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Call our Consumer Assistance Center
with questions or comments.

EASY CLEAN 100™ ELECTRIC AND GAS DRYERS

PART NO. 3405520

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A Note to You

Thank you for buying a WHIRLPOOL® appliance.

Because your life is getting busier and more complicated, WHIRLPOOL dryers are easy to use, save time, and help you manage your home better. To ensure that you enjoy years of trouble-free operation, we developed this Use and Care Guide. It contains valuable information about how to operate and maintain your dryer properly and safely. Please read it carefully. Also, please complete and mail in the Ownership Registration Card provided with your appliance. The card helps us notify you about any new information on your appliance.

Please record your model's information.

Whenever you call to request service on your appliance, you need to know your complete model number and serial number. You can find this information on the model and serial number label in the door well (see diagram on page 5 for location of label).

Please also record the purchase date of your appliance and your dealer's name, address, and telephone number.

Model Number _____

Serial Number _____

Purchase Date _____

Dealer Name _____

Dealer Address _____

Dealer Phone _____

Keep this book and the sales slip together in a safe place for future reference.

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Dryer Safety

Your safety is important to us.

This guide contains safety statements under warning symbols. Please pay special attention to these symbols and follow any instructions given. Here is a brief explanation of the use of the symbol.



This symbol alerts you to hazards such as fire, electrical shock, or other injuries.

WARNING: For your safety, the information in this manual must be followed to minimize the risk of fire or explosion, or to prevent property damage, personal injury, or loss of life.

- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- **WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS:**
 - Do not try to light any appliance.
 - Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
 - Clear the room, building, or area of all occupants.
 - Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
 - If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.
- Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency, or the gas supplier.

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DRYER SAFETY

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

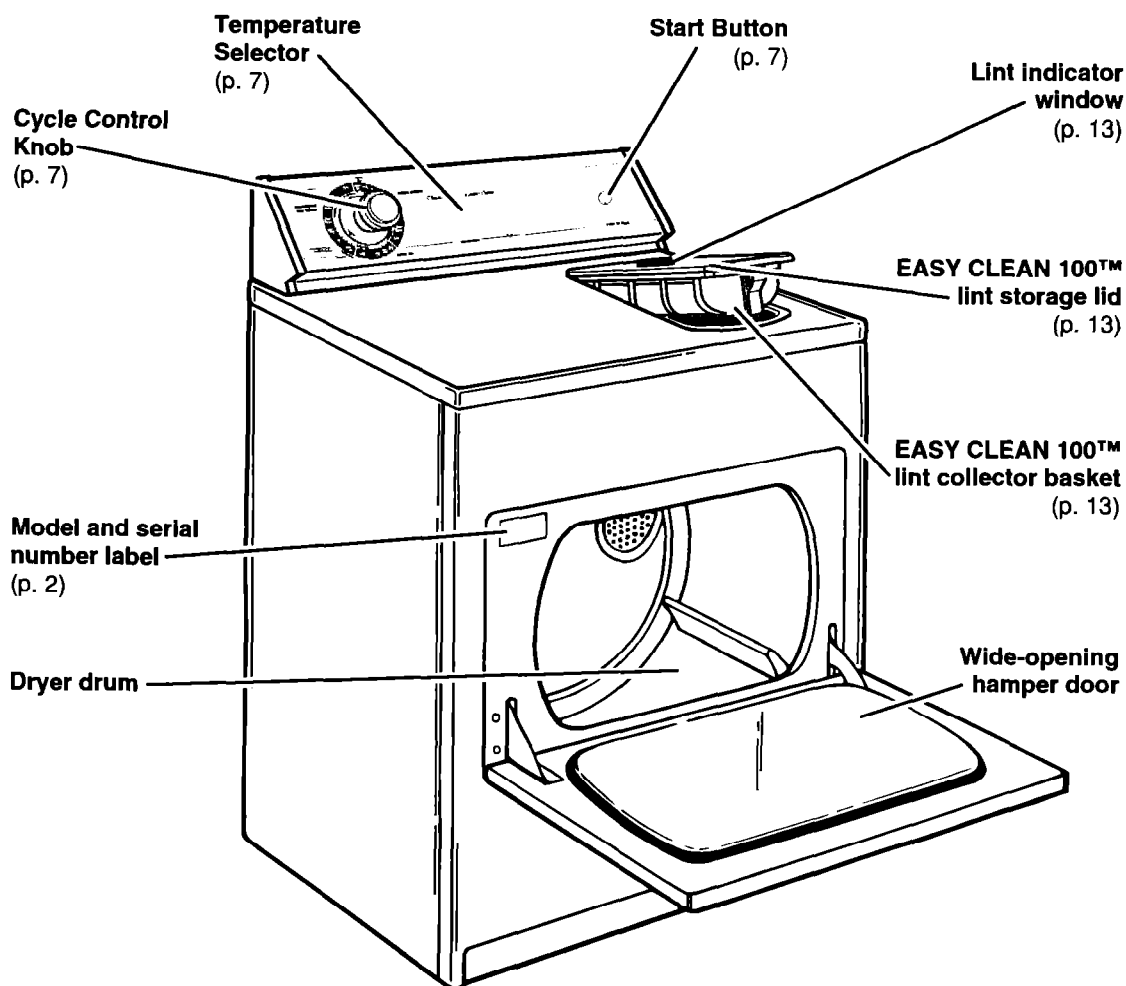
- Read all instructions before using the dryer.
- Do not dry articles that have been previously cleaned in, washed in, soaked in, or spotted with gasoline, dry-cleaning solvents, other flammable, or explosive substances as they give off vapors that could ignite or explode.
- Do not allow children to play on or in the dryer. Close supervision of children is necessary when the dryer is used near children.
- Before the dryer is removed from service or discarded, remove the door to the drying compartment.
- Do not reach into the dryer if the drum is moving.
- Do not install or store the dryer where it will be exposed to the weather.
- Do not tamper with controls.
- Do not repair or replace any part of the dryer or attempt any servicing unless specifically recommended in this Use and Care Guide or in published user-repair instructions that you understand and have the skills to carry out.
- Do not use fabric softeners or products to eliminate static unless recommended by the manufacturer of the fabric softener or product.
- Do not use heat to dry articles containing foam rubber or similarly textured rubber-like materials.
- Clean lint screen before or after each load.
- Keep area around the exhaust opening and adjacent surrounding areas free from the accumulation of lint, dust, and dirt.
- The interior of the machine and exhaust duct should be cleaned periodically by qualified service personnel.
- See Installation Instructions for grounding requirements.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Parts and Features

The parts and features of your dryer are illustrated below. Become familiar with all parts and features before using your dryer. Page references are included next to some features. Refer to those pages for more information about the features.

NOTE: The drawings in this book may vary from your dryer model. They are designed to show the different features of all models covered by this book. Your model may not include all features.



Additional features your dryer may have:

- FINISH GUARD® option** (p. 9)
- End of cycle signal** (p. 11)
- Drying rack** (p. 12)
- Drum light** (p. 16)

Operating Your Dryer

The information in this section helps you use your dryer efficiently and safely. Refer to “Laundry Tips” on page 20 for information on sorting, loading, and drying most types of washables.

NOTES:

- Make sure your dryer is properly vented before using it. See warning below and your Installation Instructions.
- Make sure your dryer is properly installed in a well-ventilated room where the temperature is above 45°F (7°C).
- Make sure your dryer is leveled on a floor that can support the weight.

⚠ WARNING



Fire Hazard
Use a heavy metal vent.
Do not use a plastic vent.
Do not use a metal foil vent.
Failure to do so can result in death or fire.

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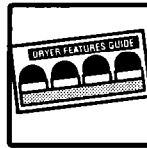
Explosion Hazard
Never place items in the dryer that are dampened with gasoline or other flammable fluids.
Do not wash or dry items soiled with vegetable or cooking oils because they may contain some oil after laundering.
Doing so can result in death, explosion, or fire.

Before starting your dryer

Before using your dryer, wipe the dryer drum with a damp cloth to remove dust from storing and shipping.



Your dryer may have a Dryer Features Guide (usually located on top of the dryer). Remove it and place it with your Use and Care Guide. The Features Guide provides you with more information about your dryer.



Starting your dryer

1. Load clothes into the dryer and close the door.



2. Make sure lint collector basket lid is securely closed, and that lint indicator window is not full. (See “Using and maintaining the EASY CLEAN 100™ lint feature” on page 13.)



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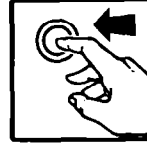
3. Turn the Cycle Control Knob to the desired cycle. Use the Energy Preferred Automatic Setting (*) to dry most loads (see page 8).



4. Set the Temperature Selector to the desired setting. Refer to drying cycles charts on pages 10-12.



5. Push the Start Button.



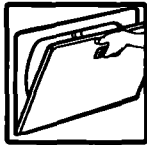
NOTES:

- Your dryer stops automatically when a cycle ends.
- Higher air flow from your new dryer may blow out accumulated lint from the existing exhaust system.

Stopping/restarting your dryer

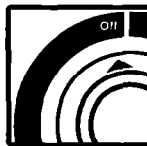
You can stop your dryer anytime during a cycle.

To stop the dryer, either:



- Open the dryer door.

OR

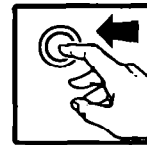


- Turn the Cycle Control Knob to Off.

NOTE: The Cycle Control Knob should point to an Off area when the dryer is not in use.

To restart the dryer:

1. Close the door.
2. Select a new cycle and temperature (if desired).
3. Push the Start Button.



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Selecting the right cycle and setting

The following pages describe the cycles on your dryer. Refer to the charts on pages 10-12 for help in selecting drying cycles.

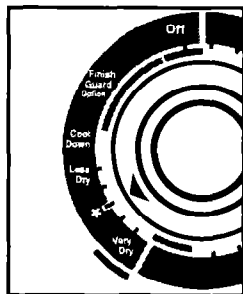
Drying guidelines

- Always follow care label directions when they are available.
- Use the Fluff Air cycle, or line dry rubber, plastic, delicate, and heat-sensitive fabrics (see page 11).
- The last few minutes of all cycles are without heat to make the load cooler to handle.
- To help reduce wrinkling, remove the load from the dryer as soon as tumbling stops. This is especially important for permanent press, knits, and synthetic fabrics.
- Overdrying can cause shrinkage, static cling, and damage to some fabrics.
- Check the EASY CLEAN 100™ lint indicator window. If full, refer to page 13 for cleaning.
- Refer to pages 20-23 for information about:
 - sorting clothes for drying
 - choosing load sizes
 - drying tips
 - using dryer fabric softeners
 - saving energy
 - drying special-care items.

Cycle descriptions

Electronic DRY-MISER® (Automatic) Cycle

Dry most loads using the Energy Pre-



ferred Automatic Setting (*). Your Automatic cycle(s) shuts off when the selected dryness is reached. The Cycle Control Knob may not move until the load is almost dry. After the cool-down, the Knob

continues to slowly turn to an Off area and tumbling stops, unless FINISH GUARD® is running (see page 9).

- If the load is drier than you like, select a setting closer to Less Dry the next time you dry a similar load.
- If the load is not as dry as you like, complete drying using a Timed cycle. Select a setting closer to Very Dry the next time you dry a similar load.

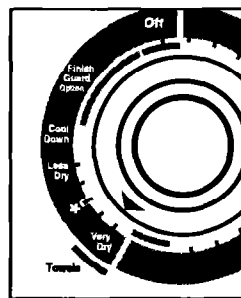
Some models offer high heat and low heat Automatic cycles (see page 10).

NOTES:

- Some Automatic cycles use an **electronic** DRY-MISER control that senses the amount of moisture in the load.
- Other Automatic cycles use an **automatic** DRY-MISER control that senses the exhaust temperature and determines the dryness of the load.

Towels Feature (on some models)

When you have large loads of towels to dry,



you may want to use the Towels feature in the Automatic Cycle. The Towels setting allows for more drying time and automatically shuts off the dryer when the selected dryness is reached.

The Towels feature also can be used for extra heavy items such as mattress pads and quilts.

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FINISH GUARD® Option (on some models)

When you are unable to remove a load from the dryer as soon as it stops, wrinkles can form. The FINISH GUARD option tumbles the load without heat every few minutes up to 45 minutes after the cycle ends. This tumbling rearranges and fluffs the load to avoid wrinkles.

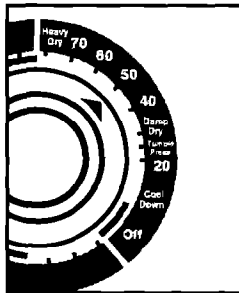
On some models you can turn the FINISH GUARD option on or off. You do not have to set the Cycle Control Knob for the FINISH GUARD option. If you do not open the dryer door within a few minutes after the cycle stops, the FINISH GUARD option takes over to protect the load.

A signal sounds every few minutes when FINISH GUARD is running. The signal and cycle stop when you open the dryer door.

Timed Drying Cycle

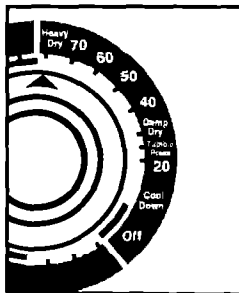
Use the Timed Drying cycle to complete drying if some items are damp after Automatic drying. Timed drying is also useful for:

- Delicate items and small loads that need a short drying time.
- Bulky items and large loads that require a long drying time.



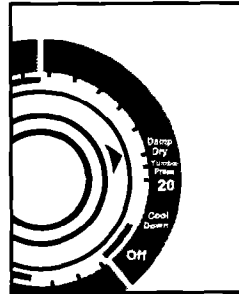
Heavy Dry Feature (on some models)

Use Heavy Dry and a high heat setting to dry large items or items that are thicker or heavier than a regular load (such as heavy cotton bath sheets or robes).



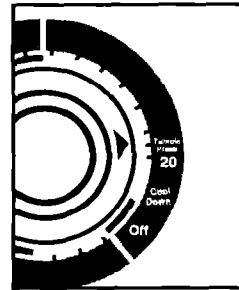
Damp Dry Feature

Use Damp Dry to dry items to damp level or to dry items that do not require an entire drying cycle. 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.



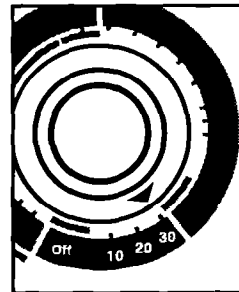
TUMBLE PRESS® Feature

The TUMBLE PRESS feature removes wrinkles from clothes that have been packed in a suitcase or closet, or from items not removed from the dryer at the end of a cycle. As soon as the dryer stops, fold or put the items on hangers.



Fluff Air Cycle

The Fluff Air cycle has no heat. Use this unheated cycle to fluff or air dry bedding, plastic tablecloths, foam pillows, sneakers, etc. See page 11 for more information about the Fluff Air cycle.



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Drying cycles chart

Use the chart below to help you make drying selections. The chart suggests heat settings and drying times for various loads.

NOTES:

- Use an Automatic cycle to dry most loads.
- Use a Timed cycle only if the recommended Automatic cycle is not available.
- The check mark (✓) in the chart below denotes recommended temperature settings. If some types of loads in the chart have more than one suggested temperature setting, choose the lowest setting available on your dryer.
- Always follow care label directions when they are available.

TYPE OF LOAD	AUTOMATIC CYCLE (heat settings)				TIMED CYCLE (minutes)	
	High	Medium*	Low	Extra Low*	High	Low
COTTONS AND LINENS Extra Heavy Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts Heavyweight Towels, jeans, corduroys, work clothes Mediumweight Sheets, cotton underwear, diapers Lightweight Batistes, organdies, lingerie	✓				70-80	
	✓				50-60	
	✓	✓			40-50	
			✓			20-30
PERMANENT PRESS, SYNTHETICS, AND BLENDS Heavyweight Work clothes, jackets, raincoats Mediumweight Shirts, play clothes, sheets, slacks Lightweight Lingerie, blouses, dresses	✓				40-50	
	✓	✓			30-40	
			✓			20-30
KNITS Heavyweight Cottons, rayons, blends, T-shirts, slacks, shirts Mediumweight Synthetics (polyester, acrylic, etc.), dress slacks, skirts, sweaters Lightweight Synthetics (polyester, acrylic, etc.) and blends, lingerie, blouses, dresses	✓				40-50	
		✓				30-40
			✓	✓		20-30
DELICATES** Sheer curtains (2 or 3 panels), gauze, lace, etc.			✓	✓		15-20

* Settings available only on dryer models with separate Temperature Selector.

** If you don't have low or extra low heat, use Fluff Air cycle (if available). Line drying is also recommended for delicate fabrics.

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Fluff Air cycle or line drying

The chart below includes examples of items that require drying without heat. Use the Fluff Air cycle, or place the items on a line or rack to air dry.

NOTES:

- Heat-sensitive fabrics should not be dried in the dryer.
- Line dry bonded or laminated fabrics.
- Always follow care label directions when they are available.

WARNING



Fire Hazard

Use Fluff Air Cycle to dry items listed below.

Do not use heat to dry these items. Failure to do so can result in death or fire.

TYPE OF LOAD	FLUFF AIR CYCLE* (minutes)
RUBBER, PLASTIC, HEAT-SENSITIVE FABRICS Foam Rubber – Pillows, padded bras, stuffed toys • Make sure coverings are securely stitched. • Shake and fluff pillows by hand several times during the Fluff Air cycle. • Make sure pillows are completely dry. Foam rubber pillows take a long time to dry. Plastic – Shower curtains, tablecloths Rubber-backed rugs Olefin, polypropylene, sheer nylon	20-30 20-30 40-50 10-20
COTTON AND CANVAS SHOES • Place several bath towels in the dryer to act as a buffer, or place shoes on a drying rack if your dryer has one. • Remove shoes from dryer while still damp. • Stretch shoes and allow to air dry.	30-40

* Reset cycle as needed to complete drying.

End of cycle signal



The dryer sounds a signal to let you know when the cycle is finished. The signal is helpful when you are drying permanent press, synthetics, and other items that should be removed from the dryer as soon as it stops.

The end of cycle signal can be turned on or off on some models.

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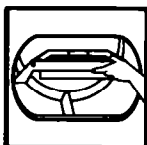
Using the drying rack

(available as an option on some models)

To order the drying rack (Part #692990), call: **1-800-253-1301**. You will hear a recording. Follow the steps to place an order.

The drying rack lets you dry items that you may not want to tumble. The rack does not move, but the drum turns.

1. Fit rear legs of the rack into indentations in the back wall of the dryer. Lower the front so the legs rest on the dryer opening.

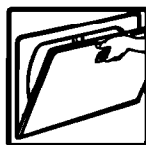


2. Put wet items on top of the rack. Leave space between the items so air can reach all surfaces.



NOTE: Make sure nothing hangs over the edge of the rack.

3. Close the door.



4. Select the Timed Drying cycle (and temperature, if desired), or the Fluff Air cycle (see page 9). Drying time depends on the amount of moisture in the items.

5. Push the Start Button.



NOTES:

- See the chart below for suggested cycles and settings for the different types of items that might best be rack dried.
- The rack must be removed for normal tumbling.
- Drying time will depend on how much moisture the items hold. The following chart suggests drying times.
- Automatic cycles do not work with the drying rack.

RACK DRY	CYCLE	TEMPERATURE	TIME* (minutes)
Wool sweaters (Block to shape and lay flat on the rack) Stuffed toys or pillows (Cotton or polyester fiber filled)	Timed Drying	Low or Ex Low	60
Stuffed toys or pillows (Foam rubber filled) Sneakers or canvas shoes	Fluff Air	None; cycle is unheated.	90 30-40

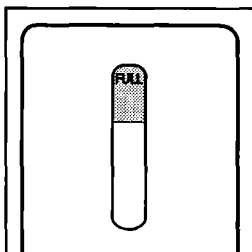
* Reset cycle as needed to complete drying.

Using and maintaining the EASY CLEAN 100™ lint feature

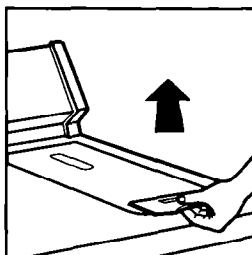
Your dryer has the EASY CLEAN 100™ lint collector basket. This new feature minimizes lint cleaning requirements. It is designed to reduce the need to clean the lint accumulation between each load, up to 100 loads, depending on the types of fabrics being dried. If you dry small loads or delicate fabrics more frequently, lint accumulation may take longer than with large loads or heavy fabrics.

Emptying the lint collector basket

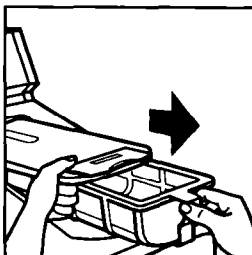
1. When the lint reaches the shaded area within the window, indicating the collector basket is full,



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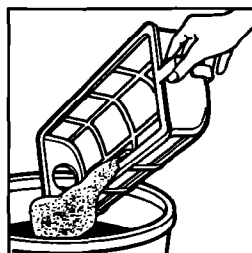


lift the lid until it releases.

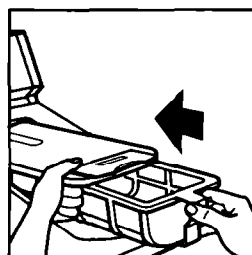


2. Hold lid open and pull the basket by its handle until it slides off the tracks.

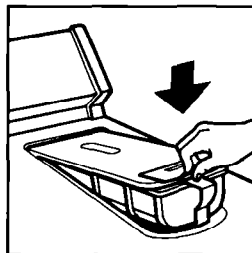
3. Turn basket upside down over a waste can and tap the basket lightly. Lint falls off easiest if basket is full. You may also see sand, grass, or other debris collected in basket.



4. Reinsert the basket onto its tracks under the lid, and slide in until it stops.



5. Lower lid until magnetic latch clicks.



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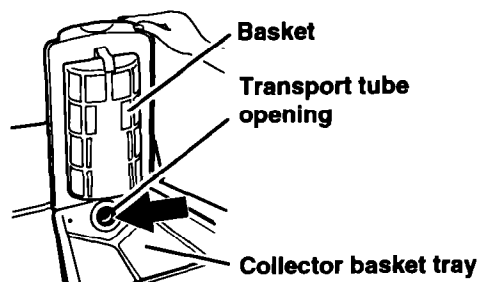
- Do not run the dryer with the lint basket improperly inserted, damaged, blocked, or missing. Doing so can cause overheating and damage to both the dryer and fabrics.
- If there is no lint accumulation in the collector basket after several loads, contact our Consumer Assistance Center at 1-800-253-1301.

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Periodic maintenance

You may find it necessary to clean the lint collector basket tray, and the transport tube opening, indicated by arrow.

1. Lift lid all the way and hold open.
2. Suction lint in tray and transport tube opening with vacuum cleaner.

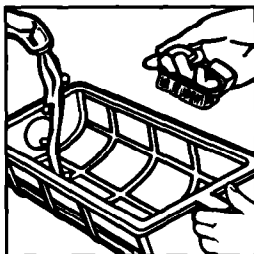


Cleaning the lint collector basket

Laundry detergents and fabric softeners can cause a residue buildup on the lint collector basket. Clean it with a nylon brush if it becomes clogged due to a residue buildup.

Use the following method:

1. Wet both sides of the lint collector basket with hot water.



2. Wet a nylon brush with hot water and liquid detergent; brush lint collector basket gently to avoid damage while removing residue buildup.
3. Rinse lint collector basket with hot water.
4. **Thoroughly but gently** dry lint collector basket with a clean towel; replace in dryer.

Caring for Your Dryer

Proper care of your dryer can extend its life. This section explains how to care for your dryer properly and safely.

Cleaning the dryer interior

Garments which contain unstable dyes, such as denim blue jeans or brightly colored cotton items, may discolor the dryer interior. These stains are not harmful to your dryer and will **not** stain future loads of clothes.

To clean dryer drum:

1. Make a paste with powdered detergent and very warm water.
2. Apply paste to a soft cloth and scrub area until all excess dye is removed.



OR

Apply liquid nonflammable household cleaner to the stained area and rub with a cloth until all excess dye is removed.

3. Wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth.
4. Tumble a load of clean cloths, using air cycle, to dry.

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Explosion Hazard

Use nonflammable cleaners only.

Failure to do so can result in death, explosion, or fire.

Changing the drum light

(on some models)

If your dryer has a drum light, it will be one of two types, as shown. The dryer light automatically turns on inside the dryer drum when you open the door.

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Fire Hazard

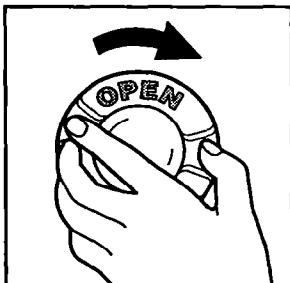
Replace light bulb cover before operating dryer.

Failure to do so can result in death or fire.

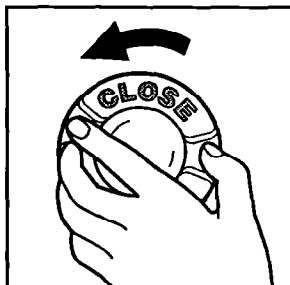
To change drum light type 1:

1. Unplug the dryer or disconnect the electricity leading to the dryer at the main power supply.

2. Open the dryer door. Remove the light bulb cover from the back wall of the dryer by turning the cover clockwise.



3. Remove the light bulb by turning it counterclockwise.
4. Replace the bulb with a 40-watt appliance bulb only.
5. Replace the light bulb cover and lock in place by turning counterclockwise.

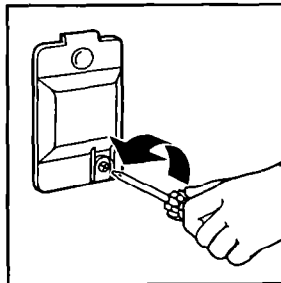


6. Reconnect power supply.

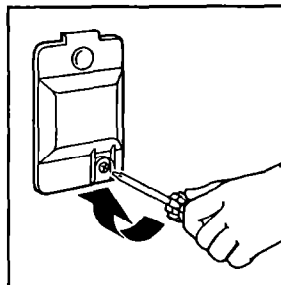
To change drum light type 2:

1. Unplug the dryer or disconnect the electricity leading to the dryer at the main power supply.

2. Open the dryer door. Remove the light bulb cover from the back wall of the dryer by removing the screw located in the lower right corner of the cover.



3. Remove the light bulb by turning it counterclockwise.
4. Replace the bulb with a 10-watt appliance bulb only.
5. Replace the light bulb cover.



6. Reconnect power supply.

Removing accumulated lint inside the dryer cabinet

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

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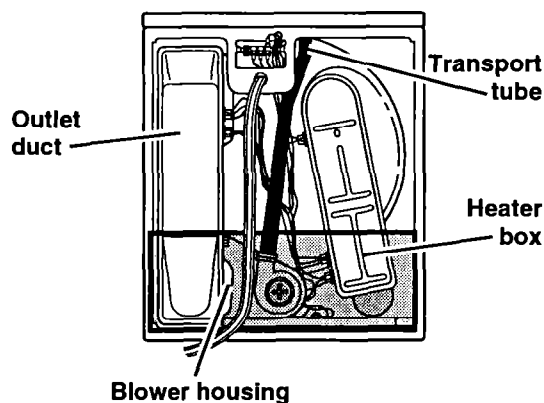


Electrical Shock Hazard

Disconnect power before cleaning.
Replace all panels before operating.
Failure to do so can result in death or electrical shock.

For electric dryers:

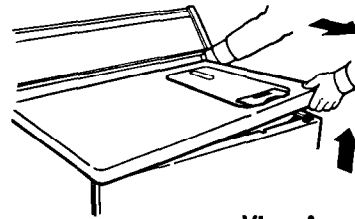
1. Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power.
2. Remove back panel. See the Installation Instructions.
3. Remove lint from shaded area in illustration with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner. Avoid damaging wires or thermostats.
4. Replace panel.
5. Reconnect and level dryer again, if necessary.



CARING FOR YOUR DRYER

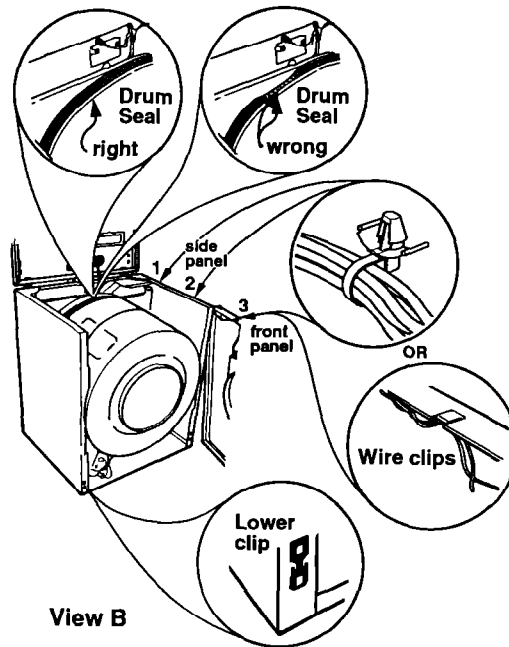
For gas dryers:

1. Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power.
2. Open top by pulling forward and up at each front corner (see View A). Prop top straight up (at no more than a 90° angle).



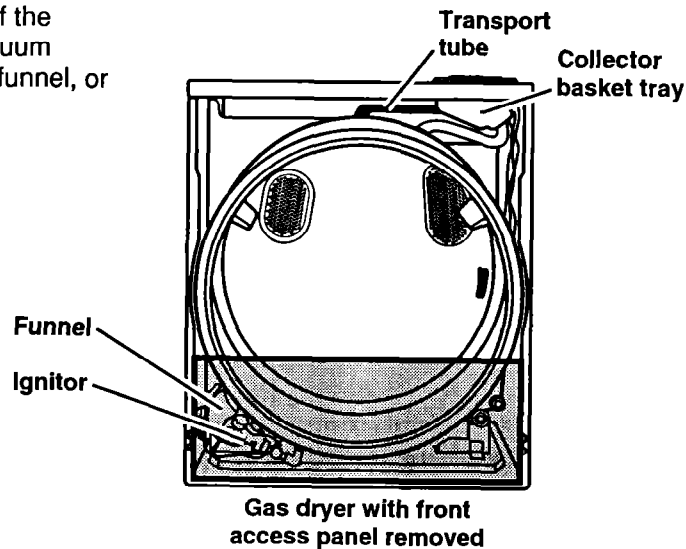
View A

3. Remove two internal screws from front panel flanges (near top front corners). Lift front panel slightly, lifting off lower clip (see lower clip inset of View B). Slowly pull front panel forward, disengaging panel from drum. (Drum will drop slightly.)
4. Move front panel aside and rest edge against side of dryer. Avoid disconnecting wire clip (see wire clip inset of View B) or damaging wires.



View B

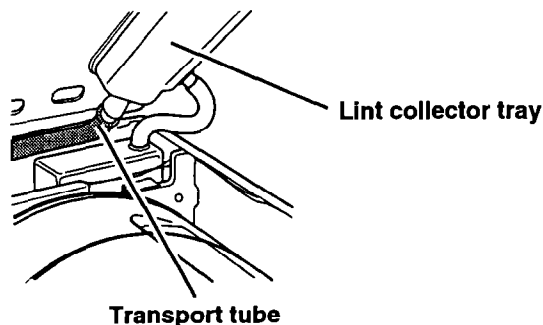
5. Remove lint from shaded area of the illustration with soft brush or vacuum cleaner. Avoid damaging wires, funnel, or ignitor.



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Before reassembling, read these instructions carefully.

6. Make sure transport tube is reinserted into the collector tray as shown. If the tube is not reinserted correctly, it may rub against the dryer drum creating a noise.
7. Reassemble in reverse order. Before closing the top, check the following:
 - Drum seal must be flared out (see drum seal insets of View B) and properly positioned against panel at back of drum. Rotate drum counterclockwise one full turn to check drum seal.
 - Belt should be centered and tight on dryer drum.
 - Wire clip which holds the door switch wires must be anchored in slot in top of front panel (see wire clip inset of View B). Door wires must not touch drum when dryer is operating.
8. Replace top panel. Top and front panels must be securely in place before operating dryer.
9. Reconnect power and level dryer again.



For more information, call our
Consumer Assistance Center.

1-800-253-1301

Laundry Tips

This section provides information on preparing clothes for drying, drying guidelines, and instructions for drying special-care items.

NOTES:

- Refer to your Washer Use and Care Guide for proper washing techniques and additional laundry tips.
- See pages 3 and 4 of this book for Important Safety Information.

Sorting clothes



- Separate dark from light colors; colorfast from non-colorfast. Items properly sorted for washing are usually properly sorted for drying.
- Separate heavy fabrics (denim, towels) from light fabrics (synthetics, permanent press).
- Separate lint givers (towels, chenille) from lint takers (corduroy, synthetics, permanent press). When possible, turn lint takers inside out.

Choosing load sizes



- Mix large items with smaller items. Load the dryer by the amount of space items take up, not by their weight. Do not overload the dryer. Overcrowding causes uneven drying and wrinkling, and can cause items to wear out faster (because of pilling).
- You may need to rearrange large items (sheets, blankets, tablecloths) during a cycle to reduce balling or rolling up.
- For better tumbling action, when drying only a few small items, add one or two lint-free towels. This also prevents small, lightweight items from blocking airflow.

Drying tips



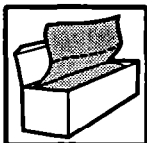
- Close zippers, snaps, and hooks to avoid snagging other items. Remove heat-sensitive trim that can be damaged by drying. Tie strings and sashes so they will not tangle.
- Check garments to make sure all spots and stains were removed during the wash. Do not tumble dry soiled or stained items. Heat may permanently set stains.
- Sharp or metal objects can damage your dryer. Check pockets for pins, clips, money, bolts, nuts, etc. Do not lay these objects on your dryer after emptying pockets. Turn pockets of heavy items inside out for even drying.
- Place small items such as baby socks or hankies in a mesh bag for easier removal.
- Articles to be ironed should be removed from the dryer while still damp.



Using dryer fabric softener sheets

Dryer fabric softener sheets are recommended for reducing static cling and for softening fabrics. Always use fabric softener sheets labeled as dryer safe and follow package instructions carefully.

- Put one fabric softener sheet on top of the load **before starting the dryer**. Do not add a fabric softener sheet **after** the drying cycle has started. Instant heat can cause the fabric softener to spot fabrics.



- Remove fabric softener stains by wetting the stains and rubbing them with liquid detergent or bar soap and rewash.
- Some fabric softener sheets can clog the lint screen and slow drying if used repeatedly. Use fabric softener sheets only once. Remember to remove the sheet with the load.

Saving energy

- Use an Automatic cycle to dry most loads.
- Dry only full loads without overdrying.
- Avoid overloading dryer, adding wet items to a partly dried load, or opening the door unnecessarily.
- Plan your laundry to dry one load after another. A warm dryer shortens drying time.
- Shorten drying times by exhausting dryer properly and cleaning exhaust duct and outside exhaust hood as needed.
 - Keep the lint screen clean.
 - Use your dryer in a room where room air temperature is above 45°F (7°C).
 - Sort loads by fabric weight and type.

LAUNDRY TIPS

Drying special-care items

Most garments and household textiles have manufacturer's care labels with laundering instructions. **Always follow care label directions when they are available.** Pages 10 and 11 include drying instructions for most types of washables. The chart below provides drying instructions for special-care washables.

ITEMS	DRYING INSTRUCTIONS
Blankets and woolens • Cotton, rayon, synthetic blankets • Electric blankets, electric sheets, woolen blankets, washable woolen garments	Machine drying knitted woolens is not recommended. Block to shape when wet and allow to air dry. Line dry blankets in the shade on a breezy day over two lines. Pin edges together and straighten them. When partly dry, turn the blanket over, repin, and restraighten. When dry, brush nap. Dry as recommended for permanent press fabrics on page 10. If manufacturer recommends machine drying: 1. Place one or two dry towels in the dryer and preheat 3-5 minutes on a high setting. This will dry blankets faster and help avoid pilling. 2. Put blanket in dryer with warm towels. Set control for 20 minutes. 3. Check after 10 minutes. Remove when still damp. Overdrying and long tumbling can cause shrinking and pilling. 4. Place blanket on flat surface, or over two lines to finish drying. Gently stretch to original size and shape. 5. When completely dry, brush gently to raise nap. Press binding with cool iron if needed.
Curtains, slipcovers • Draperies, slipcovers	Remove drapery weights and hooks before laundering. For slipcovers, replace while still slightly damp. They will dry to fit tightly. Dry only a few minutes. 1. Leave room in dryer for load to fluff. 2. Remove from dryer while slightly damp. Do not overdry.
Diapers, baby clothes	Wash and dry small items in a mesh bag or pillowcase for convenient handling. Remove diapers and cotton knit items while still slightly damp. They will feel softer, shrink less, and be easier to fold.
Elastic items	Remove from dryer while still slightly damp.
Flame-retardant finishes	Some items have been treated with a flame-retardant finish to improve their resistance to burning. Such items are clearly labeled. To retain flame-retardant qualities through continuous use and washing, clean and dry according to the manufacturer's instructions.

LAUNDRY TIPS

ITEMS	DRYING INSTRUCTIONS
Napped Items • Corduroy, velveteen	Dry separately or with similar colors to avoid lint transfer. Follow care label instructions. 1. Remove from dryer while there is still a trace of moisture. 2. Smooth, reshape, and air dry before putting away.
Quilted, down-filled Items	Follow care label instructions. 1. Dry one at a time. 2. Remove from dryer and shake or fluff the item during the drying cycle. 3. Smooth and reshape before putting away.
Snowsuits, Jackets • Nylon or polyester	Check label for fiber content, then follow care label instructions. 1. Dry garment for about 10 minutes. Remove and turn inside out. Dry for 10 more minutes. 2. Remove from dryer immediately and hang on a non-rusting hanger to finish drying. This will help eliminate wrinkles.
Tinted, dyed, or noncolorfast Items	Dry according to fabric, weight, and care label instructions. Wipe the dryer drum carefully to remove any dye or lint that can be transferred to other loads. See "Cleaning the dryer interior" on page 15.
Washable knits	Do not overdry knits. Overdrying can cause shrinking and static cling. 1. Select cycle according to fabric and construction. 2. Turn synthetics and blends inside out when drying to avoid pilling. 3. Remove cotton and rayon knits while still slightly damp. Stretch into shape and lay flat to finish drying.

Troubleshooting

Most laundering problems are easily solved if you understand the cause. Check the following list for **laundry** problems you may have and their possible causes. Also refer to the next page for a **dryer** checklist which can help you solve some simple problems without calling for service. If you still need help, see "Requesting Assistance or Service" on page 26.

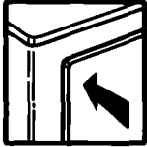
Common laundry problems

PROBLEM	CAUSE
Greasy spots	• Dryer fabric softener improperly used. See manufacturer's directions. • Drying soiled items.
Lint on clothes	• Load not properly sorted. • Overdrying, especially synthetic fabrics that cause lint-attracting static electricity. • Load size too big or heavy. • Tissue or paper left in pockets. • Pilling (surface fuzz caused by normal wear and laundering) attracts lint.
Shrinking	• Overdrying. • Fabric type and quality inappropriate for drying. • Dryer settings incorrect for fabric type. • Manufacturer's care label instructions not followed.
Slow drying	• Load too large and bulky to dry quickly. • Dryer located in room with temperature below 45°F (7°C). • Exhaust duct clogged, restricted, or too long.
Stains	• Drying soiled items. • Dryer fabric softener improperly used. See manufacturer's directions. • Dryer interior stained. (See page 15 for cleaning procedures.)
Static electricity	• Overdrying. • Dryer fabric softener improperly used. See manufacturer's directions. • Load includes synthetics, synthetic blends, permanent press, and knit fabrics that build up static electricity.
Wrinkling	• Overloading. • Overdrying, especially permanent press, and synthetic fabrics. • Clothes left in dryer at end of cycle.

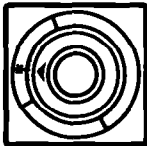
TROUBLESHOOTING

Common dryer problems

1. Dryer will not start.



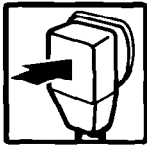
Is the dryer door firmly closed?



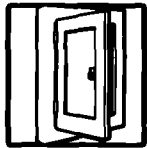
Are the controls set in an ON position?



Did you firmly push the Start Button?



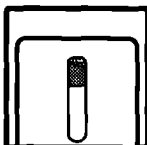
Is the power cord plugged in?



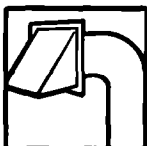
Have you blown a fuse or tripped the circuit breaker?



2. Lint accumulation in hood or exhaust duct, or extended drying times.



Is lint collector basket full?

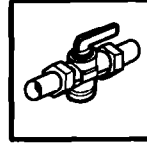


Is exhaust duct or outside exhaust hood clogged with lint?

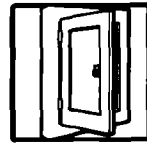
NOTE: Your new dryer may blow out accumulated lint from the existing exhaust system.



3. No heat



For gas dryers, are the valves open on the dryer and the supply line?



For electric dryers, have you blown a fuse or tripped a circuit breaker? Also check if a time-delayed fuse or circuit breaker has been used.



4. Noises



If the dryer hasn't been used for awhile, there may be a thumping sound from the support rollers.

You may hear an airflow noise that is different than your old dryer. This noise is common.

Has transport tube been reinserted correctly after cabinet cleaning? See page 18.

If you still have problems, see "Requesting Assistance or Service" on page 25.

Requesting Assistance or Service

Before calling for assistance or service, please check "Troubleshooting" on pages 24-25. It may save you the cost of a service call. If you still need help, follow the instructions below.

1. If you need assistance* ...

Call the Whirlpool Consumer Assistance Center telephone number. Dial toll-free from anywhere in the U.S.A.:



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:

Whirlpool Brand Home Appliances
Consumer Assistance Center
c/o Correspondence Dept.
2000 North M-63
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

2. If you need service* ...

Whirlpool has a nationwide network of authorized Whirlpool 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 1) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:



• **APPLIANCE-HOUSEHOLD-
MAJOR, SERVICE & REPAIR**
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(Example: XYZ Service Co.)

• **WASHING MACHINES &
DRYERS, SERVICE & REPAIR**
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Authorized Whirlpool Service
(Example: XYZ Service Co.)

3. 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 2 or call the Whirlpool Consumer Assistance Center number in Step 1.

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

- Contact the Major Appliance Consumer Action Program (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 Program
20 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

- MACAP will in turn inform us of your action.

* When asking for help or service:

Please provide a detailed description of the problem, your appliance's complete model and serial numbers, and the purchase date. (See page 2.) This information will help us respond properly to your request.

WHIRLPOOL®

Dryer Warranty

LENGTH OF WARRANTY	WHIRLPOOL WILL PAY FOR																						
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