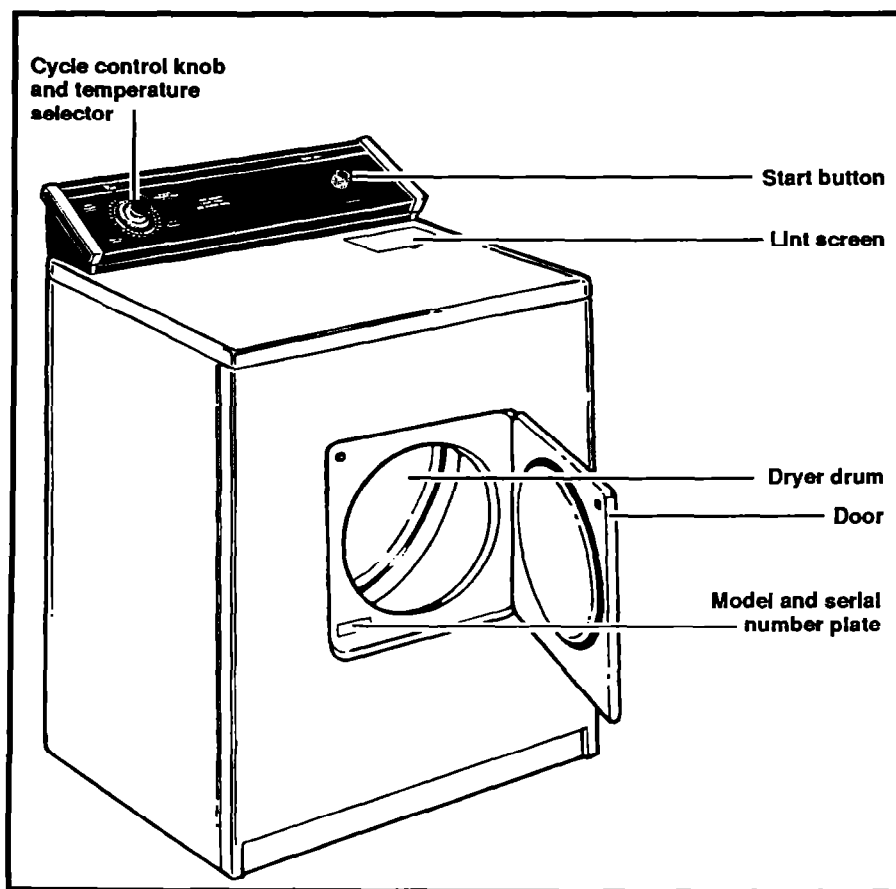




Use & Care Guide



**LARGE CAPACITY
AUTOMATIC DRYERS
LE5550XT LG5551XT**

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If your dryer has a Consumer Buy Guide label, remove it. It will be easier to remove before the dryer 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.

NOTE: Do not remove any permanent instruction labels inside the dryer.

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

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 (on the frame behind the door) and purchase date from sales slip.
- Keep this book, the Dryer Guide and the sales slip together in a handy place.

Model Number

Serial Number

Purchase Date

Service Company Phone Number

FOR YOUR SAFETY

If you smell gas:

1. Open windows.
2. Don't touch electrical switches.
3. Extinguish any open flame.
4. Immediately call your gas supplier.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance. The fumes can create a fire hazard or explosion.

Important Safety Instructions

WARNING

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

- **Read all instructions** before using the dryer.
- **NEVER** dry items cleaned, washed, soaked in or spotted with wax, paint, gasoline or flammable fluids in the dryer. 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 dryer. Close supervision of children is necessary when the dryer is used near children.
- **DO NOT** reach into a dryer if the drum is moving.
- When discarding an old dryer, **ALWAYS** remove the door to prevent accidental entrapment.
- **DO NOT** install or store dryer where it will be exposed to the weather.
- **DO NOT** tamper with the controls.
- **You are responsible for making sure that your dryer is installed, repaired and has parts replaced by a qualified person.**
- Use only fabric softeners specifically labeled as not being harmful to the dryer.
- **FIRE HAZARD** and **DAMAGE** to materials can result from:
 - drying rubber, rubber-like and heat sensitive materials with heat.
 - allowing lint build-up inside the dryer or exhaust system. Cleaning should be done periodically by a qualified person.
- Clean lint screen before or after each load.
- **DO NOT** let dust, lint, paper, rags, chemicals, etc. pile up around or under the dryer.
- Dryer must be electrically grounded. See the Installation Instructions.

– SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS –

Additional safety instructions and your responsibilities

- **NEVER** operate the dryer if:
 - it is not working right (i.e. noisy, too hot).
 - it is damaged.
 - parts are missing (i.e. door latch).
 - all panels are not in place.
 - the lint screen is loose, damaged or missing.
- **ALWAYS** shut off the gas valve before leaving on vacation if you have a gas dryer.
- **ALWAYS** unplug the power supply cord or turn off electrical power before attempting to service the dryer. Shut off GAS VALVE if you have a gas dryer.
- **You are responsible for making sure that your dryer:**
 - is properly maintained.
 - is properly installed and leveled on a floor that can support the weight in a well ventilated room.*
 - is located in an area where the temperature is above 45°F (7°C).
 - is connected to the proper outlet and electrical supply.*
 - is properly connected to fuel and exhaust systems.*
 - is not installed against drapes or curtains.*
 - is used only for jobs normally expected of home clothes dryers.
 - is not used by anyone unable to operate it properly.

*See the Installation Instructions for complete information.

Operating Instructions

Starting your dryer

Be sure to refer to the chart below and the Dryer Guide for proper sorting, loading and control setting information before starting your dryer.

NOTE: Do not overdry. Overdrying can cause shrinkage, static cling, and damage some fabrics.

TYPE OF LOAD	SUGGESTED CYCLE	SUGGESTED TIME
Cottons and linens		
EXTRA HEAVY—Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts	Regular/Perm't Press	70-80 minutes
HEAVYWEIGHT—Towels, jeans, corduroys, work clothes	Regular/Perm't Press	50-60 minutes
MEDIUMWEIGHT—Sheets, pillowcases, cotton underwear, diapers	Regular/Perm't Press	40-50 minutes
LIGHTWEIGHT—Batistes, organdies, lingerie	Regular/Perm't Press	30-40 minutes
Permanent press, synthetics and blends		
HEAVYWEIGHT—Work clothes, jackets, raincoats	Regular/Perm't Press	40-50 minutes
MEDIUMWEIGHT—Shirts, play clothes, sheets, slacks	Regular/Perm't Press	30-40 minutes
LIGHTWEIGHT—Lingerie, blouses, dresses	Knits, Delicate	20-30 minutes
Knits		
HEAVYWEIGHT—Cottons, rayons, blends, T-shirts, slacks, shirts	Regular/Perm't Press	40-50 minutes
MEDIUMWEIGHT—Synthetic (polyester, acrylic, etc.), dress slacks, skirts, sweaters	Knits, Delicate	30-40 minutes
LIGHTWEIGHT—Synthetic (polyester, acrylic, etc.) and blends, lingerie, blouses, dresses	Knits, Delicate	20-30 minutes
Delicate fabrics		
Sheer curtains (2 or 3 panels) gauze, lace, etc.	Knits, Delicate	15-20 minutes

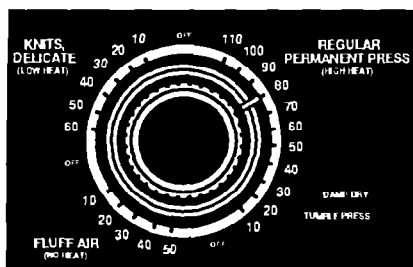
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Fire Hazard

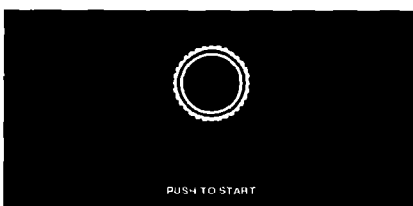
Drying rubber, plastic and other heat-sensitive materials with heat can damage them or be a FIRE HAZARD.

Rubber, plastic, heat-sensitive fabrics

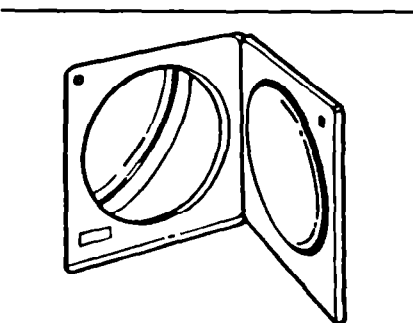
FOAM RUBBER—Pillows, bras, stuffed toys	Fluff Air	20-30 minutes
PLASTIC—Shower curtains, tablecloths	Fluff Air	20-30 minutes
RUBBER-BACKED RUGS	Fluff Air	40-50 minutes
OLEFIN, POLYPROPYLENE, SHEER NYLON	Fluff Air	15-20 minutes



1. **Select a cycle** by turning the Cycle Control Knob either way. Stop when the indicator on the knob's outer ring points to the cycle and time you want. See pages 6-7 for further cycle information.

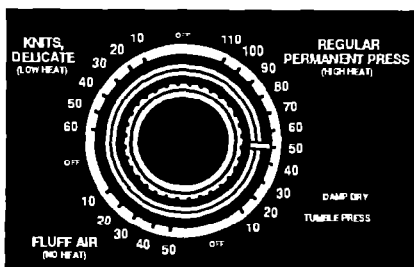


2. **Push the Start Button** to start the dryer.



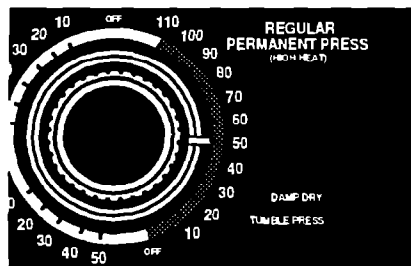
3. **To stop and restart the dryer:**

- Open the door or turn the Cycle Control Knob to OFF to stop the dryer.
- Close the door, select a cycle (if necessary) and push the Start Button to restart the dryer.



4. **To change the cycle and/or time,** turn the Cycle Control Knob either way to point to a new setting. The Cycle Control Knob should point to an OFF area when the dryer is not in use. If the dryer is stopped before the cycle is finished, turn the Cycle Control Knob to an OFF area.

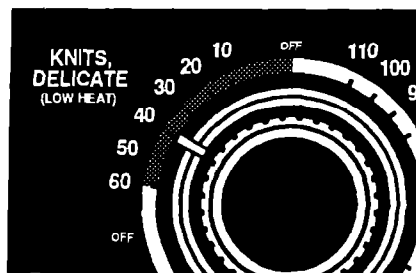
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The REGULAR/PERMANENT PRESS cycle

The REGULAR/PERMANENT PRESS Cycle helps provide the special care that cottons, permanent press and synthetic fabrics need. The cycle consists of a timed period of heated drying and a 10 minute cool down period. During the cool down, the load tumbles without heat. This helps keep wrinkles from setting and makes the load easier to handle.

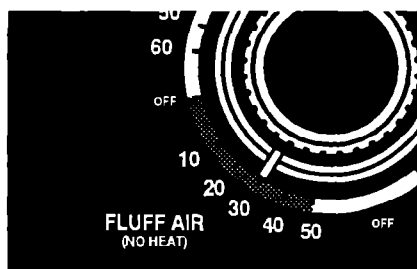
NOTE: To help reduce wrinkling, remove the load from the dryer as soon as tumbling stops. This is important for permanent press, knits and synthetic fabrics.



The KNITS, DELICATE cycle

The KNITS, DELICATE Cycle helps provide the special care that delicate fabrics need. The cycle consists of a timed period of reduced heat drying and a 10 minute cool down period. During the cool down, the load tumbles without heat. This helps keep wrinkles from setting and makes the load easier to handle.

NOTE: To help reduce wrinkling, remove the load from the dryer as soon as tumbling stops. This is important for permanent press, knits and synthetic fabrics.



The FLUFF AIR cycle

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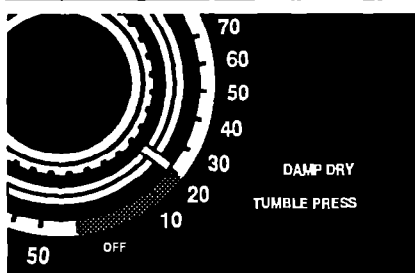
Fire Hazard

Do not dry plastic or rubber items with heat. Use FLUFF AIR cycle, or line dry. Failure to do so could result in fire or damaged items.

The dryer does not heat when the Cycle Control Knob is on FLUFF AIR. This cycle can be used to fluff or air dry bedding, plastic tablecloths, foam rubber pillows, stuffed toys, sneakers, etc.

1. Turn the Cycle Control Knob to the desired number of minutes you want in the FLUFF AIR Cycle.
2. Push the Start Button.

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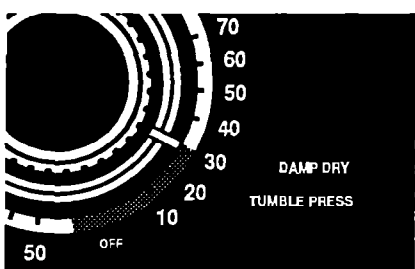
Using TUMBLE PRESS®

The TUMBLE PRESS setting removes wrinkles from clothing that has been packed in a suitcase or closet, and from items not removed from the dryer at the end of a cycle.

1. Set the Cycle Control Knob on TUMBLE PRESS.
2. Push the Start Button.

The load will tumble in heated air for 10 minutes. Then the dryer will tumble the clothes for 10 more minutes without heat.

For best results, put only a few items at a time in this cycle. As soon as the dryer stops, put the items on hangers or fold them.



Using DAMP DRY

Use this setting to dry damp items that do not require an entire drying cycle, or to dry items to damp level. (Two examples are heavy cottons, such as jeans, which you do not want to become stiff, or cotton clothes which are easier to press when damp.)

1. Set the Cycle Control Knob on DAMP DRY.
2. Push the Start Button.

The dryer tumbles the load with heat for 20 minutes, then without heat for 10 minutes.



End-of-cycle signal

The dryer sounds a signal to let you know when the cycle is finished. The signal cannot be turned off and is not adjustable.

The signal is helpful when you are drying permanent press, synthetic and other items that should be taken out as soon as the dryer stops.

Caring For Your Dryer

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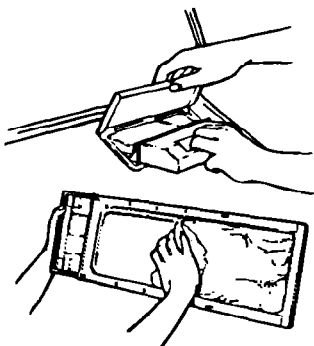
Product and Fabric Damage Hazard

Do not run the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged, blocked or missing. Doing so can cause overheating and damage to both the dryer and fabrics.

Cleaning the lint screen

The lint screen is located under a lid on top of the dryer. **Clean it before each load.** A screen blocked by lint can increase drying time.

1. Open the lid and pull the lint screen straight out.



2. Roll lint off the screen with your fingers. Do not rinse or wash the screen to remove lint. Wet lint is hard to remove.

3. Push the lint screen firmly back into place and close the lid.

Lint Screen Maintenance

Laundry detergents and fabric softeners can cause a residue build-up on the lint screen. A clogged lint screen can extend drying times. Clean the lint screen every six months or more frequently if it becomes clogged due to a residue build-up. Use the following method:

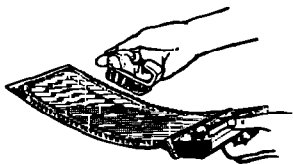
1. Wet both sides of lint screen with hot water.

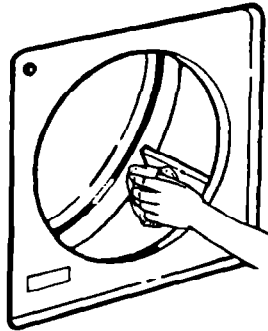
2. Wet a nylon brush with hot water and liquid detergent.

3. Scrub lint screen with the brush until all residue build-up is removed.

4. Rinse with hot water.

5. **Thoroughly** dry lint screen with a clean towel and replace in dryer.





Cleaning the dryer interior

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Electrical Shock and Personal Injury Hazard

- Turn off the electrical power before cleaning the interior.
 - Make sure the dryer is cool.
- Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or injury.

Fire Hazard

- Use non-flammable cleaner.
- Failure to do so could result in an explosion.

Garments which contain unstable dyes, such as denim blue jeans or brightly colored cotton items, may discolor the dryer interior. If the interior is discolored, clean with one of the following methods to avoid staining later load items.

Powdered laundry detergent

Make a paste with detergent and very warm water. Apply paste to a soft cloth and scrub area until all excess dye is removed. Wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth. Tumble a load of rags to dry.

– OR –

Liquid non-flammable household cleaner

Apply to stained area. Rub with a cloth until all excess dye is removed. Tumble a load of rags to dry.

To clean dryer exterior, wipe with a soft, damp cloth.

Lint removal

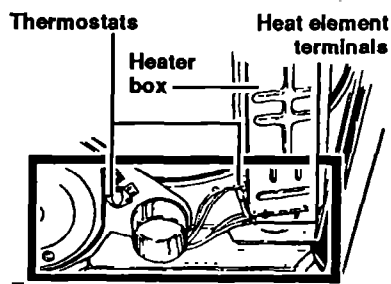
Lint can gather inside the dryer and be a fuel for fire. It is recommended the lint be removed every 2 to 3 years, or more often, depending on dryer usage. Cleaning should be done by a qualified person. If you have any questions, please call our Consumer Assistance Center at 1-800-253-1301.

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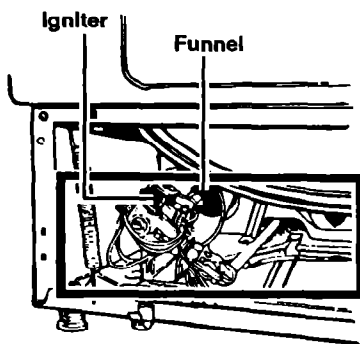
Electrical Shock and Personal Injury Hazard

- Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power before removing lint.
- Do not put hands inside the cabinet.
- Make sure the dryer is cool.

Failure to do so could result in electrical shock, personal injury or damage.



Electric dryer with back panel removed



Gas dryer with lower front access panel removed

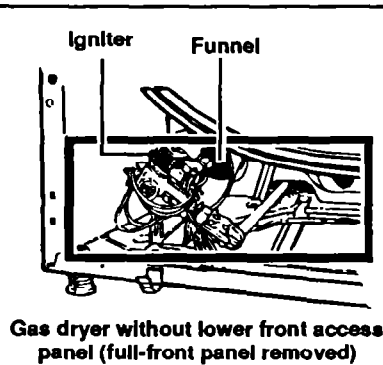
Electric dryers and gas dryers with lower front access panel

If your dryer is electric, or is gas and has a lower front access panel:

1. Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power.
2. Remove back panel (electric) or lower front access panel (gas).
3. Remove lint from boxed-in area with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner. Avoid damaging wires, thermostats, funnel (gas models) or igniter (gas models).
4. Replace panel; reconnect and relevel dryer, if necessary.

NOTE: See page 12 if your dryer is gas and does not have a lower front access panel.

Caring For Your Dryer Continued



Gas dryers without lower front access panel

If your dryer is gas and does not have a lower front access panel:

1. Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power.
2. Remove lint screen.
3. Remove two screws from lint screen area.
4. Open top by pulling forward and up at each front corner (top is hinged at rear).
5. Remove two internal screws from front panel flanges (near top front corners). Slightly lift panel off lower clips and pull forward to disengage from drum. Hold drum in place when pulling panel forward to prevent drum from dropping down.
6. Remove door switch wires, if necessary. Note the wire/terminal positions to assure proper reassembly.
7. Remove lint from boxed-in area with soft brush or vacuum cleaner. Avoid damaging wires, thermostats, funnel or igniter.
8. Reassemble in reverse order. Be sure drum and drum seals are positioned properly when reassembling. Top and front panels must be securely in place before operating dryer.
9. Reconnect power and relevel dryer, if necessary.

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 dryer does not run:

- Is the power supply plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage?
- Is the door closed tightly?
- Did you push the Start Button?
- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?

If your dryer does not heat:

- The FLUFF AIR cycle is without heat.
- The last minutes of heat settings are without heat.
- If you have a gas dryer, is the gas turned on? If not, turn the Cycle Control Knob to OFF. Turn on gas. Wait 5 minutes. Reset controls and start.
- An electric dryer circuit uses 2 breakers or 2 fuses. If one breaker is tripped or one fuse is blown, the dryer may run, but not heat.

If drying time seems too long:

- Is the lint screen clean? See page 9 for cleaning instructions.
- Is the exhaust duct clogged? Clean exhaust duct.
- See the Dryer Guide.

2. If you need assistance*...

Call Whirlpool Consumer Assistance Center 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 Consumer Assistance Center 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

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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 Consumer Assistance Center 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 and 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.

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IF YOU NEED SERVICE OR ASSISTANCE

WHIRLPOOL®

Automatic Dryer 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 or workmanship. Service must be provided by an authorized Whirlpool SM service company.
WHIRLPOOL WILL NOT PAY FOR	
A. Service calls to: 1. Correct the installation of the dryer. 2. Instruct you how to use the dryer. 3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring or plumbing. 4. Replace light bulbs. B. Repairs when dryer is used in other than normal, single-family household use. C. Pickup and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home. D. Damage to dryer caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool. E. Repairs to parts or systems caused by unauthorized modifications made to the appliance.	

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 authorized 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 Consumer Assistance Center telephone number, 1-800-253-1301, from anywhere in the U.S.

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