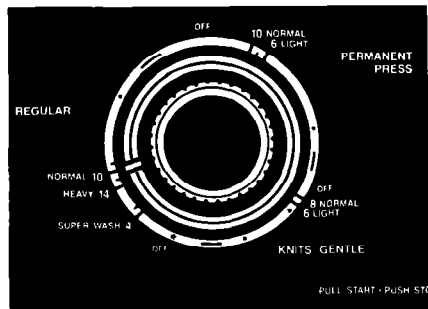
### 2. Select water temperature

- Match the water temperature to the type of fabric and soils being washed.
- The top temperature is the wash selection and the bottom temperature is the rinse selection.

**NOTE:** Use warm wash water with the PERMANENT PRESS or KNITS GENTLE Cycles.

For heavily soiled permanent press or knit clothes, pre-wash or pre-soak before washing in warm water.

ALWAYS use cold rinse water for permanent press fabrics.



### 3. Select cycle and wash time Start the washer

- Push in the Cycle Control Knob and turn it to the right.
- Stop on the number in the wash cycle you want. The numbers are minutes of wash time.
- Start the washer by pulling out the Cycle Control Knob. The washer will fill to the selected water level with the selected wash water temperature. After filling, the washer will agitate for the selected number of minutes.
- To stop the washer at any time, push in the Cycle Control Knob. To restart the washer, pull out the Cycle Control Knob.

### What happens in each cycle

Each cycle has different agitation and spin speeds designed for different kinds of fabrics.

Numbers on the dial in each cycle are the minutes of wash agitation time.

When the Cycle Control Knob is set to a number and pulled out, the washer fills before agitation and timing starts. After agitation starts, the knob turns clockwise until it points to OFF and the cycle ends.

The washer will pause briefly throughout each cycle. These pauses are normal. They allow for the reversing of the motor, normal washer operation and the cool-down portion of the PERMANENT PRESS Cycle.

#### Gentle Wash System

For better fabric care in the REGULAR and PERMANENT PRESS Cycles, the agitation speed is reduced during the last few minutes of wash agitation time.

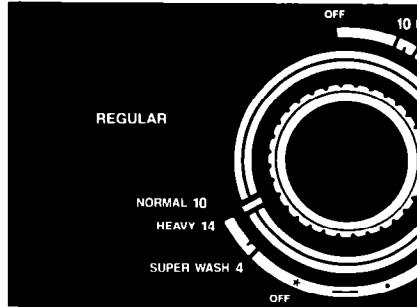
**NOTE:** You may hear the sound of water spraying during the spin parts of some cycles. In some cycles, cold water is sprayed on the spinning load to help with the rinsing.

## Operating Instructions Continued

### LA5500XT cycles

#### Regular/Heavy Cycle

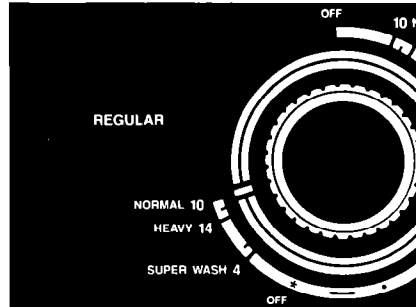
A cycle for sturdily constructed fabrics that are heavily soiled.



<b>FILL</b>	to Selected Level
<b>WASH</b>	8-6 Minutes High Speed
<b>WASH</b>	6 Minutes Low Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	High Speed
<b>FILL</b>	for Deep Rinse
<b>RINSE</b>	High Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	High Speed, Spray Rinse

#### Regular/Normal Cycle

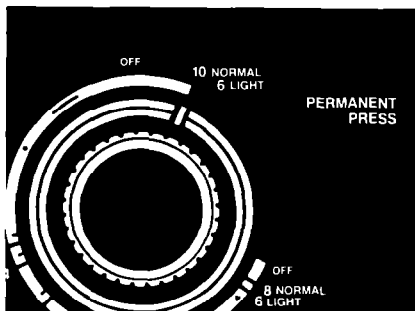
A cycle for regular loads of fabrics that are moderately soiled.



<b>FILL</b>	to Selected Level
<b>WASH</b>	4 Minutes High Speed
<b>WASH</b>	6 Minutes Low Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	High Speed
<b>FILL</b>	for Deep Rinse
<b>RINSE</b>	High Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	High Speed, Spray Rinse

### Permanent Press/Normal Cycle

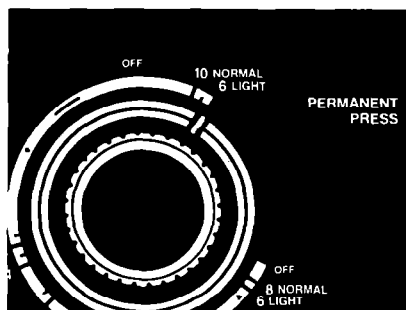
A cycle designed for moderately soiled permanent press and some synthetic fabrics. The cool-down rinse helps keep wrinkles from setting into these items.



<b>FILL</b>	to Selected Level
<b>WASH</b>	6 Minutes High Speed
<b>WASH</b>	4 Minutes Low Speed
<b>PARTIAL DRAIN</b>	(Pause)
<b>REFILL COOL-DOWN</b>	
<b>WASH</b>	Low Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	Low Speed, Spray Rinse
<b>FILL</b>	for Deep Rinse
<b>RINSE</b>	High Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	Low Speed, Spray Rinse
<b>SPIN</b>	High Speed

### Permanent Press/Light Cycle

A cycle designed for lightly soiled permanent press and some synthetic fabrics. The cool-down rinse helps keep wrinkles from setting into these items.

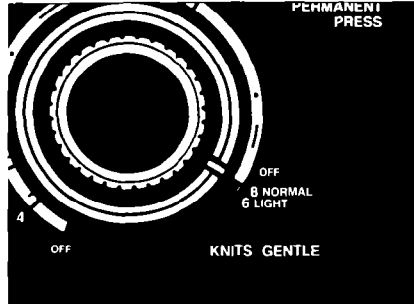


<b>FILL</b>	to Selected Level
<b>WASH</b>	2 Minutes High Speed
<b>WASH</b>	4 Minutes Low Speed
<b>PARTIAL DRAIN</b>	(Pause)
<b>REFILL COOL-DOWN</b>	
<b>WASH</b>	Low Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	Low Speed, Spray Rinse
<b>FILL</b>	for Deep Rinse
<b>RINSE</b>	High Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	Low Speed, Spray Rinse
<b>SPIN</b>	High Speed

## Operating Instructions Continued

### LA5500XT cycles continued Knits Gentle/Normal Cycle

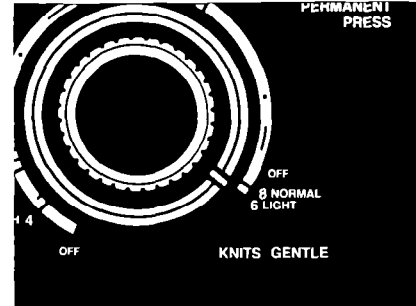
A cycle that gently washes and spins moderately soiled delicate items and washable knits.



<b>FILL</b>	to Selected Level
<b>WASH</b>	4 Minutes Low Speed
<b>▲SOAK</b>	2 Minutes No Agitation
<b>WASH</b>	2 Minutes Low Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	Low Speed
<b>FILL</b>	for Deep Rinse
<b>RINSE</b>	Low Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	Low Speed, Spray Rinse

### Knits Gentle/Light Cycle

A cycle that gently washes and spins lightly soiled delicate items and washable knits.



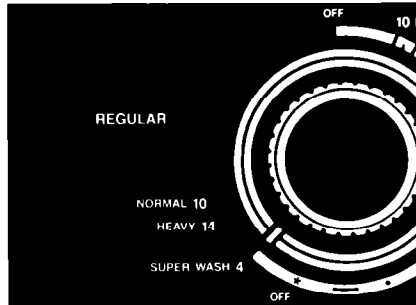
<b>FILL</b>	to Selected Level
<b>WASH</b>	2 Minutes Low Speed
<b>▲SOAK</b>	2 Minutes No Agitation
<b>WASH</b>	2 Minutes Low Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	Low Speed
<b>FILL</b>	for Deep Rinse
<b>RINSE</b>	Low Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	Low Speed, Spray Rinse

▲ Indicates that machine is pausing for a brief soak period.



### Super Wash Cycle

Use for washing heavily soiled loads that require maximum soil removal. Double the amount of detergent recommended when using the SUPER WASH Cycle.



**FILL** to Selected Level

**WASH** 4 Minutes High Speed

**PARTIAL DRAIN** No Agitation

**REFILL** to Selected Level

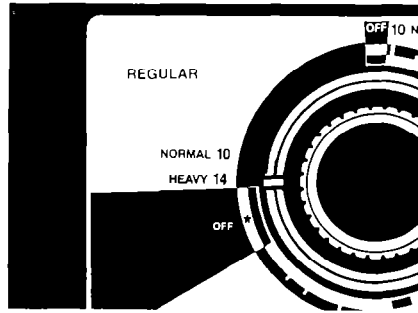
After Partial Drain, the washer automatically refills and goes into the REGULAR/HEAVY Cycle. Be sure to use enough detergent for the double wash.

## Operating Instructions Continued

### LA5200XT cycles

#### Regular/Heavy Cycle

A cycle for sturdily constructed fabrics that are heavily soiled.



**FILL** to Selected Level

**WASH** 8-6 Minutes High Speed

**WASH** 6 Minutes Low Speed

**DRAIN** No Agitation

**SPIN** High Speed

**FILL** for Deep Rinse

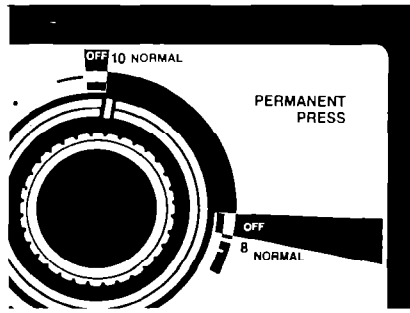
**RINSE** High Speed

**DRAIN** No Agitation

**SPIN** High Speed, Spray Rinse

#### Permanent Press/Normal Cycle

A cycle designed for moderately soiled permanent press and some synthetic fabrics. The cool-down rinse helps keep wrinkles from setting into these items.



**FILL** to Selected Level

**WASH** 4 Minutes High Speed

**WASH** 6 Minutes Low Speed

**PARTIAL DRAIN** (Pause)

**REFILL COOL-DOWN**

**WASH** High Speed

**DRAIN** No Agitation

**SPIN** Low Speed, Spray Rinse

**FILL** for Deep Rinse

**RINSE** High Speed

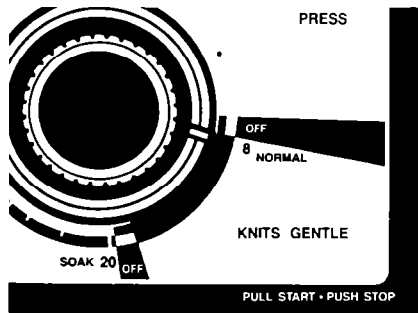
**DRAIN** No Agitation

**SPIN** Low Speed, Spray Rinse

**SPIN** High Speed

### Knits Gentle/Normal Cycle

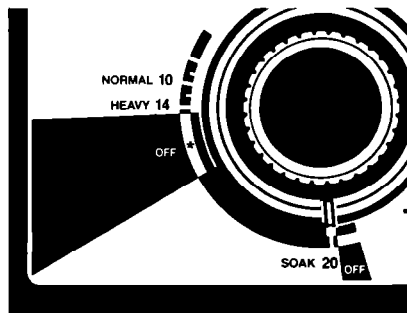
A cycle that gently washes and spins moderately soiled delicate items and washable knits.



<b>FILL</b>	to Selected Level
<b>WASH</b>	8 Minutes Low Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	Low Speed
<b>FILL</b>	for Deep Rinse
<b>RINSE</b>	Low Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	Low Speed, Spray Rinse

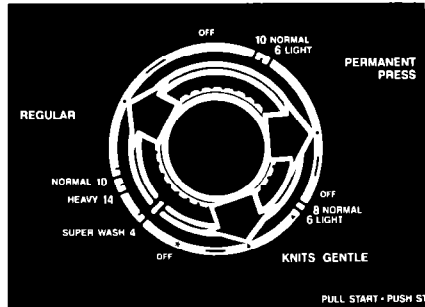
### Soak Cycle

Brief periods of agitation and soak time help remove heavy soils and certain stains that need extra pretreatment. Use recommended amount of detergent or pre-soak additive. The SOAK Cycle should always be followed by a wash cycle.



<b>FILL</b>	to Selected Level
<b>WASH</b>	4 Minutes High Speed
<b>SOAK</b>	4 Minutes No Agitation
<b>WASH</b>	2 Minutes High Speed
<b>SOAK</b>	4 Minutes No Agitation
<b>WASH</b>	6 Minutes High Speed
<b>DRAIN</b>	No Agitation
<b>SPIN</b>	High Speed
<b>WASHER STOPS</b>	Select Wash Cycle

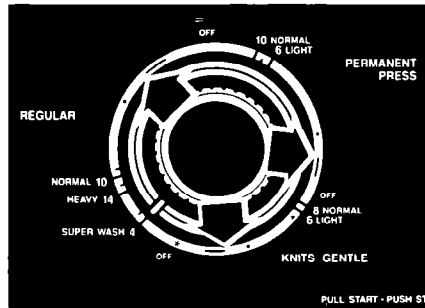
Special care is needed when soaking laundry. See the Laundry Guide for proper use of this cycle.



## Rinse and spin

You may need an extra rinse and spin for heavily soiled loads which need more detergent.

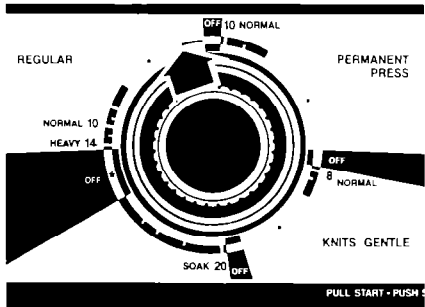
1. Push Cycle Control Knob in.
2. Turn clockwise to any dot on the dial.
3. Pull Cycle Control Knob out. The washer will fill to selected level, agitate 2 minutes, drain and spin.



## Drain and spin

Your washer can be set to drain and spin out water.

1. Push Cycle Control Knob in.
2. Turn clockwise to the bar just before the OFF area in any cycle. See the drawing.
3. Pull Cycle Control Knob out. The washer will drain and spin.





# If You Need Service Or Assistance

## We suggest you follow these five steps:

### 1. Before calling for assistance...

Performance problems often result from little things you can find and fix yourself without tools of any kind.

#### If your washer does not fill:

- Is the power supply cord plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage?
- Are both water faucets open?
- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?
- Are the water supply hoses kinked?
- Is the Cycle Control Knob set and pulled out?

#### If your washer does not spin:

- Is the lid closed?
- Is the power supply cord plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage?
- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?

#### If your washer stops during a cycle:

- Remember, the washer pauses briefly at different times in each cycle. These pauses are normal.

#### If your washer fills and drains without running:

- Make sure that the Cycle Control Knob is pointing to a number in the cycle.

#### Make sure the drain hose is higher than the water level in the washer. If it isn't:

- The washer may seem to be draining during wash and rinse cycles.
- Water can siphon out. (See Installation Instructions.)

### 2. If you need assistance\*...

**Call Whirlpool COOL-LINE<sup>®</sup> service assistance telephone number. Dial free from anywhere in the U.S.: 1-800-253-1301**

and talk with one of our trained consultants. The consultant can instruct you in how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance or, if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.

### 3. If you need service\*...



Whirlpool has a nationwide network of franchised TECH-CARE<sup>®</sup> Service companies. TECH-CARE service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate TECH-CARE service in your area, call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:

APPLIANCES - HOUSEHOLD -  
MAJOR - SERVICE & REPAIR

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES -  
MAJOR - REPAIRING & PARTS

OR

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& IRONERS - SERVICING

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FRANCHISED TECH-CARE SERVICE

SERVICE COMPANIES  
XYZ SERVICE CO 999-9999  
123 MAPLE

**4. If you have a problem\*...**

Call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) and talk with one of our consultants, or if you prefer, write to:

Mr. Donald Skinner  
Director of Customer Relations  
Whirlpool Corporation  
2000 M-63  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

**5. If you need FSP\*  
replacement parts\*...**

FSP is a registered trademark of Whirlpool Corporation for quality parts. Look for this symbol of quality whenever you need a replacement part for your Whirlpool appliance. FSP replacement parts will fit right and work right, because they are made to the same exacting specifications used to build every new Whirlpool appliance.

To locate FSP replacement parts in your area, refer to Step 3 or call the Whirlpool COOL-LINE service assistance number in Step 2.

\*If you must call or write, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase, and a complete description of the problem. This information is needed in order to better respond to your request for assistance.

# Whirlpool® Automatic Washer Warranty

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LENGTH OF WARRANTY	WHIRLPOOL WILL PAY FOR
<b>FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY</b> From Date of Purchase	FSP® replacement parts and repair labor to correct defects in materials (including top and lid rust) or workmanship. Service must be provided by a franchised TECH-CARE® service company.
<b>LIMITED FIVE-YEAR WARRANTY</b> From Date of Purchase	FSP replacement parts for any part of gearcase assembly if defective in materials or workmanship. The gearcase assembly is shown below.  FSP replacement parts for any top and lid rust.
<b>LIMITED TEN-YEAR WARRANTY</b> From Date of Purchase	FSP replacement of outer tub should it crack, or fail to contain water, due to defective materials or workmanship.
<b>WHIRLPOOL WILL NOT PAY FOR</b>	
<p><b>A.</b> Service calls to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Correct the installation of the washer.</li> <li>2. Instruct you how to use the washer.</li> <li>3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring or plumbing.</li> </ol> <p><b>B.</b> Repairs when washer is used in other than normal, single-family household use.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Pick up and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home.</p> <p><b>D.</b> Damage to washer caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool.</p> <p><b>E.</b> Any labor costs during the limited warranties.</p>	

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages so this limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Outside the United States, a different warranty may apply. For details, please contact your franchised Whirlpool distributor or military exchange.

**Gearcase assembly covered by your warranty**

