

Model: LAT4000

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NOTE: In a continuing effort to improve our washers it may be necessary to make changes to the appearance without revising this guide.

ABOUT YOUR MAYTAG

Congratulations on your choice of a Maytag washer! Your satisfaction is very important to us. The information in this User's Guide will help you understand how your washer operates. Additional information on proper laundering techniques is found in the Laundering Guide. By following these instructions carefully, you will achieve excellent results with your washer.

If you have any questions about using your Maytag washer, contact us. Please have the washer's model and serial numbers available.

Maytag Consumer Education
One Dependability Square
Newton, IA 50208
(515) 791-8911 (8 am-5 pm Central time Mon.-Fri.)

NOTE: For service and warranty information, see pages 5-6.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

We suggest you retain this guide after recording the model number and serial number (eight numbers and two letters) of this washer in the spaces provided below.

This information can be found on the data plate located at the top of the control panel cover.

IMPORTANT: Keep your sales slip or cancelled check. Proof of original purchase date is needed for warranty service.

Model Number

Serial Number

WARNING - Check with installer to make sure appliance has been grounded to avoid possible electrical shock. Be sure you read the following IMPORTANT PERSONAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS before you start to use this washer.

IMPORTANT PERSONAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. Read all instructions before using the appliance.
2. To avoid the possibility of fire or explosion:
 - a. Do not wash items 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.

Any material on which you have used a cleaning solvent, or which is saturated with flammable liquids or solids, should not be placed in the washer until all traces of these liquids or solids and their fumes have been removed.

There are many highly flammable items used in homes, such as: acetone, denatured alcohol, gasoline, kerosene, some liquid household cleaners, some spot removers, turpentine, waxes and wax removers.
 - b. Do not add gasoline, dry-cleaning solvents, or other flammable or explosive substances to the wash water. These substances give off vapors that could ignite or explode.
 - c. Under certain conditions, hydrogen gas may be produced in a hot water system that has not been used for 2 weeks or more. **HYDROGEN GAS IS EXPLOSIVE.** If the hot water system has not been used for such a period, before using a washing machine or combination washer-dryer, turn on all hot water faucets and let the water flow from each for several minutes. This will release any accumulated hydrogen gas. As the gas is flammable, do not smoke or use an open flame during this time.
3. Do not allow children to play on or in the appliance. Close supervision of children is necessary when the appliance is used near children.
4. Before the appliance is removed from service or discarded, remove the door to the washing compartment.
5. Do not reach into the appliance if the agitator is moving.
6. Do not install or store this appliance where it will be exposed to the weather.
7. Do not tamper with controls.
8. Do not repair or replace any part of the appliance or attempt any servicing unless specifically recommended in published user-repair instructions that you understand and have the skills to carry out.
9. The agitator should not be removed. If the agitator is removed, it must be replaced by pushing down completely and the locking screw tightened before the washer is operated.
10. This appliance must be properly grounded. Never plug the appliance cord into a receptacle which is not grounded adequately and in accordance with local and national codes. See installation instructions for grounding this appliance.

Save These Instructions

Appliances with the © symbol on the data plate have been listed with Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. Those with a CSA Monogram on the data plate have been certified by the CSA Testing Laboratories as complying with Canadian Standards Association requirements.

Nevertheless, as with any equipment using electricity and having moving parts, there are potential hazards. To use this appliance safely, the operator should become familiar with the instructions for operation of the appliance and always exercise care when using it.

USING LAUNDRY ADDITIVES

Detergent

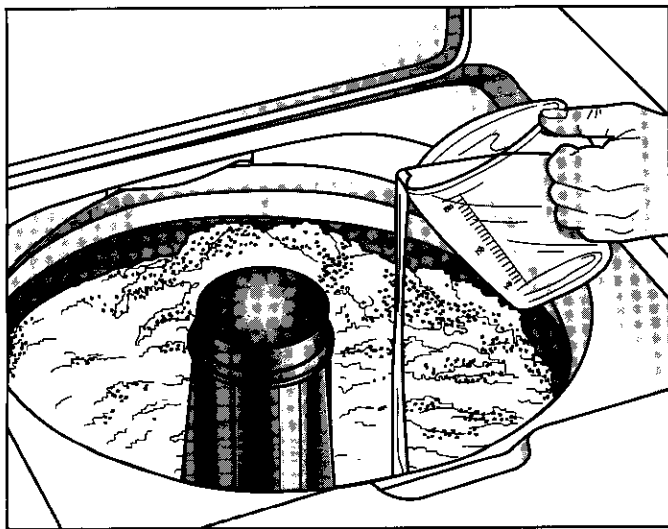
Use either liquid or granular laundry detergent. Add measured amount of detergent to washtub before loading. Wipe up any spills of liquid laundry detergent on the washer.

Read the manufacturer's instructions and use the correct amount. Most instructions are for washing an "average" load. If the degree of soil is heavier than average and the water is harder than 6 grains per gallon, more detergent should be used.

Bleach

When using **liquid chlorine bleach**, carefully measure the amount of bleach recommended on the bottle label. General recommendations are 1/8 cup for each 2 gallons of wash water. Amount of wash water in: PARTIAL fill—11 gallons (9 Imperial gallons; 42 liters); FULL fill—17 gallons (14 Imperial gallons; 64 liters).

Select water level, desired cycle and start washer. **Dilute chlorine bleach as recommended by the bleach manufacturer (generally 4 parts water to 1 part bleach)**. A few moments after washing starts, lift the lid and pour the diluted bleach around the agitator. Then close the lid immediately and re-start the washer.



Be careful whenever you use liquid chlorine bleach. It is a powerful chemical and can cause fabric damage, such as tears or color loss, if not used properly. Do not pour directly on fabrics. Always dilute with water. Wipe up spills with a paper towel.

All-fabric bleach may be added with the detergent. Follow the instructions on the package. If used improperly, fabric damage may occur, such as color loss.

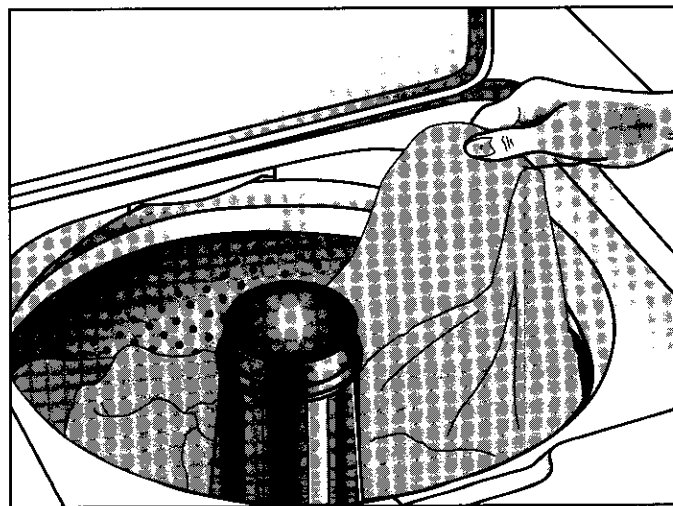
Fabric Softener

For best results, add fabric softener to the rinse water as soon as agitation begins in the final rinse. **Follow the fabric softener manufacturer's recommendations for use.** Never pour fabric softener directly on fabrics as spotting may occur (see the Laundering Guide for tips on removing this stain).

LOADING THE WASHER

For best results, add the detergent to the wash tub before adding the sorted clothes load.

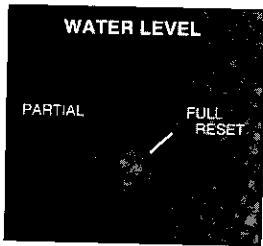
Put dry, unfolded clothes loosely in the tub, up to the top row of holes for a maximum load. Do not pack or wrap items around the agitator. See Maytag Laundering Guide for suggestions on sorting. Be sure to empty all pockets, mend any holes or tears and pretreat stains, spots and heavily soiled areas.



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Select Water Level

The **pre-set selector knob** can be set to two distinct settings – PARTIAL and FULL. Turn the selector knob to the setting that matches the size of the load. If more water is needed once the fill is complete, move the knob to Reset, then to the desired setting.



For best washing results, clothes must circulate freely. If too little

water is used, poor cleaning, linting and excessive wear may result. Use the following as a guide to select the proper water level:

Partial—up to 1/2 full of clothes

Full—1/2 to full of clothes.

Select Cycle and Wash/Rinse Water Temperature

Push in the cycle control knob and turn **clockwise** to the proper cycle and water temperature.

Select the **Regular Fabrics cycle** when washing towels, sheets, underwear, jeans, etc. The **Permanent Press cycle** has a shorter spin to minimize wrinkling of permanent press or no iron items.

Regular Fabrics Water Temperatures

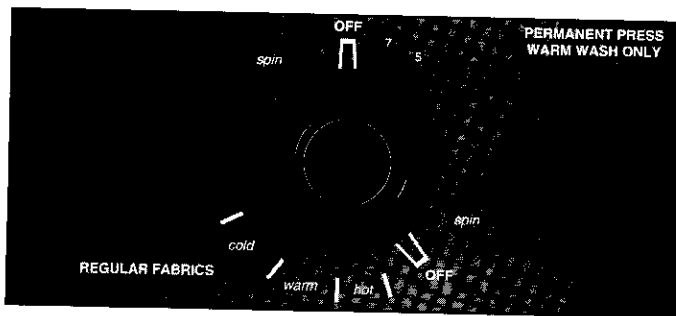
Cold water wash/cold rinse
(up to approximately 8 minutes of wash time)

Warm water wash/cold rinse
(approximately 8-12 minutes of wash time)

Hot water wash/cold rinse
(approximately 13-15 minutes of wash time)

Permanent Press Water Temperature

Warm water wash/cold rinse – 5 to 7 minutes



When **HOT** wash is selected, the water will be the temperature coming from the hot water faucet. Rinse water will be cold. **Use this setting for heavily soiled whites and colorfast items.**

A **WARM** wash is a mixture of water from the hot and cold faucets. Rinse water will be cold. **Use this for items with moderate amount of soil and colored items.**

A **COLD** wash and rinse is the temperature of water from the cold faucet. **Use this setting to minimize fading of brightly colored items and shrinkage of washable woolsens.**

NOTE: Water below 65° F is too cold to dissolve and activate laundry detergents. Results may be poor.

Soaking

To soak heavily soiled or stained items on the Regular or Permanent Press cycle, push in the control knob after the washer has agitated a few minutes. This will stop the washer and let the load soak. **Generally, soak periods up to 30 minutes are sufficient for most loads (overnight soaking is not necessary or recommended).** When soaking, use up to 50% more detergent OR a presoak product such as Biz*. To start washing again, pull out the control knob and the washer will resume the cycle at the point of interruption.

*Brand names are the trademark of the respective manufacturers.

Start the Washer

Pull out the cycle control knob to start the washer. You will hear water entering the wash tub. **Do not move the knob while the washer is operating.** Push in the cycle control knob to stop the washer and turn knob clockwise to the desired setting.

The washer will pause briefly throughout each cycle. These pauses are normal.

This washer is designed so that it will not agitate or spin when the lid is open. It will, however, fill with the lid open so water is available for pretreating stains or diluting fabric softener.

Should the lid be opened during a cycle, the washer will stop; when the lid is closed and the control knob is pulled out, the washer will resume its cycle at the point it was interrupted.

NOTE: If the washer stops during the spin, it may be due to an unbalanced load. If this happens, push in the control knob, open the lid, redistribute the load, close the lid and pull out the control knob.

MAINTAINING THE WASHER

- Turn off the water faucets after finishing the day's washing. This will shut off the water supply to the washer and prevent the unlikely possibility of damage from escaping water.
- Clean the control panel with a soft damp cloth and glass cleaner. Do not use any abrasive powders or cleaning pads.
- Clean the cabinet with soap and water followed with an appliance wax, if desired.
- The SELF-CLEAN LINT FILTER is located under the agitator on the bottom of the washtub. The lint filter in this washer cleans itself. During the wash and rinse portion of the cycle, lint is collected on the filter. The filter is then flushed automatically during the spin and drain.

STORING THE WASHER

Washers can be damaged if water is not removed from hoses and internal components before storage. Prepare the washer for storage as follows:

- Select Hot or Warm on Regular Fabrics and add one cup of bleach or white vinegar to a full load of water without clothes. Run the washer through a complete cycle.
Turn the water faucets off and disconnect the inlet hoses.
- Advance the cycle control knob to the spin of Regular Fabrics and lower drain hose to drain any water that may be in the drain hose.
- Disconnect the washer from the electrical supply and leave the washer lid open to let air circulate inside the tub.

CYCLE DESCRIPTIONS

REGULAR FABRICS	PERMANENT PRESS
Fill	Fill
WASH	WASH
SPIN	SPIN & DRAIN
SPIN & SPRAY	Fill
SPIN & DRAIN	DEEP RINSE & AGITATE
Fill	SPIN & DRAIN
DEEP RINSE & AGITATE	SPRAY RINSE
SPIN & DRAIN	FINAL SPIN *
SPRAY RINSE	
FINAL SPIN	

*Final spin is shorter to minimize wrinkling

NOTE: The washer will pause briefly throughout each cycle. These pauses are normal.

TOTAL WATER USAGE

PARTIAL LOAD

Approx. 24 gallons
(20 Imperial gallons; 91 liters)

FULL LOAD

Approx. 36 gallons
(30 Imperial gallons; 136 liters)

BEFORE YOU CALL FOR SERVICE

Check these points if your washer...

WON'T FILL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plug cord into live electrical outlet. • Check fuse or reset circuit breaker. • Turn the control knob to proper cycle and pull knob out to start the washer. If equipped with buttons, be sure they are fully depressed. • Turn both faucets on fully. • Straighten inlet hoses. • Hose filter screens plugged. Disconnect hoses and clean screens.
WON'T AGITATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check fuse or reset circuit breaker. • Turn the control knob to proper cycle and pull knob out to start the washer. If equipped with buttons, be sure they are fully depressed. • Close lid and pull knob out to start the washer. For your safety, washer will not agitate or spin unless the lid is closed. • The washer is equipped with a lid switch failure detector. If the lid switch should malfunction, the detector will stop operations for your safety. Call for service.
WON'T SPIN OR DRAIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-balance load. Redistribute the load evenly, close the lid and pull knob out. Check for leveling. Be sure water level is acceptable for load size. • Check fuse or reset circuit breaker. • Straighten hoses. Eliminate kinked hoses. If there is a drain restriction, call for service. • Close lid and pull knob out to start the washer. For your safety, washer will not agitate or spin unless the lid is closed. • Suds lock – caused by too much suds. Rewash without detergent. Use correct amount of a low-sudsing detergent. • The washer is equipped with a lid switch failure detector. If the lid switch should malfunction, the detector will stop operations for your safety. Call for service.
STOPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-balance load. Redistribute the load evenly, close the lid and pull knob out. Check for leveling. Be sure water level is acceptable for load size. • Plug cord into live electrical outlet. • Check fuse or reset circuit breaker. • Turn the control knob to proper cycle and pull knob out to start the washer. If equipped with buttons, be sure they are fully depressed. • Close lid and pull knob out to start the washer. For your safety, washer will not agitate or spin unless lid is closed. • This may be a pause or soak period in the cycle. Wait briefly and it may start. • The washer is equipped with a lid switch failure detector. If the lid switch should malfunction, the detector will stop operations for your safety. Call for service.
LEAKS WATER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure hose connections are tight. • Make sure end of drain hose is correctly inserted and secured to drain facility. • Extended soaking – soak for 30 minutes or less.
IS NOISY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure washer is level and firm to the floor. • Weak floors can cause vibration and walking.
FILLS WITH THE WRONG TEMPERATURE WATER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn both faucets on fully. • If equipped with a temperature selector knob, be sure it is set directly on a temperature setting and not between settings. • Make sure temperature selection is correct. • Make sure hoses are connected to correct faucets and inlet connections. Be sure water supply is regulated correctly. Flush water line before filling washer. • Check the water heater. It should be set to deliver a minimum 120°F (49°C) hot water at the tap. Also check water heater capacity and recovery rate. • Hose filter screens plugged. Disconnect hose and clean screens

NOTE: For further information contact Maytag Customer Assistance:

U.S. 1-800-688-9900
 Canada 1-800-688-2002

AUTOMATIC WASHER WARRANTY

Full One Year Warranty

For **one (1) year** from the date of original retail purchase, any part which fails in normal home use will be repaired or replaced free of charge

Limited Parts Warranty

After the first year from the date of original retail purchase through the time periods listed below, the designated parts which fail in normal home use will be repaired or replaced free of charge for the part itself, with the owner paying all other costs, including labor.

Second Year – All parts.

Third through Fifth Year – The drive motor. All parts of the solid state controls (if so equipped).

Third through Tenth Year – All parts of the transmission assembly.

Additional Limited Warranty Against Rust

Should an exterior cabinet, including the top, lid, and baseframe, rust during the five year period starting from the date of original retail purchase, repair or replacement will be made free of charge during the first year. After the first and through the fifth year, repair or replacement will be made free of charge for the part itself, with the owner paying all other costs, including labor.

This full warranty and the limited warranties apply when the appliance is located in the United States or Canada. Appliances located elsewhere are covered by the limited warranties only, which include parts which fail during the first year.

To Receive Warranty Service

To locate an authorized service company in your area, contact the Maytag dealer from whom your appliance was purchased or call Maytag Customer Service. Should you not receive satisfactory warranty service, call or write:

Maytag Customer Assistance
c/o Maytag Customer Service
P.O. Box 2370
Cleveland, TN 37320-2370
US 1-800-688-9900
CANADA 1-800-688-2002

When contacting Maytag Customer Service be sure to provide the model and serial number of your appliance, the name and address of the dealer from whom you purchased the appliance and the date of purchase.

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Should you still have a problem, write to: Major Appliance Consumer Action Program, 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, MACAP is an industry sponsored but independent group of consumer experts who receive and act on complaints from appliance owners.

NOTE: When writing about an unsolved service problem, please include the following information:

- (a) Your name, address, and telephone number;
- (b) Model number and serial number (found on control panel cover) of your appliance;
- (c) Name and address of your dealer and date the appliance was bought;
- (d) A clear description of the problem you are having;
- (e) Water hardness, detergent brand and amount, water temperature and cycle used.

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