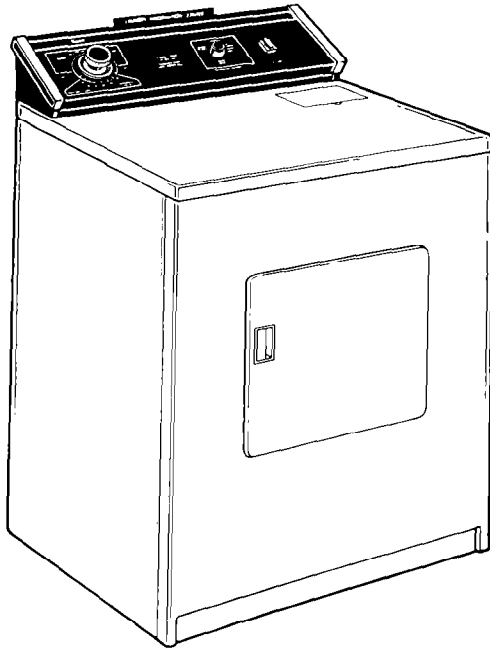


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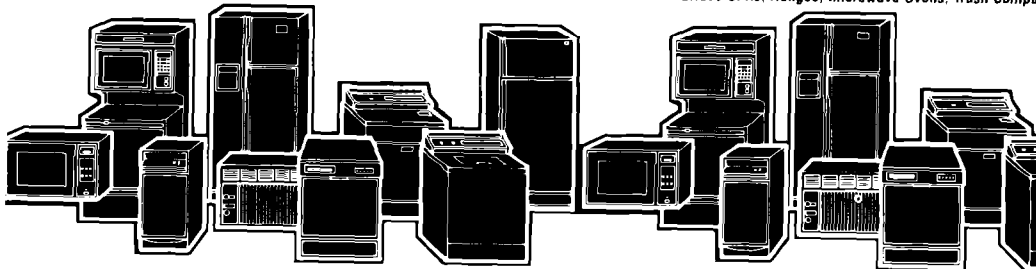


## **AUTOMATIC DRYER**

**ELECTRIC MODEL  
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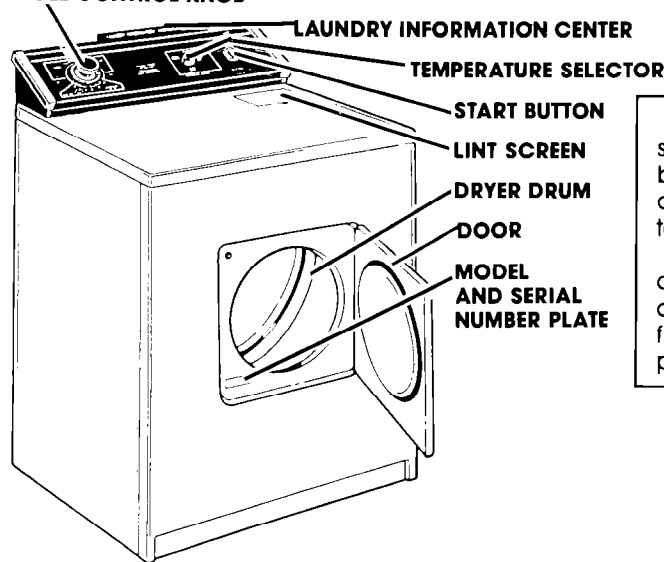
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Washers, Clothes Dryers, Freezers, Refrigerator-Freezers, Ice Makers, Dishwashers, Built-In Ovens and Surface Units, Ranges, Microwave Ovens, Trash Compactors



# Parts and features

CYCLE CONTROL KNOB



Remove the Consumer Buy Guide label before using your dryer. It will be easier to remove.

Wipe out the dryer drum with a damp cloth to remove dust from storing or shipping.

## Copy your Model and Serial Numbers here

When you need service or call with a question, have this information ready:

1. **Complete** Model and Serial Numbers (from plate located as shown).
2. Purchase date from sales slip.

Copy this information in these spaces. Keep this book in the Laundry Information Center with your "Dryer Guide" and sales slip.

**Thank you for purchasing a Whirlpool product. Please complete and mail the Owner Registration Card furnished with this product.**

Model Number \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_

Service Company Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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# Important safety instructions



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

**Read these laundry instructions carefully for important use and safety information before using your 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.

When discarding an old dryer, **ALWAYS** remove the door to prevent accidental entrapment.

**DO NOT** reach into a dryer if the drum is moving.

**DO NOT** install or store dryer where it will be exposed to the weather.

**DO NOT** tamper with the controls.

Dryer must be electrically grounded. See the "Installation Instructions."

**You are personally responsible for making sure that your dryer** is installed, repaired and 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.

• **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS** •

PARTS AND FEATURES • IMPORTANT SAFETY 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.

### FOR YOUR SAFETY

**Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.**

**ALWAYS** unplug the power supply cord or turn off electrical power before attempting to service the dryer.

**You are personally responsible for making sure that your dryer...**

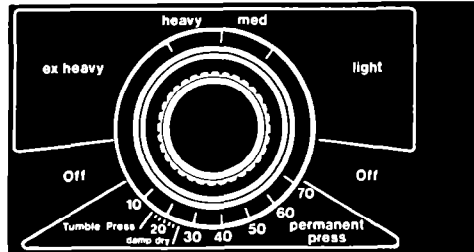
- is properly maintained.
- is properly installed and leveled in a well ventilated room\* on a floor that can support the weight.
- is located in an area where the temperature is above 45 F (7.2 C).
- is connected to the proper outlet and electrical supply.\*
- is properly connected to exhaust systems.\*
- is not installed against drapes or curtains.\*
- is used only for jobs normally expected of home clothes dryers.
- is not used by children or anyone unable to operate it properly.

\*See "Installation Instructions" for complete information.

# Operating instructions

## Selecting a Cycle and Starting Your Dryer

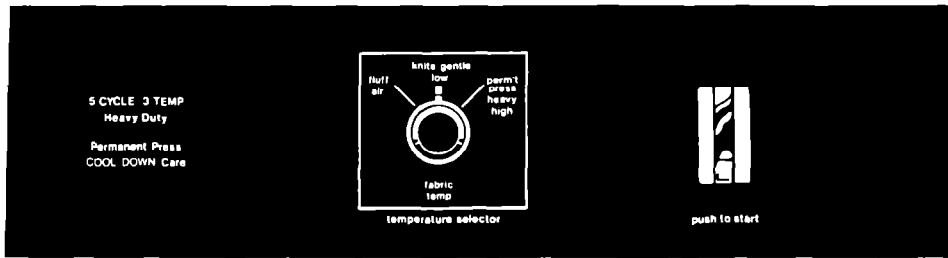
Before starting your dryer, be sure laundry is sorted and loaded properly (see your "Dryer Guide").  
**Be sure the door is tightly closed.**



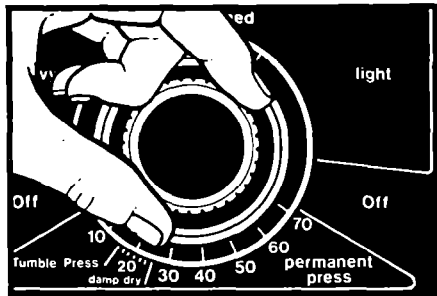
TYPE OF LOAD	SUGGESTED CYCLE	SUGGESTED TEMPERATURE
<b>COTTONS – LINENS</b>		
<b>EXTRA HEAVY</b> – Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts .....	<b>EX HEAVY</b>	
<b>HEAVYWEIGHT FABRICS</b> – Towels, jeans, corduroys, work clothes .....	<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>PERM'T PRESS HEAVY HIGH</b>
<b>MEDIUMWEIGHT COTTONS</b> – Sheets, pillowcases, cotton underwear, diapers .....	<b>MEDIUM</b>	
<b>LIGHTWEIGHT COTTONS</b> – Batistes, organdies, lingerie .....	<b>LIGHT</b>	
<b>PERMANENT PRESS, SYNTHETICS AND BLENDS</b>		
<b>HEAVYWEIGHT FABRICS</b> – Work clothes, jackets, raincoats .....	40-50 MINS.	<b>PERM'T PRESS HEAVY HIGH</b>
<b>MEDIUMWEIGHT FABRICS</b> – Shirts, play clothes, sheets, slacks .....	30-40 MINS.	
<b>LIGHTWEIGHT FABRICS</b> – Lingerie, blouses, dresses .....	20-30 MINS.	
<b>KNITS</b>		
<b>HEAVYWEIGHT</b> – Cottons, rayons, blends, T-shirts, slacks, shirts .....	40-50 MINS.	<b>PERM'T PRESS HEAVY HIGH</b>
<b>LIGHTWEIGHT</b> – Synthetics (polyester, acrylic, etc.) and blends, lingerie, blouses, dresses .....	30-40 MINS.	<b>KNITS GENTLE LOW</b>
<b>LIGHTWEIGHT AND DELICATE FABRICS</b>		
Sheer Curtains (2 or 3 panels) .....	20-30 MINS.	<b>KNITS GENTLE LOW</b>
Gauze, lace, etc. ....	15-20 MINS.	
<b>RUBBER, PLASTIC, HEAT-SENSITIVE FABRICS</b>		
<b>FOAM RUBBER</b> – Pillows, bras, stuffed toys .....	20-30 MINS.	
<b>PLASTIC</b> – Shower curtains, tablecloths .....	20-30 MINS.	<b>FLUFF AIR</b>
<b>RUBBER-BACKED RUGS</b> .....	40-50 MINS.	
<b>OLEFIN, POLYPROPYLENE, SHEER NYLON</b> ..	15-20 MINS.	



**WARNING: Drying these and other heat-sensitive materials with heat can damage them or be a FIRE HAZARD.**

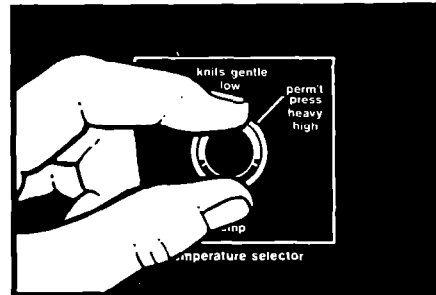


### 1. Select a CYCLE



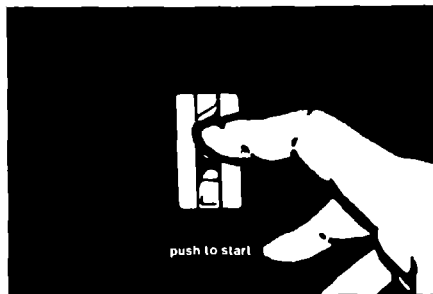
Turn the Control Knob either way to point to the cycle and setting you want. See page 6 for information on the cycles.

### 2. Set TEMPERATURE SELECTOR



Turn the Temperature Selector to the needed drying temperature.

### 3. Push the START Button



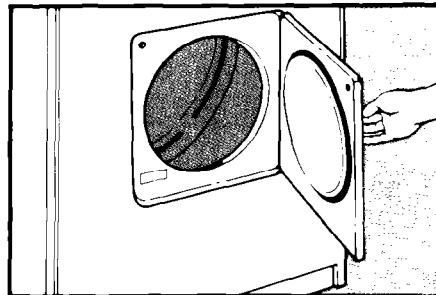
The dryer will start tumbling when you push the START Button.

#### Changing a setting

The setting can be changed at any time by turning the Control Knob to a new setting.

**The Cycle Control Knob should point to OFF when the dryer is not in use. If the dryer is stopped before the cycle is finished, turn the Cycle Control Knob to OFF.**

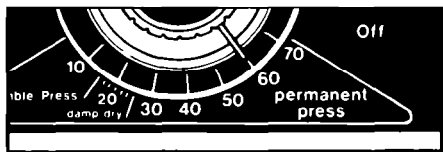
#### To stop and restart the dryer



**To stop** the dryer, open the door (or turn the Control Knob to OFF).

**To restart** the dryer, close the door, select cycle, if necessary, and push START.

## Dryer cycles and settings



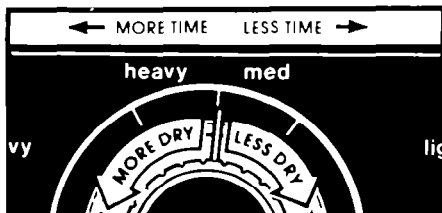
The PERMANENT PRESS Cycle helps provide the special care that permanent press and synthetic fabrics need... a period of heated drying followed by a 10 minute cool down. The chart on page 4 suggests time and temperature settings for different kinds of loads.



The **EX HEAVY, HEAVY, MEDIUM** and **LIGHT** cycles describe the loads they are designed to dry. The chart on page 4 tells what is meant by EX HEAVY, HEAVY, MEDIUM and LIGHT loads.

At each setting, the dryer will run about long enough to dry the load described by the setting. Example:

The HEAVY Cycle is designed to be long enough to dry a load of heavy fabrics (towels, jeans, corduroys, etc.) when the Temperature Selector is set on PERM'T PRESS/HEAVY HIGH.



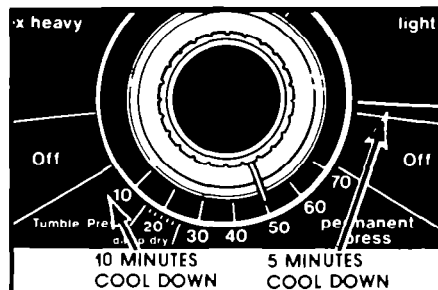
If the load is not as dry as you want, set the dial more to the **left** the next time you dry that kind of load.

If the load is dryer than you want, set the dial more to the **right** the next time you dry that kind of load.

## Cool down times

In all cycles, the heat shuts off before the dryer stops tumbling. This cool down time helps:

- keep wrinkles from setting in.
- make handling the hot load items easier.



The PERMANENT PRESS Cycle has 10 minutes of cool down time at the end of the cycle.

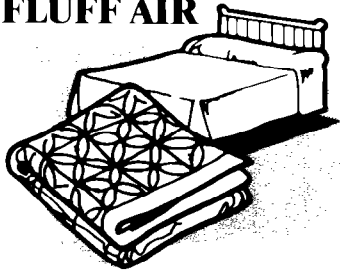
All other cycles have 5 minutes of cool down time.

**Overdrying can cause shrinkage, static cling and damage to some fabrics.**

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

## Drying tips

### FLUFF AIR



The dryer does not heat when the Temperature Selector is set on FLUFF AIR. This setting can be used to fluff bedding, pillows and clothing or to dust drapes.

It can also be used to damp-dry heat sensitive items...such as plastic shower curtains, rubber-backed rugs, plastic tablecloths, foam rubber pillows, stuffed toys, sneakers, etc.

**WARNING: Drying plastic or rubber items with heat may damage the items or be a FIRE HAZARD.**

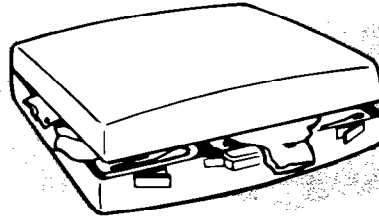
1. Set the Temperature Selector to FLUFF AIR.
2. Set the Control Knob to the PERMANENT PRESS Cycle and select the number of minutes you want.
3. Push the START Button.

## Mixed loads

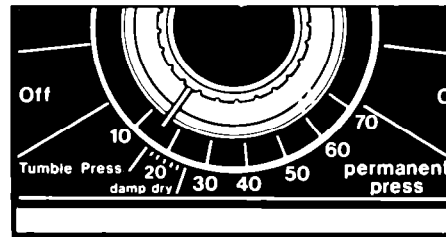


When drying a load with different kinds and weights of fabrics, use the cycle suggested for the lightest fabrics. When the dryer stops, remove dry items and reset the control.

## TUMBLE PRESS® Setting



The TUMBLE PRESS setting removes wrinkles from dry clothing such as items that may have been packed in a suitcase, closet, or items not removed from the dryer.



1. Set Temperature Selector to PERMIT PRESS/HEAVY HIGH.
2. Set Control Knob to TUMBLE PRESS.
3. Push START Button.

The load will tumble in heated air for 5 minutes. The heat shuts off and the dryer continues to tumble the load for 10 more minutes.

For best results, TUMBLE PRESS only a few items at a time. Put them on hangers or fold them as soon as the dryer stops.

## Drying times

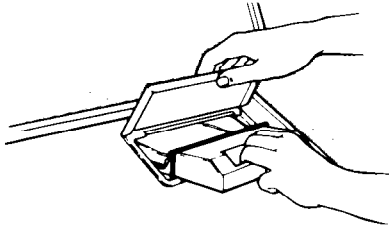
Drying times will vary depending on:

- amount of moisture in the clothes.
- type and weight of the fabric.
- size of load.
- room temperature around the dryer.
- temperature of the wash rinse water.
- amount of lint in the lint screen.
- dryer temperature selection.

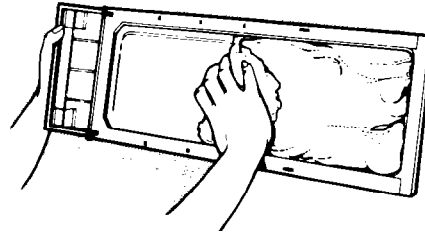
See your "Dryer Guide" for more information.

# Lint screen

**Clean the lint screen before each load.** A screen blocked by lint can increase drying time and may be a FIRE HAZARD.



Open the lid and pull the lint screen straight out.



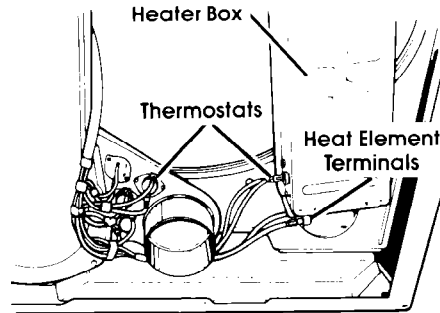
**ROLL** the lint off the screen with your fingers.

**DO NOT** rinse or wash the screen. Push the screen firmly back into place.

**WARNING:** DO NOT run the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged, blocked or missing. Doing so can cause overheating, damage fabrics and be a FIRE HAZARD.

# Lint removal

Lint can gather inside the dryer and create a **FIRE HAZARD**. This lint should be removed at least every 2 to 3 years, or more often, depending on dryer usage.



**Cleaning should be done only by a qualified person.**

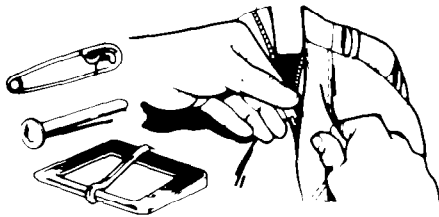
**WARNING:**

- Avoid electrical shock hazard – unplug power supply cord or turn off electrical power.
- Avoid injury or damage – do not put hands inside cabinet.
- Make sure dryer is cool.

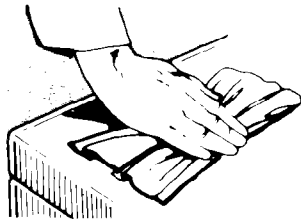
1. Remove back panel
2. Avoid damaging wires, or thermostats.
3. Remove lint from shaded area – see art – with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner.
4. Replace panel; reconnect and re-level dryer.



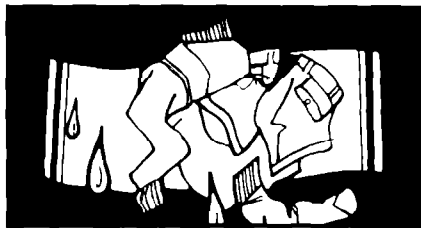
# Caring for your dryer



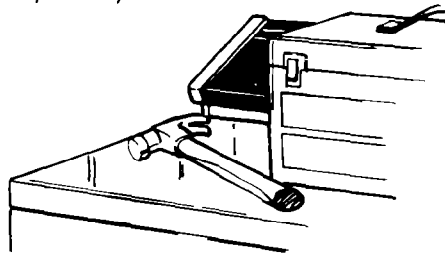
**Remove loose and sharp objects** from pockets and cuffs before drying – pins, buckles, etc. **Close metal zippers.**



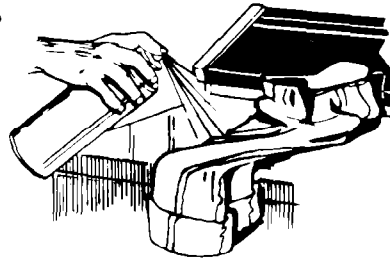
**Wipe off all spills** with a damp, soft cloth. Spills allowed to remain may dull or damage the finish.



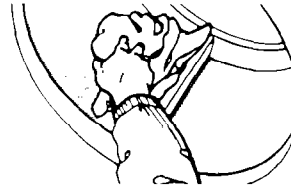
**Never leave wet or damp laundry** in your dryer.



**Sharp or heavy objects** should never be put on or in the dryer. Check pockets for bolts, nuts etc.



**Some pretreatment products** can damage dials, consoles and finish. Do not use these products on or near your dryer.



## Cleaning dryer interior

**⚠ WARNING:** Before cleaning interior, unplug power supply cord or, turn off electrical power to avoid electrical shock hazard.

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 and very warm water**

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. **–OR–**

### **Liquid spray household cleaner**

Spray on stained area. Rub with a cloth until all excess dye is removed. Tumble a load of rags.

## **Vacation care**

- Unplug power cord or turn off electrical power.
- Clean lint screen.

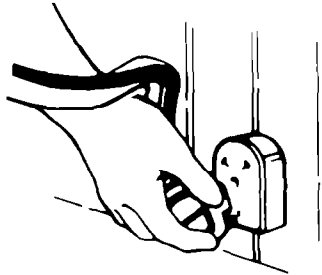
# If you need service or assistance, we suggest you follow these steps:



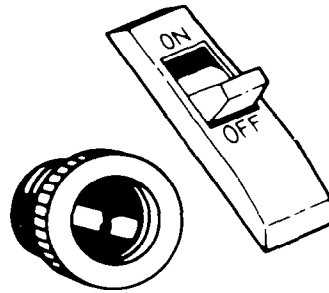
## Before calling for assistance...

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?

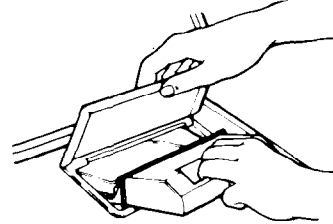


- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?

### IF YOUR DRYER DOES NOT HEAT:

- The AIR setting is without heat.
- The last minutes of heat settings are without heat.
- An electric dryer uses a circuit breaker or 2 fuses. If one fuse is blown, the dryer may run, but not heat.

### IF DRYING TIME SEEMS LONG:



- Is the lint screen clean? See page 8 of this book for cleaning instructions.
- See page 7 of this book and your "Dryer Guide."

## **If you move...**

To make sure that your appliance is correctly installed and to insure its continued satisfactory operation, call your dealer. (Installation cost must, of course, be paid by you.)

## **Helpful hints...**

You can help your service representative give you faster service if you include the model and serial number of your appliance when requesting service. Also, retain your sales slip and warranty to verify your warranty status.

**Remember...**Your service representative is trained in repairing and servicing your Whirlpool appliances. He can help you maintain the quality originally built into your Whirlpool appliance. So...take the time now to look up his telephone number and jot it down in the space provided on page 2.

## **If you have a problem\*...**

Call your dealer or write:  
Service Manager,  
International Division  
Whirlpool Corporation  
Administrative Center  
2000 M-63  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

\*If you must write, please provide: your name, address, telephone number, type of appliance, brand, model, serial number, the dealer's name and a complete description of the problem. This information is needed in order to better respond to your request for assistance.



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# WHIRLPOOL® DRYER WARRANTY

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LENGTH OF WARRANTY	WHIRLPOOL WILL PAY FOR
<b>FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY</b> From Date of Purchase	FSP® replacement parts and repair labor to correct defects in materials or workmanship. Service must be provided by a franchised TECH-CARE® service company.
<b>WHIRLPOOL WILL NOT PAY FOR</b>	
<b>A.</b> 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>B.</b> Repairs when dryer is used in other than normal, single-family household use. <b>C.</b> Pick up and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home. <b>D.</b> Damage to dryer caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool.	

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