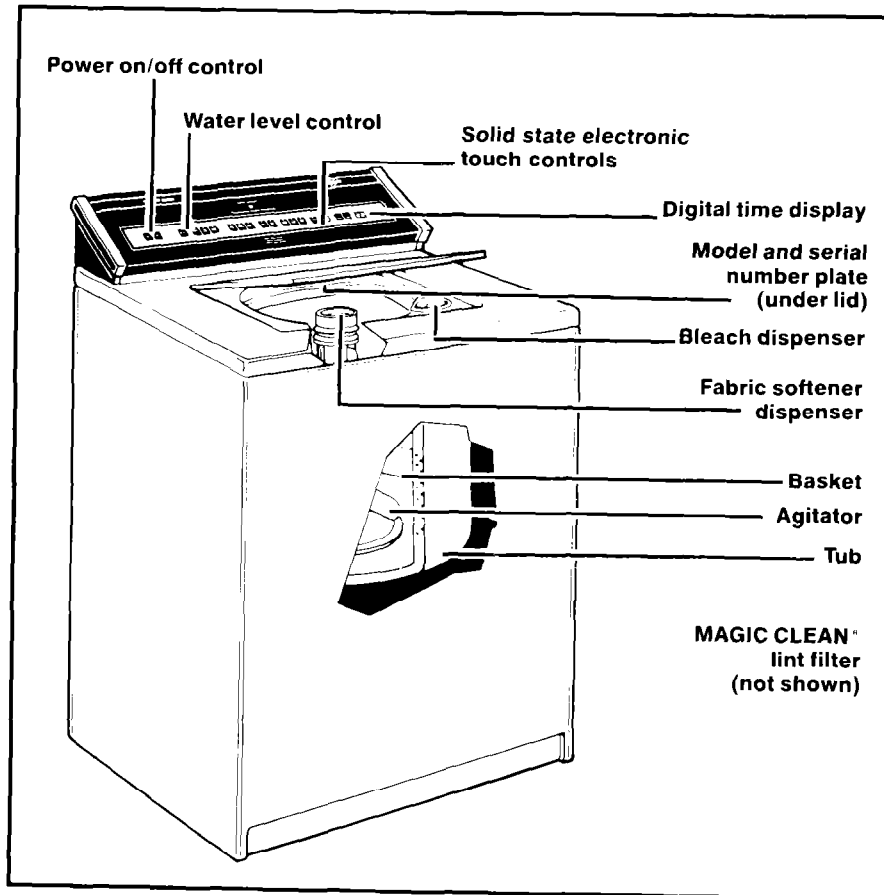




Use & Care Guide



**SUPER CAPACITY TWO SPEED
SOLID STATE ELECTRONIC
AUTOMATIC WASHER
LA9800XT**

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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, the Laundry Guide and the sales slip together in a handy place.

Model Number

Serial Number

Purchase Date

Service Company Phone Number

If your washer has a Consumer Buy Guide label, remove it. It will be easier to remove before the washer is used. To remove any remaining glue:

- Rub briskly with thumb to make a ball, then remove.

or

- Soak area with liquid hand dish-washing detergent before removing glue as described above.

Do not use rubbing alcohol or flammable or toxic solvents, such as acetone, gasoline, carbon tetrachloride, etc. These can damage the finish.

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. This automatic washer has solid state electronic controls. Read instructions carefully before setting any cycles.

POWER



1. Touch power ON

- The washer will power up and the Fabric Selection lights will scan. The control is now ready for your selection.
- The lights will scan until a selection has been made.

NOTE: If a selection has not been made within 15 minutes, the washer will automatically shut off.

WATER LEVEL



2. Select a water level

- The washer will automatically fill to the HI water level. If more or less water is needed, touch the Select pad until the light shows the desired water level. A blinking light shows the actual water level as it fills.
- Select the setting that fits the size of the load you are washing.

See the Laundry Guide for load size suggestions.

PREWASH OPTIONS



3. Touch a pre-wash option

- If pre-washing is not needed, skip to step 4.
- The washer will shut off after completing the SOAK or PRE-WASH Cycles. See pages 9 and 10.
- The SUPER WASH Cycle must be combined with a Fabric Selection. See page 10.

FABRIC SELECTION



4. Touch a fabric selection

- Touch a Fabric Selection according to the type of load being washed. See pages 11 and 12.
- The washer will begin filling shortly after a Fabric Selection has been made.



For more selection time:

- Touch HOLD/RESTART pad at any step you want more time to decide on another selection.
- HOLD/RESTART will stop the washer for up to 15 minutes.
- To restart the washer, touch the blinking HOLD/RESTART pad.

To change a selection:

- All options, except Fabric Selections, can be changed any time before they have started.
- Fabric Selections may only be changed up to the start of the first fill.
- If the washer has completed the first fill, touch Power OFF, then start over with step 1.
- The indicator light will stay on and one beep will sound when a selection has been accepted.

To change wash or rinse temperatures

The washer is programmed to provide a warm wash and cold rinse in every selection. If another wash or rinse temperature is wanted, touch the pad that corresponds to that temperature.

NOTE: To save energy and receive the most wrinkle-free results, use a cold rinse for all fabrics.

- To protect some fabrics, the washer will not accept the following selections:

HOT WASH Option cannot be accepted with:

- KNITS GENTLE Fabric Selection.
- any Pre-Wash Options.

WARM RINSE Option cannot be accepted with PERM'T PRESS Fabric Selection.

- If the selection has been accepted, the indicator light will stay on and 1 beep will sound.
- If the selection has not been accepted, the indicator light will not stay on and 3 beeps will sound.
- A Fabric Selection must be selected before HOT or COLD WASH Options can be selected.

TEMP OPTIONS



RINSE OPTIONS



BEEP

Operating Instructions Continued



To change the amount of wash time

When a Fabric Selection is touched, the amount of wash agitation time will show in the Time Display. The wash agitation time which shows is the recommended time for that cycle (for moderately soiled items). If more or less time is desired, touch the appropriate Timed Wash Pad before the end of the first fill.

See pages 11 and 12 for recommended wash times.

Time display

The Time Display shows the total amount of wash agitation time selected. When the first fill begins, the display changes to "AU," indicating automatic operation.

- Any time during wash agitation the MORE TIME or LESS TIME Pad can be touched. The display will show the number of minutes left in wash agitation.
- During the final rinse the display changes to show the number of minutes left until the cycle is finished and the load can be removed.

Proper and improper selections

The washer is designed to help you choose selections for the best washing results.

1. For fabric protection, the washer will not accept certain selections. The indicator lights will not stay on and 3 beeps will sound when a selection is not accepted.
2. When a selection is accepted, the indicator light for that selection comes on and stays on and one beep will sound. The washer will use the Fabric Selection (and options) you selected.



3. When one indicator light comes on but another goes off, this tells you the second selection has canceled the first.

NOTE: The REG HEAVY Indicator Light goes off when the PERM'T PRESS Indicator Light comes on.

4. For best fabric care and washability, maximum and minimum wash times are preprogrammed for each cycle. The washer will not accept less time than the minimum wash time or more time than the maximum wash time. (See pages 11 and 12 for detailed times.)

Restarting your washer

The washer is designed to remember where it was in the cycle when the HOLD/RESTART Pad is touched. It will not remember if there is a power interruption, such as a blown fuse.

If power is lost at beginning of wash cycle:

1. Touch Power ON.
2. Touch Fabric Selection and options.

The washer will finish filling (if needed), and wash according to the new selections.

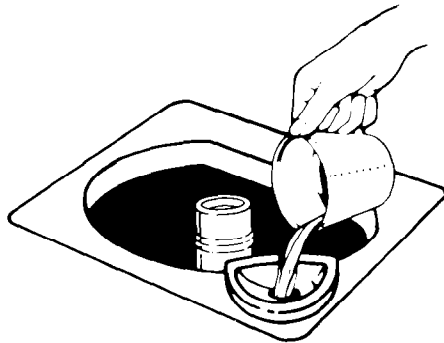
If power is lost with water remaining in the washer:

1. Touch Power ON.
2. Touch SPIN to drain and spin the load.
3. After the washer stops, touch Power ON again.
4. Touch Fabric Selection and options.

The washer will wash according to the new selections.

If memory is lost at beginning of rinse cycle:

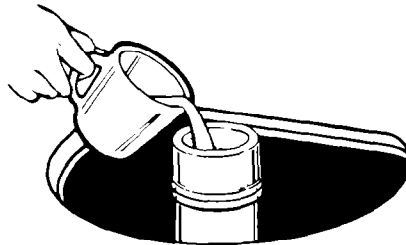
1. Touch Power ON.
2. Touch RINSE SPIN to finish filling and/or the rinsing cycle.



Liquid bleach dispenser

Always measure bleach. Do not guess. Never use more than 1 cup (250 mL) for a full load. Use less with lower water level settings. Follow directions on bottle for safe use. Use a cup with a pouring spout to avoid spilling.

1. Load the washer first.
2. Pour measured bleach carefully into dispenser. Do not let bleach splash, drip or run down into washer basket. Undiluted bleach will damage any fabric it touches.
3. Start the washer. Bleach will be diluted automatically during the wash part of the cycle.



Liquid fabric softener dispenser

1. Add detergent and load to the basket.
2. Add liquid fabric softener to the dispenser using the amount recommended on the bottle. Avoid dripping or spilling any fabric softener on the load.
3. Add enough hot water to fill the dispenser to the FULL mark.
4. Diluted fabric softener will be added to the load when the washer stops spinning after the wash cycle.
NOTE: Do not stop the washer during this spin. If you do, the fabric softener will be added to the remaining soapy wash water. This will cause stains.
5. Clean dispenser after each use with warm water. Do not put detergent in dispenser, it could cause dispenser to clog. To remove the dispenser, pull on the top portion. Replace after cleaning.

For more information on fabric softeners, see the Laundry Guide.

What happens in each pre-wash option

Use Pre-Wash Options to provide extra cleaning to heavily soiled or stained items. For best results, use warm water for soaking or pre-washing stained items. The HOT WATER Option cannot be selected with any Pre-Wash Options. Hot water can set stains.

NOTE: When combining the SUPER WASH Option with a wash cycle, it is necessary to select the SUPER WASH Option before the washer starts to fill.

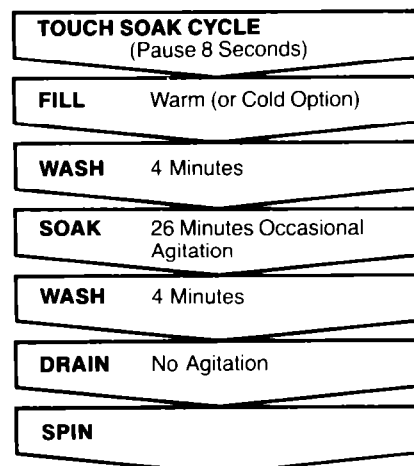
Soak Cycle Option

Brief periods of agitation and soak time help remove heavy soils and certain stains that need extra pretreatment. Use recommended amount of detergent.



1. Touch Power ON.
2. Check Water Level setting.
3. Touch SOAK CYCLE.

NOTE: The washer will shut off after completing the SOAK CYCLE Option.



- The washer will stop after spin.
- After the SOAK CYCLE Option has been completed a Fabric Selection can be chosen.

NOTE: The SOAK CYCLE Option automatically fills to the HI water level with warm water unless a different water level and/or COLD WASH has been selected.

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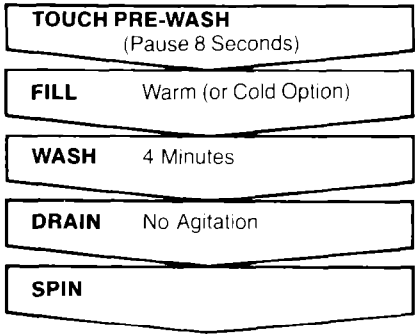
Pre-Wash Option

Use PRE-WASH Option on loads that need some pretreating before the wash cycle. Use recommended amount of detergent or pre-soak additive.



- 1. Touch Power ON.
- 2. Check Water Level setting.
- 3. Touch PRE-WASH.

NOTE: The washer will shut off after completing the PRE-WASH Option.



- The washer will stop after spin.
- After the PRE-WASH Option has been completed a Fabric Selection can be chosen.

NOTE: The PRE-WASH Option automatically fills to the HI water level with warm water unless a different water level and/or COLD WASH has been selected.

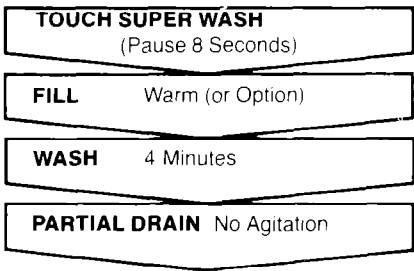
Super Wash Option

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



- 1. Touch Power ON.
- 2. Check Water Level setting.
- 3. Touch SUPER WASH.
- 4. Touch a Fabric Selection.

NOTE: The washer will not begin SUPER WASH until a Fabric Selection has been made.



After the partial drain, the washer refills and washes according to the Fabric Selection and options touched. Be sure to use enough detergent for the double wash.

NOTE: The SUPER WASH Option automatically fills to the SUPER water level with warm water unless a different water level has been selected.

What happens in each fabric selection

Each Fabric Selection has pre-set agitation and spin speeds designed for different kinds of fabrics.

All Fabric Selections are pre-set to use warm wash water and cold rinse water. These temperatures can be changed by touching the pad that corresponds to the temperature you want. These temperature options are discussed on later pages.

The washer will pause briefly throughout each selection. These pauses are normal. They allow for the reversing of the motor, normal washer operations, and the cool down portion of the PERMANENT PRESS Selection.

NOTE: Fabric Selections can be changed up to the start of the first fill.

Regular/Heavy Selection

A selection for sturdily constructed fabrics that are heavily soiled.



1. Touch Power ON.
2. Check Water Level setting.
3. Touch REG HEAVY.
4. Select a wash time, (if different than 10 minutes).

NOTE: The Time Display shows the total high and low speed agitation time.

TOUCH REG HEAVY (Pause 8 Seconds)	
FILL	Warm (or Option)
WASH	1-8 Minutes High Speed
WASH	6 Minutes Low Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed
FILL	for Deep Rinse, Cold (or Warm)
RINSE	High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed, Spray Rinse

Available options:

- MORE TIME or LESS TIME
(7-14 minutes)
- HOT WASH or COLD WASH
- WARM RINSE
- EXTRA RINSE
- A Pre-Wash Option can be used.
(See pages 9 and 10)

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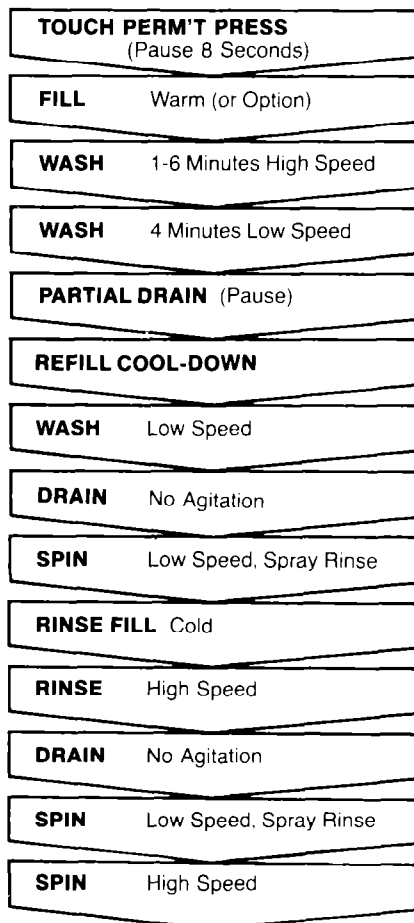
Permanent Press Selection

A special selection with the necessary cool-down rinses which helps keep wrinkles from setting into permanent press and some synthetic fabrics.



1. Touch Power ON.
2. Check Water Level setting.
3. Touch PERM'T PRESS.
4. Select a wash time, (if different than 8 minutes).

NOTE: The Time Display shows the total high and low speed agitation time.

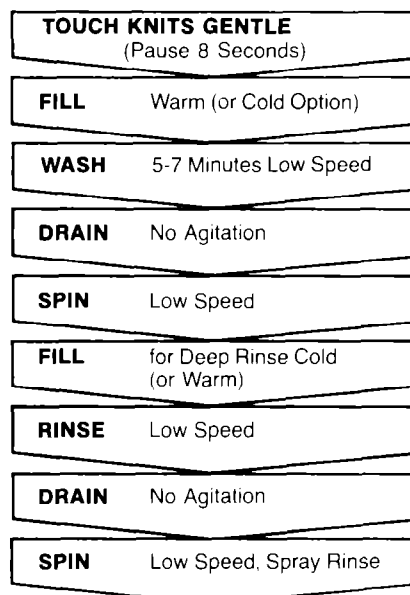


Knits Gentle Selection

A selection that gently washes and spins delicate and washable knits.



1. Touch Power ON.
2. Check Water Level setting.
3. Touch KNITS GENTLE.
4. Select a wash time (if different than 8 minutes).



Available options:

- MORE TIME or LESS TIME (5-7 minutes)
- COLD WASH/WARM RINSE
- EXTRA RINSE
- A Pre-Wash Option can be used. (See pages 9 and 10.)

Available options:

- MORE TIME or LESS TIME (5-10 minutes)
- HOT WASH or COLD WASH
- EXTRA RINSE
- A Pre-Wash Option can be used. (See pages 9 and 10.)

What happens in each rinse option

There are three Rinse Options and one Spin Option. All Fabric Selections are pre-set to use cold rinse water.

The washer will pause briefly throughout each cycle. These pauses are normal. They allow for the reversing of the motor and normal washer operations.

Warm Rinse Option

To get warm rinse water in REG HEAVY and KNITS GENTLE:

NOTE: WARM RINSE Option will not be accepted with the PERM'T PRESS Selection. This protects permanent press fabrics.

1. Touch Fabric Selection.
2. Touch WARM RINSE.



Extra Rinse Option

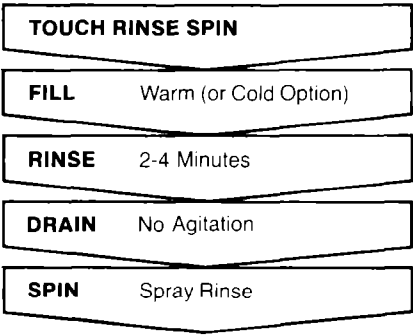
This option is for towels, jeans or heavily soiled items that need extra detergent. The rinse temperature, agitation speed and spin speed will be the same as the first rinse.

FINAL SPIN	
EXTRA RINSE FILL	
RINSE	2-4 Minutes
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	Spray Rinse



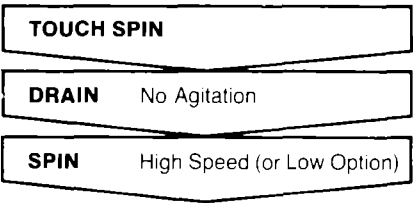
Rinse Spin Option

This option is for loads needing rinse and spin only. Also useful for finishing a cycle that's been canceled by a power interruption or by turning power off.



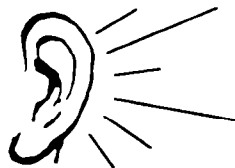
Spin Option

This option drains and spins loads or items that only need the water spun out of them. This option is also useful for loads canceled by a power interruption.



Spin cancels all other selections. The washer starts draining and spinning right away.

NOTE: RINSE SPIN and SPIN Options are pre-set for high speed rinse and/or spin. For a low speed rinse and spin, touch KNITS GENTLE before you select RINSE SPIN or SPIN. This also shortens the spin time by 2 minutes.



Cycle signals

There are two cycle signals that sound signals as an operating convenience.

The end of cycle signal beeps 5 times at the end of a wash cycle. This tells you the wash is done and the load can be removed.

The deep rinse signal beeps once at the beginning of the deep rinse portion of the cycle. This tells you the washer is filling for the final rinse.

To cancel both signals, touch the CYCLE SIGNAL Pad. The Cycle Signal Indicator Light will go off. This tells you the signals are turned off.

MAGIC CLEAN® lint filter

The lint filter in your washer cleans itself. Collected lint is drained away with the wash and rinse water.

If your washer drains into a tub, remove any lint collected in the drain or strainer.

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?

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.

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® 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® 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

WASHING MACHINES, DRYERS
& IRONERS - SERVICING

WHIRLPOOL APPLIANCES
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SERVICE COMPANIES

112 SERVICE CO.
101 MAPLE 999 9999

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.

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Whirlpool® Automatic Washer Warranty

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LENGTH OF WARRANTY	WHIRLPOOL WILL PAY FOR
FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY 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.
LIMITED FIVE-YEAR WARRANTY From Date of Purchase	FSP replacement parts for the electronic control system if defective in materials or workmanship.
LIMITED FIVE-YEAR WARRANTY From Date of Purchase	FSP replacement parts for any part of gearcase assembly if defective in materials or workmanship. FSP replacement parts for any top and lid rust.
LIMITED TEN-YEAR WARRANTY From Date of Purchase	FSP replacement of outer tub should it crack, or fail to contain water, due to defective materials or workmanship.
WHIRLPOOL WILL NOT PAY FOR	
A. Service calls to: 1. Correct the installation of the washer. 2. Instruct you how to use the washer. 3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring or plumbing. 4. Replace light bulbs. B. Repairs when washer is used in other than normal, single-family household use. C. Pick up and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home. D. Damage to washer caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool. E. Any labor costs during the limited warranty.	

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.

