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Use and Care Guide Home Laundry Automatic Washer



Model:
LWM353
LWM423

KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. (If the washer changes ownership, be sure this manual accompanies the washer.)

How To Use Your Washer . . .

▲ WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or severe bodily injury to persons, read the **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS, Pages 2 and 3**, before operating the washer.

Determine Proper Cycle

Regular

Use for sturdy items, like play or work clothes, towels, T-shirts, etc. The wash time selection will depend on the type of fabric and the amount of soil. For the best results when cleaning heavily soiled items, use a longer wash time (15 minutes maximum). Lightly soiled items require less wash time.

Permanent Press/Knits

Use for permanent press items and synthetics. The wash time selection will depend upon the type of fabric and amount of soil. The **PERMANENT PRESS/KNITS** cycle automatically cools the temperature of the fibers before the spin. After wash the agitation stops, the washtub spins slowly, partially drains and then stops. Cold water will then be automatically added to the washtub until the proper water level is reached. This happens one or two times, depending on the size of the load and type of drain connection. When the **COOL DOWN** is complete, the washer will pause for approximately one minute before continuing the cycle.

Gentle Delicate or Delicate

Wash delicate items usually washed by hand on this cycle. A full tub of warm water is recommended (even for small loads) to allow the delicate items to move freely through the water. More water helps reduce fabric wear, wrinkling, and provides for a clean wash.

The wash portion of this cycle alternates between short periods of agitation and longer periods of soaking. Cycle includes a cold water rinse.

To Wash Clothes

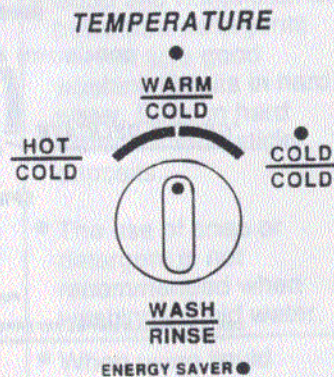
IMPORTANT: Before using your new washer, make sure the washer cord is plugged into a 120 Volt electrical outlet that has the proper grounding and polarity. Make sure the washer hoses are connected to the hot and cold water faucets, and that the faucets are turned on. Be sure the drain hose is not kinked and is inserted into a drain. See the **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS** for details of proper washer installation.

1. Get the clothes ready for washing. Empty pockets and cuffs. Sort items into separate loads. Pretreat stains and heavily soiled areas.
2. Measure and add detergent to the washtub.
3. Add clothes loosely into the washtub. The bulk of the clothes rather than the weight will determine load size.
4. Close the loading door. The washer will not agitate or spin with the loading door open.

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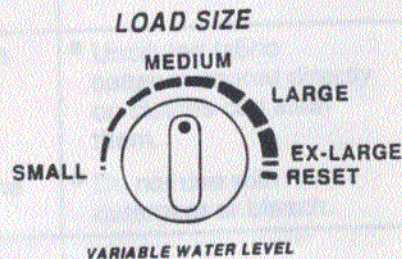
DO NOT by-pass the loading door switch by permitting the washer to agitate or spin with the loading door open.

5. Set **WASH/RINSE** temperatures.



NOTE: The washer will provide a cold rinse in all **TEMPERATURE** settings. Cold rinses will save you money and energy and will help reduce wrinkling in permanent press and synthetics.

6. Set **LOAD SIZE (VARIABLE WATER LEVEL)** control. Use **RESET** if agitation has started and more water is needed.



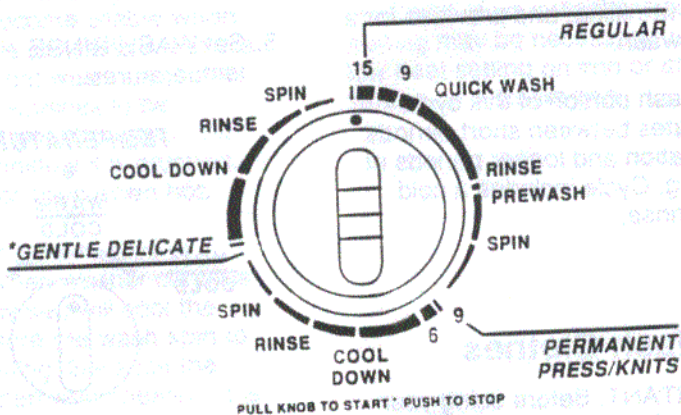
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IMPORTANT: Holding the LOAD LEVEL (VARIABLE WATER LEVEL) control in the RESET position can cause flooding of the washer.

Select the cycle according to the type of fabric being washed. Push the timer knob in and turn clockwise to the desired cycle and wash time.

- Pull the timer knob out to start the water fill. Agitation will begin when the water reaches the level you selected.

The washer will stop (pause) for approximately two minutes before the wash and rinse spins. Do not turn the timer through these pauses. They are part of the cycle.



Soaking

Set the timer knob in the center of the word "RINSE" or the washer may spin without first filling with water. Place the soaking product and clothes load in the washtub. Pull timer knob to start water fill. After fill is completed and agitation has started, push the timer knob in. This will stop the washer. When the clothes have soaked the desired length of time, TURN THE TIMER KNOB TO THE START OF THE LAST SPIN, then pull the timer knob out to start the spin.

Timer

Although the washer cycles are automatic, the timer may be reset to lengthen, shorten, or repeat a portion of a cycle.

To set or reset the timer, push timer knob in to stop the washer. Hold timer knob in firmly while turning it clockwise to the setting desired. Pull timer knob out to start the washer.

- Get the clothes ready for washing. Empty pockets and buttons. Sort items into separate loads. Pretreat stains and heavily soiled areas.
- Measure and add detergent to the washtub.
- Add clothes loosely into the washtub. The bulk of the clothes should be in the center. The weight will determine load size.
- Close the loading door. The washer will not operate or spin with the loading door open.

Permanent Press/Knits
Use for permanent press items and synthetics. The wash time and temperature will depend upon the type of fabric and amount of soil. The PERMANENT PRESS/KNITS cycle automatically cools the temperature to the fibers before the spin. After wash the separation of the wash and spin slowly stops, the wash and spin slowly partially drains and then stops. Cold water will then be automatically added to the washtub until the proper water level is reached. This happens one or two times, depending on the size of the load and type of drain connection. When the COOL DOWN is complete, the washer will pause for approximately one minute before continuing the cycle.

Permanent Press

Permanent or durable press garments and household items will usually not need pressing when washed and dried properly. However, some will be more wrinkle resistant than others.

The care needed for permanent press is a little different than for cottons. Permanent press will soften or become pliable when heated. This softening when it is in warm or hot wash water will allow wear wrinkles to be removed. It will also cause the fabric to wrinkle if it is crushed, squeezed or spun when hot.

Permanent press cycles of washers, when washer controls are properly set, will cool the clothes before the wash spin to avoid wrinkling. Because the clothes soften when heated, it is important to remove them from the dryer as soon as tumbling stops.

How To Wash Permanent Press

1. Wash often. Permanent press clothes tend to look clean even when they should be washed.
2. Sort loads correctly, refer to Page 4.
3. Do not wash with lint-shedding loads. Permanent press attracts lint in the wash water.
4. Pre-treat grease stains and oily areas. This is especially important for shirt collars and cuffs. Rub liquid detergent or a paste of detergent into the area.
5. Use the PERMANENT PRESS/KNITS cycle, hot or warm water, cold rinse, agitation and spin speed suitable for fabric and sufficient detergent.

6. Use fabric softener in the rinse water. This will reduce the static electricity which attracts lint and makes garments cling.

To Dry Permanent Press

For best results, permanent press must be dryer dried. See garment care labels. If to be line dried, use slow spin (if your washer has it). Ironing may be necessary. Use low heat setting on iron or steam setting on a steam iron.