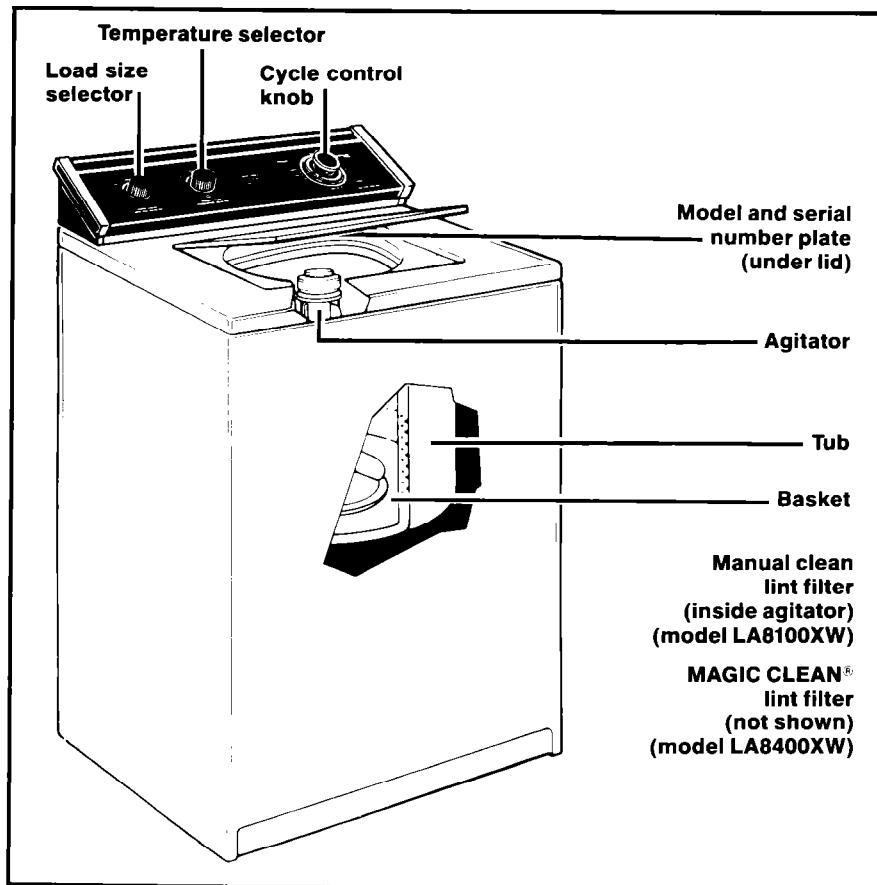




Use & Care Guide



**LARGE CAPACITY ONE SPEED
AUTOMATIC WASHERS
LA8100XW LA8400XW**

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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 dishwashing detergent before removing glue as described above.

Do not use sharp instruments, rubbing alcohol, flammable fluids or abrasive cleaners. These can damage the finish. See "Important Safety Instructions" on page 3.

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 all instructions before using the washer.**
- **NEVER** wash items cleaned, washed, soaked in or spotted with wax, paint, gasoline, or 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 responsible for making sure that your washer:**
 - is installed, repaired, and has parts replaced by a qualified person.
 - is properly installed and leveled on a floor that can support the weight.*
 - is connected to the correct 3-prong 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 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

The drawings in this book may vary slightly from your washer model. They are designed to show the different features of all the models covered by this book.

NOTE: Your model may not include all the features shown.

Starting your washer

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



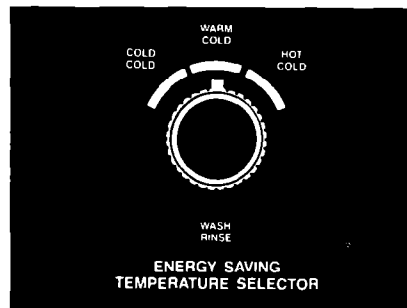
1. Select a load size

- Position the Load Size Selector at the setting that describes the size of load you want to wash.
- The selector can be set for SMALL (a few small items) or LARGE (a full load).

NOTE: For best washing results, items should move freely in the washer. Do not overload the washer or choose a water level that is too low for your wash load.

For best results with permanent press clothes, use the LARGE water level.

Reduce wash time when using SMALL water level setting. Loads with only a few small items need less wash time for best results.



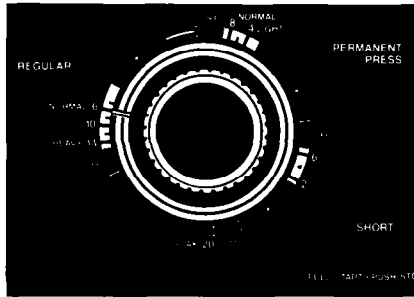
2. Select water temperature

- 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 water with the PERMANENT PRESS or SHORT 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 clockwise.
- Stop when the indicator on the knob's outer ring points to 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 been 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.

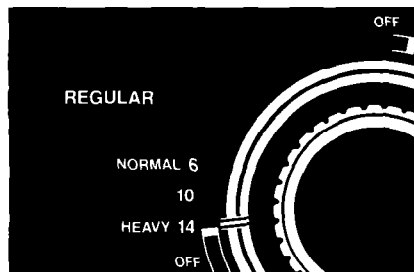
The washer will pause briefly throughout each cycle. These pauses are normal. They allow for the reversing of the motor, normal washer operation and the cool-down portion of the PERMANENT PRESS Cycle.

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

Operating Instructions Continued

Regular/Heavy Cycle

A cycle for sturdily constructed fabrics that are heavily soiled.



FILL to Selected Level

WASH 14 Minutes High Speed

DRAIN No Agitation

SPIN High Speed

FILL for Deep Rinse

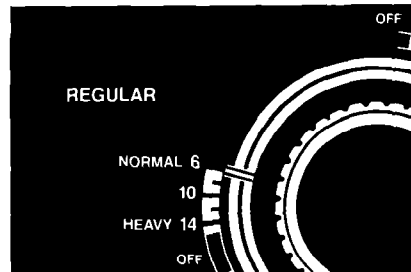
RINSE High Speed

DRAIN No Agitation

SPIN High Speed, Spray Rinse

Regular/Normal Cycle

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



FILL to Selected Level

WASH 6 Minutes High Speed

DRAIN No Agitation

SPIN High Speed

FILL for Deep Rinse

RINSE High Speed

DRAIN No Agitation

SPIN High Speed, Spray Rinse

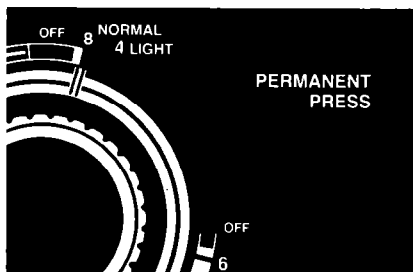
Permanent Press Cycle

(Model LA8100XW)

Permanent Press/Normal Cycle

(Model LA8400XW)

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

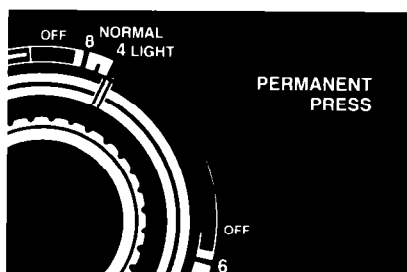


FILL	to Selected Level
WASH	8 Minutes High Speed
PARTIAL DRAIN	(Pause)
REFILL COOL-DOWN	
WASH	High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed
FILL	for Deep Rinse
RINSE	High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed, Spray Rinse

Permanent Press/Light Cycle

(Model LA8400XW)

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

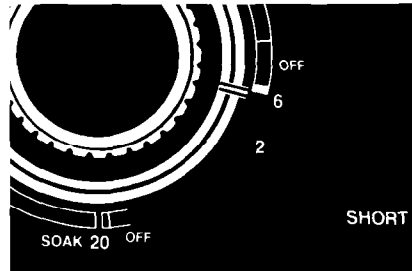


FILL	to Selected Level
WASH	4 Minutes High Speed
PARTIAL DRAIN	(Pause)
REFILL COOL-DOWN	
WASH	High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed
FILL	for Deep Rinse
RINSE	High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed, Spray Rinse

Operating Instructions Continued

Short Cycle

Use for delicate items that need a short wash and spin time. Wash nylon hose or pantyhose in a net laundry bag.



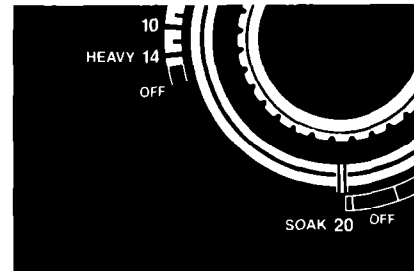
FILL	to Selected Level
WASH	2 Minutes High Speed
▲SOAK	2 Minutes No Agitation
WASH	2 Minutes High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed
FILL	for Deep Rinse
RINSE	High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed, Spray Rinse

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

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.

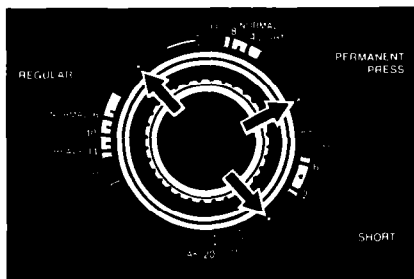
The SOAK Cycle should always be followed by a wash cycle.



FILL	to Selected Level
WASH	4 Minutes High Speed
SOAK	12 Minutes High Speed
WASH	4 Minutes High Speed
DRAIN	No Agitation
SPIN	High Speed
WASHER STOPS	Select Wash Cycle

NOTE: Special care is needed when soaking or pre-washing laundry. See the Laundry Guide for proper use.

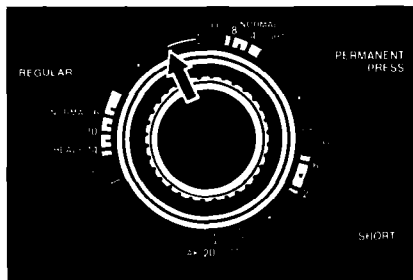
Other Operating Instructions



Rinse and spin

When using extra detergent for heavily soiled clothes, or washing special-care items, you may want an extra rinse and spin.

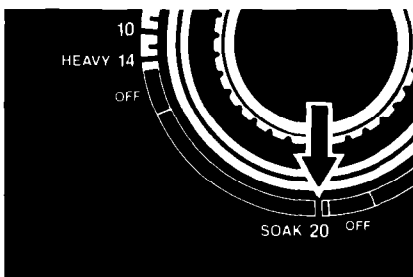
1. Push Cycle Control Knob in.
2. Turn clockwise until indicator points to one of the dots on the dial, as illustrated.
3. Pull Cycle Control Knob out. The washer will fill to selected level, agitate 2 minutes, drain and spin.



Drain and spin

A drain and spin may help shorten drying times for some heavy fabrics or special-care items by removing excess water.

1. Push Cycle Control Knob in.
2. Turn clockwise until indicator points to the bar just before the OFF area on the dial, as illustrated.
3. Pull Cycle Control Knob out. The washer will drain and spin.



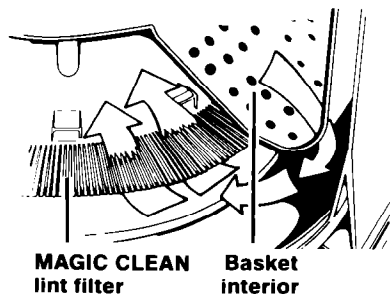
Soak Cycle

For best results, use warm water for soaking stained laundry. Hot water can set stains.

1. Use recommended amount of detergent or pre-soak product.
2. Push Cycle Control Knob in.
3. Turn clockwise until indicator points to the number in the SOAK Cycle.
4. Pull Cycle Control Knob out. The washer will start.
5. When the cycle is over, add detergent for the next selected wash cycle. The SOAK Cycle should always be followed by a wash cycle.

NOTE: See the Laundry Guide for additional soaking information.

Other Operating Instructions Continued



MAGIC CLEAN® lint filter

(model LA8400XW)

The lint filter at the bottom of the washer basket cleans itself. During agitation, wash and rinse water pass over the filter, separating lint from water.

The collected particles of lint are then continuously spun away from the filter and washed out of the system at the end of the wash cycle.

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

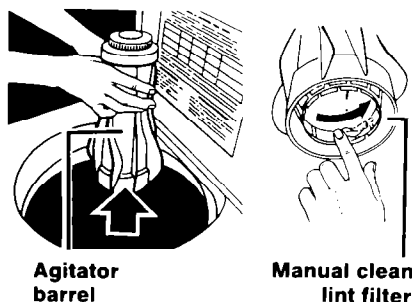
Manual clean lint filter

(model LA8100XW)

Clean the filter at the bottom of the agitator after every load for the best filtering results.

To clean:

1. Lift off the agitator barrel.
2. Wash or wipe the filter clean in the bottom of the agitator barrel. The filter is not removable.
3. Replace the agitator barrel and snap it into place.



If You Need Service Or Assistance

We suggest you follow these 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® 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.

If you prefer, write to:

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

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

3. If you need service*...

Whirlpool has a nationwide network of authorized WhirlpoolSM service companies.

Whirlpool service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate the authorized Whirlpool service company 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 - ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES -
MAJOR - SERVICE & REPAIR MAJOR - REPAIRING & PARTS
OR
WASHING MACHINES, DRYERS
& IRONERS - SERVICING
WHIRLPOOL APPLIANCES
AUTHORIZED WHIRLPOOL SERVICE
SERVICE COMPANIES
XYZ SERVICE CO 999-9999
123 MAPLE

4. 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.

5. If you are not satisfied with how the problem was solved*...

- Contact the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel (MACAP). MACAP is a group of independent consumer experts that voices consumer views at the highest levels of the major appliance industry.
- Contact MACAP only when the dealer, authorized servicer or Whirlpool have failed to resolve your problem.
Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel
20 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606
- MACAP will in turn inform us of your action.

*When requesting assistance, 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.

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 an authorized Whirlpool SM service company.
LIMITED FIVE-YEAR WARRANTY 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.
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	
<p>A. Service calls to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>B. Repairs when washer is used in other than normal, single-family household use.</p> <p>C. Pick up and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home.</p> <p>D. Damage to washer caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool.</p> <p>E. 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.

If you need service, first see the "Service and Assistance" section of this book. After checking "Service and Assistance," additional help can be found by calling our COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number, **1-800-253-1301**, from anywhere in the U.S.

Gearcase assembly covered by your warranty



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