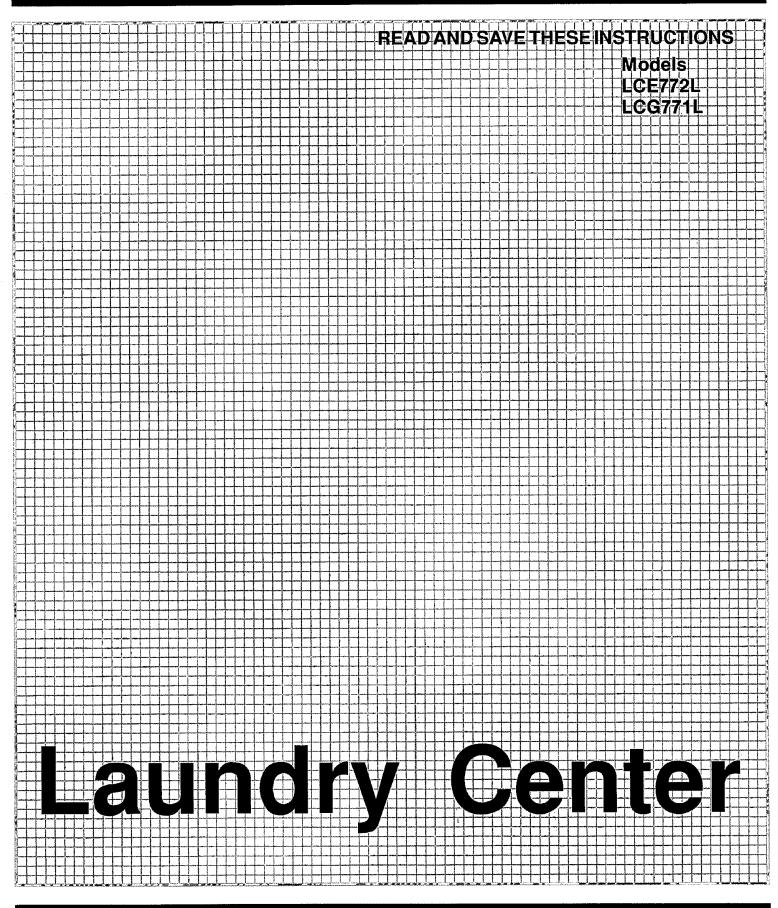
## OWNER'S GUIDE

## **Frigidaire**



## Frigidaire Laundry Center

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Record in the space provided below the Model No. and Serial No. of this appliance. These numbers are found on the serial plate located on inside of the dryer door.

Model No.\_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Retain these numbers for future reference.

**IMPORTANT:** Keep a copy of your bill of sale. The date on the bill establishes the warranty period should service be required. If service is performed, it is in your best interest to obtain and keep all receipts.

## PLEASE DO THIS NOW!

The self-addressed PRODUCT REGISTRATION CARD should be filled in completely, signed, and returned.

This information will register your product and help us to serve you quickly in the future if necessary.

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This Owner's Guide provides specific operating instructions for your model. Use the Laundry Center only as instructed in this Owner's Guide and the **Total** Laundry Care book included with your Laundry Center.

#### FOR YOUR SAFETY

- If you smell gas:
- 1. Open the windows.
- 2. Don't touch electrical switches.
- 3. Extinguish any open flames.
- 4. Immediately call your gas supplier.

#### FOR YOUR SAFETY

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

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### Read all instructions before using this Laundry Center.

**<u>AWARNING</u>** To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons when using your washer and dryer, follow basic precautions, including the following:

#### **Prevent Fire**

**AWARNING** Do not wash or dry articles that have been previously cleaned in, soaked in, or spotted with gasoline, cleaning solvents, kerosene, cooking oils, waxes, etc. These substances give off vapors that could ignite or explode.

**AWARNING** Do not add gasoline, cleaning solvents, or other flammable or explosive substances to the wash water. These substances give off vapors that could ignite or explode.

**AWARNING** To prevent fire, do not use heat to dry articles containing plastic, foam rubber or similarly textured rubber-like materials or pillows and clothing with feathers/down. Use the AIR FLUFF (no heat) setting only.

**AWARNING** 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 the washer, 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.

**AWARNING** Clean lint screen before or after each load. The interior of the machine, lint screen housing and exhaust duct should be cleaned approximately every 18 months by qualified service personnel. An excessive amount of lint build-up in these areas could result in inefficient drying and possible fire. See the "Care and Cleaning" section in this manual.

**AWARNING** Keep area around the exhaust opening and adjacent surrounding areas free from the accumulation of lint, dust and dirt.

**AWARNING** Fluorocarbon aerosol spray fabric softeners are not recommended for use in this dryer. Damage resulting from use of this type of softener can be considered as misuse of the dryer.

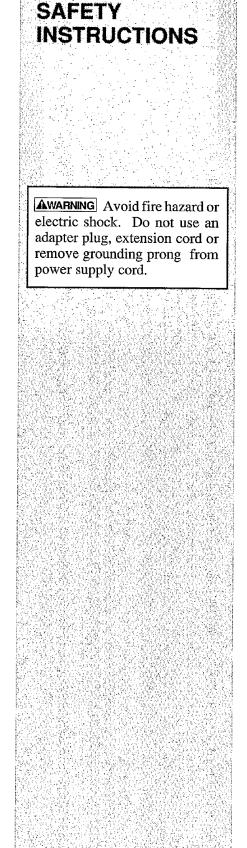
Failure to comply with these warnings could result in fire, explosion, serious bodily injury and/or damage to the rubber or plastic parts of the washer or dryer.

#### **Protect Children**

**AWARNING** Do not allow children to play on or in the Laundry Center. Close supervision of children is necessary when the Laundry Center is used near children. As children grow, teach them the proper, safe use of all appliances.

**AWARNING** Destroy the carton, plastic bags and metal band after Laundry Center is unpacked. Children might use them for play. Cartons covered with rugs, bedspreads or plastic sheets can become airtight chambers.

**AWARNING** Keep laundry products out of children's reach. To prevent personal injury, observe all warnings on product labels.



IMPORTANT

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (continued)

**FOR YOUR SAFETY** Do not obstruct the flow of ventilating air from the dryer.

**NOTE:** The instructions appearing in this Owner's Guide and **Total Laundry Care** book are not meant to cover every possible condition and situation that may occur. Common sense and caution must be practiced when installing, operating and maintaining any appliance.

**<u>AWARNING</u>** Before the Laundry Center is removed from service or discarded, remove the lid to the washing and drying compartments to prevent accidental entrapment.

Failure to comply with these warnings could result in serious personal injuries.

### **Prevent Injury**

**<u>AWARNING</u>** The Laundry Center must be installed and electrically grounded in accordance with local codes by a qualified service person to prevent shock hazard and assure stability during operation. Installation instructions are packed in the Laundry Center for installer's reference. Refer to INSTALLA-TION INSTRUCTIONS for detailed grounding procedures. If the appliance is moved to a new location, have the Laundry Center checked and reinstalled by a qualified service person.

**AWARNING** To prevent personal injury or damage to the Laundry Center, the electrical cord of a gas dryer must be plugged into a properly grounded and polarized 3-prong outlet. The third grounding prong must never be removed. Never ground the dryer to a gas pipe. Do not use an extension cord.

**<u>AWARNING</u>** Follow package directions when using laundry products. Incorrect usage can produce poisonous gas - resulting in serious injury or death.

- Do not combine laundry products for use in one load unless specified on the label.
- DO NOT mix chlorine bleach with ammonia or acids such as vinegar.

**AWABNING** To prevent injury and damage to the Laundry Center:

- Do not repair or replace any part of the washer or dryer or attempt any servicing unless specifically recommended in this Owner's Guide. Use only authorized WCI Parts.
- Do not tamper with controls.
- Do not install or store this Laundry Center where it will be exposed to the weather.

**AWARNING** ALWAYS disconnect the Laundry Center from the electrical supply before attempting any service or cleaning. Failure to do so can result in electrical shock or injury.

**AWARNING** To prevent injury, never reach into the washer while parts are moving. Before loading, unloading or adding items, push in the timer knob and allow the tub to coast to a complete stop before reaching inside.

**AWARNING** To prevent injury, do not reach into the dryer if the drum is moving. Wait until the machine has stopped completely before reaching into the drum.

Failure to comply with these warnings could result in serious personal injuries.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

**AWARNING** To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons, read the IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS before operating this appliance.

For detailed information on laundry preparation, sorting, factors affecting performance and laundry products, see the **Total Laundry Care** (**TLC**) book.

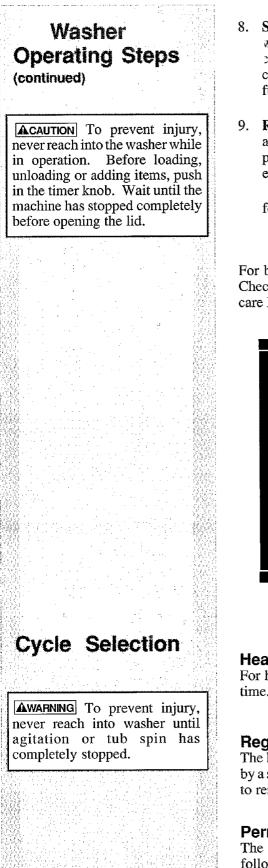
- 1. Prepare laundry according to directions in Total Laundry Care book.
- 2. Estimate the size of the wash load.
- 3. Add measured detergent to empty tub. Accurately measure detergent before adding it to the washer. For best results, follow package directions. If the water is hard or the load is heavily soiled or larger than usual, more detergent may be needed. If the water is soft or the load is lightly soiled or smaller than usual, less detergent may be needed.

If excess sudsing occurs when using the suggested amount of detergent, change to a low-sudsing detergent. Excess suds are not necessary to get clothes clean and can hamper wash action.

- 4. Add liquid bleach, if desired, to the wash tub as directed in the section, "Bleach Dispenser".
- 5. If desired, add fabric softener. See instructions for "Fabric Softener Dispenser."
- 6. Load clothes loosely. Dry load level should be no higher than the top row of circular holes in the wash tub. Do not load articles on top of the agitator or wind them around it. For best results, mix large items with small ones. When washing a single heavy item, such as a shag rug or bedspread, add one or two smaller articles to balance the load. Large items should be no more than half the total load.
- 5. Set the controls. Choose the control settings according to the type of load and the amount of soil. Refer to the Control Settings Chart for suggested cycles, wash times and water temperatures.
  - Water Temperature Control Press the water temperature control button to select the desired wash/rinse tempeature.
  - Water Level Control For best economy and washing results, set the water level control according to the size of the load.
- 7. Push in timer knob and turn clockwise to the desired wash cycle and wash time. For best washing results, follow the fabric care labels in clothes for washing instructions. If in doubt, check the "Cycle Selection Guide" and the Total Laundry Care book for suggested wash cycle and time. See "Cycle Selection" for wash cycle descriptions.



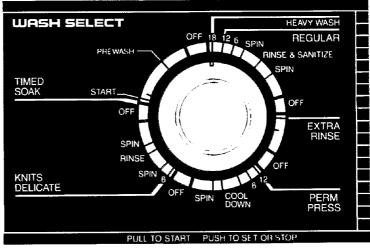
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- 8. **Start the washer** by closing the lid firmly and pulling out timer knob. The washer will operate with the door open, however, it will not go into the spin cycle unless the lid is closed. To stop the washer, push in timer knob. To change the cycle, push in timer knob and turn it clockwise to the desired function.
- 9. **Remove clothes when the cycle is completed.** SAFETY LID LOCK: As a safety measure, the lid will AUTOMATICALLY LOCK during the spin portion of each cycle. The lid will unlock approximately 1 minute after the end of the spin cycle.

To open the lid during the spin cycle, push in the timer knob and wait for the lid lock to release.

For best results, follow fabric care label directions on articles to be washed. Check the "Cycle Selection Guide" and the **Total Laundry Care** book if the care label is not available.



#### **Heavy Wash**

For heavily soiled or heavy loads, Heavy wash provides 18 minutes of wash time.

#### **Regular Wash Cycle**

The Regular wash cycle provides up to 12 minutes of wash agitation followed by a spray rinse during the first spin, a deep water rinse and a 8 minute final spin to remove water.

### Permanent Press Cycle

The Perm Press wash cycle provides up to 12 minutes of wash agitation followed by a 1 minute cool down rinse to reduce wrinkling in the first spin, a deep water rinse and 6 minutes of slow spin to minimize wrinkling as water is removed in the final spin.

#### **Knits/Delicates Cycle**

The Knits/Delicates wash cycle provides six minutes of slow agitation for the gentle care of delicate articles. There is a spray rinse during the first spin, followed by a deep water rinse and six minutes of slow spin to minimize wrinkling as water is removed in the final spin.

#### Sanitize

During periods of family illness, you may wish to santize your washer. The Sanitize cycle provides an extra rinse and spin to help in preventing spread of germs. For more information, refer to the "Sanitizing Laundry" section in the **Total Laundry Care** book.

#### **Extra Rinse**

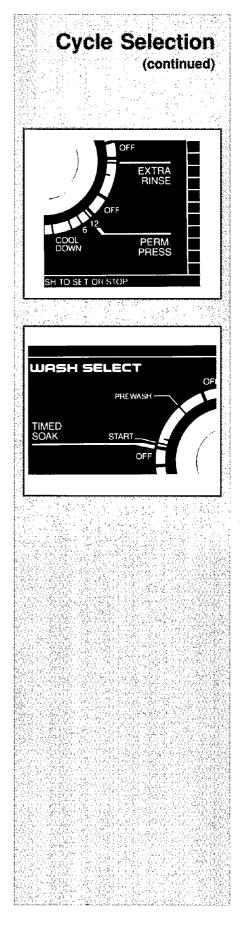
The Extra Rinse cycle can be selected if an extra rinse is desired. For heavily soiled loads or if excess sudsing occurs, turn Cycle Selector clockwise to Extra Rinse. This setting provides a three minute rinse and agitation followed by a 12 minute spin.

#### **Timed Soak/ Prewash**

The Soak portion of the Timed Soak/Prewash cycle can be used to treat heavily soiled or stained items that may require more than one wash. It provides four minutes of soaking time automatically followed by a four minute prewash. Use with the recommended amount of detergent and bleach for one wash cycle. Water temperatures for Soak correspond to the rinse water temperature selected.

The Prewash portion of the Timed Soak/Prewash cycle can be used alone to help remove protein-based stains such as milk, grass and blood, and to help loosen soils before washing. During Prewash, the washer will agitate for four minutes, then drain, spin, and shut off. Use the recommended amount of detergent and bleach for one wash cycle. Water temperatures for Prewash correspond to the wash water temperature selected.

A Timed Soak or Prewash should **always** be followed by a normal wash cycle using the recommended amount of detergent.

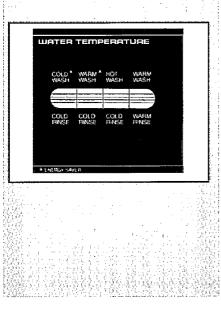


## Cycle Selection Guide

Locate fabric type and read across for wash and rinse temperature, suggested wash-cycle-and-wash-time

This is only a general guide. For best results, follow label directions on specific items to be washed.

|   |       |         | SELECT          |           |
|---|-------|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| Fabric Type   | Temp. |         | Wash            | Wash Time |
|   | Wash  | Rinse   | cycle           | (min.)    |
| <u>REGULAR</u><br>Heavily Soiled<br>Colorfast & White |       |         |                 |           |
| Cotton & Linen  | Hot   | Cold    | Heavy Wash      | 18        |
| Lightly Soiled<br>Colorfast & White                   |       |         |                 |           |
| Cotton & Linen  | Warm  | Cold    | Regular         | 12        |
| Non-Colorfast<br>Bright Colors                        |       | <b></b> |                 |           |
| All Fabrics   | Cold  | Cold    | Regular         | 12        |
| Plastic<br>Shower Curtain                             | Warm  | Warm    | Regular         | б         |
| PERMANENT PRESS<br>White or                           |       |         |                 |           |
| Heavily Soiled  | Hot   | Cold    | Permanent Pres  | s 12      |
| Colored or  |       |         |                 |           |
| Lightly Soiled  | Warm  | Cold    | Permanent Pres  | s 6       |
| KNITS/DELICATES<br>Special Items                      |       |         |                 |           |
| Knitted Fabrics                                       | Warm  | Cold    | Knits/Delicates | 3-6       |
| Washable Woolens                                      | Warm  | Cold    | Knits/Delicates | 6         |



#### Water Temperature Control

Water temperatures for washing and rinsing are set by using the Water Temperature control. Push the button that corresponds to the desired water temperature combination. (NOTE: If more than one Water Temperature control button is pushed, the washer will not fill.)

Several wash/rinse water temperature combinations are available.

Correct water temperature is necessary for good washing results. To help determine the best wash temperature for particular loads, refer to the information on water temperature in the **Total Laundry Care** book under "Factors Affecting Performance."

#### Water Level Control

The Water Level control provides the proper amount of wash and rinse water when set for specific wash load sizes. This control allows you to conserve water and achieve the best washing results. (NOTE: If more than one Water Level control button is pushed, the washer will not fill.)

The Water Level control can be set at the settings indicated. The bulkiness of wash loads is important when determining a water level. Articles that absorb a large amount of water, such as blankets and rugs require more water. For best results when washing bulky items, set the Water Level for the largest possible amount of water.

#### **Bleach Dispenser**

When using bleach, add it to the wash tub before clothes are added. To add bleach, use the Bleach Dispenser located in the left front corner of the machine under the lid. Always use the LARGE Water Level setting when using bleach.

Measure liquid bleach in a measuring cup. Use 3/4 cup for small loads, 1 cup for large loads and 1 1/4 cups cups for extra large loads. Pour the bleach directly into the dispenser, then pour in one cup of water.

The bleach dispenser automatically dispenses the diluted liquid bleach into the wash water.

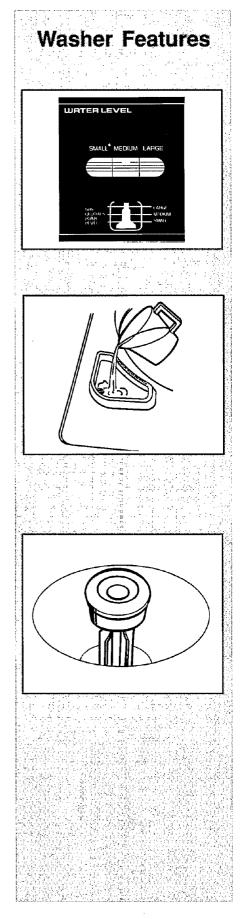
Powdered bleach must not be used in the Bleach Dispenser. Before adding articles, add powdered bleach to the wash water following directions on the package.

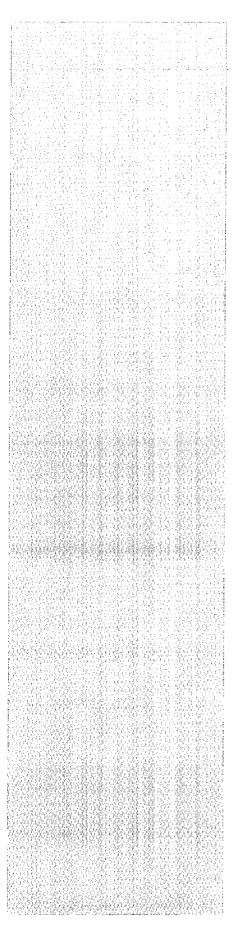
#### **Fabric Softener Dispenser**

If desired, fabric softener can be added to the final rinse water through the Fabric Softener Dispenser.

After loading, but before starting the washer, place the dispenser on top of the agitator. Press down gently until the dispenser is firmly seated in place. Following label directions, pour recommended amount of softener for one load into the dispenser. Add water to bring the liquid level to the top point in center of dispenser. Do not fill the dispenser above this level. Do not stop and restart washer during spin when the fabric softener dispenser is in use. The fabric softener solution is spun out of the center cup at the beginning of the first spin and is retained in the outer shell. When wash spin stops, the solution is released into the final rinse water.

Clean the Fabric Softener Dispenser occasionally by thoroughly flushing it out with warm water. Run the washer through a short but complete wash cycle to remove the water and fabric softener.





## Safety Lock Lid

For your safety, the washer lid locks automatically at the beginning of each spir cycle and remains locked until the spin portion of each cycle is completed. The lid will automatically unlock approximately one minute after the end of the spin cycle.

To open the lid during the spin cycle, push in the timer knob and wait for the lid lock to release before opening.

## **Tub Interior Light**

For ease in loading and unloading your washer, a light inside the washer tub will turn on when the lid is open. Closing the lid will turn the light off. To turn the light off when the lid is open, push in timer knob. **AWARNING** — To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons, read the IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS before operating this appliance.

For detailed information on laundry preparation, sorting, factors affecting performance and laundry products, see the **Total Laundry Care** (**TLC**) book.

- 1. Check to be sure the lint screen is clean before drying clothes.
- 2. Place clothes in the dryer. See the Total Laundry Care book for specific guidelines on sorting and loading. Add a sheet of dryer fabric softener if desired.
- 3. Close the dryer door. The dryer will not operate unless the door is closed.
- 4. Set the Fabric Temperature Control to the desired temperature. Refer to the "Control Settings Chart" or fabric selection on the Fabric Temperature control for suggested settings according to fabric type.
- 5. **Turn the Timer Knob clockwise to the desired setting.** (See "Control Settings Chart".) The setting can be changed any time during the cycle.
- 6. To start the dryer, push and hold the Start button for two seconds. The dryer will always stop when the door is opened. If the door is open during the cycle, the Start button must be pushed in to restart the dryer. If the timer knob is in the OFF position when you push the Start button, a cycle signal will sound and the dryer will not start.
- 7. A cycle signal will sound at the end of the cycle. Remove items immediately to help prevent wrinkling. If the load is removed before time has elapsed, turn Cycle Selector to OFF.

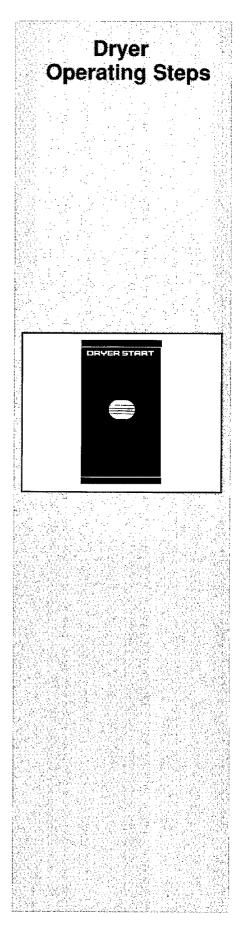
At the end of the Automatic Perm Press and Regular cycles, the dryer automatically advances into the COOL DOWN period. The cycle end signal will sound every 5 minutes for 40 minutes or until timer knob is advanced to OFF. Refer to "Automatic Perm Press" and "Automatic Regular" sections under Cycle Settings for detailed information.

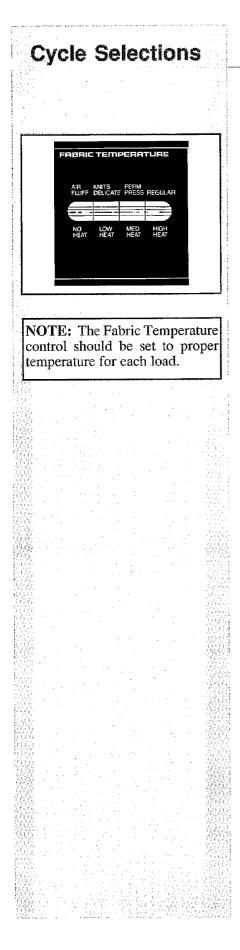
8. Clean lint screen after every load. Refer to "Care and Cleaning" section.

## **Adding or Removing Articles**

To add or remove articles when the dryer is running, open the door. Allow the dryer drum to coast to a complete stop before reaching inside.

To restart the dryer, close the door and push and hold the Start button for about two seconds. The dryer will stop if the button is released too soon. If this happens, push and hold the Start button again.





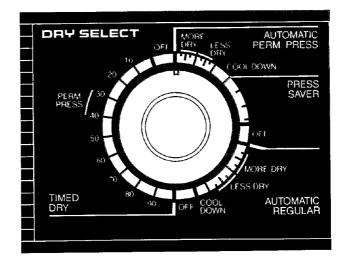
For best results, follow fabric care label directions on specific articles to be dried. Check the "Control-Settings Chart" and the **Total Laundry-Care** book if the care label is not available.

#### **Fabric Temperature Control**

Before selecting the dryer cycle, push the Fabric Temperature control button above the desired temperature. **HIGH**, **MEDIUM** or **LOW** temperature settings may be used with any cycle setting. The **AIR FLUFF** (no Heat) temperature setting should **only** be used in the Timed Dry cycle. (NOTE: If more than one Fabric Temperature control button is pushed, the dryer will not heat.) Refer to the "Control Settings Chart" for suggested settings according to fabric type.

The **AIR FLUFF** setting tumbles the load without heat. Use AIR FLUFF to fluff or freshen pillows and blankets and dust draperies and clothing. Use this **no heat setting only** for heat-sensitive items such as plastics, foam rubber or similarly textured, rubber-like materials. To absorb excess moisture, add several dry bath towels to the load.

After selecting the temperature setting, turn the timer knob clockwise to the desired cycle and time.



The **Timed Dry cycle** provides up to 100 minutes of timed drying at the selected high, medium or low temperature.

Automatic Regular cycle provides drying at the heated temperature selection of your choice. The Automatic Dry cycle determines drying time automatically When the items are dry, the heat automatically shuts off and the load is tumbled for approximately 5 minutes without heat to reduce wrinkling.

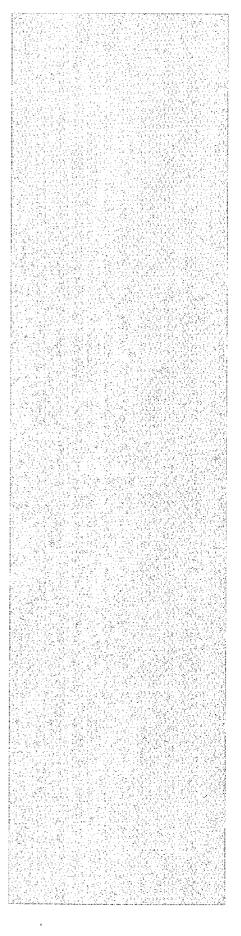
• When using the Automatic Regular cycle for the first time, set the Cycle Selector about halfway between MORE DRY and LESS DRY. Experience will determine if adjustments are needed for future loads. This cycle works best with items of similar fabric, weight and construction.

Automatic Permanent Press and Automatic Press Saver cycles provide drying for permanent press garments and delicate garments that can be tumble dried. Always follow the drying instructions found on the garment label.

- MEDIUM heat is recommended for drying permanent press items and LOW heat is suggested for knits, delicates and synthetics. A cool-down period during the last 5 minutes of the cycle prevents wrinkling.
- PRESS SAVER tumbles the wash load for a total of 40 minutes to help prevent wrinkles if the load is not removed immediately. The cycle signal will sound every 5 minutes to remind you that the drying cycle is completed.

### **Special Safety Features**

- A safety door switch stops the dryer automatically if the door is opened while the dryer is operating. The drying cycle may be resumed by simply closing the door and pushing the start button again.
- A safety door latch allows the dryer to be opened from the inside.
- The dryer heating element automatically shuts off when the motor stops to prevent overheating of clothes.
- For easy viewing, a light inside the dryer drum will turn on when the door is open. Closing the door will automatically turn the light off.
- A Thermal Limiter Switch automatically shuts down the dryer motor in the unlikely event of an overheated situation (electric models only).



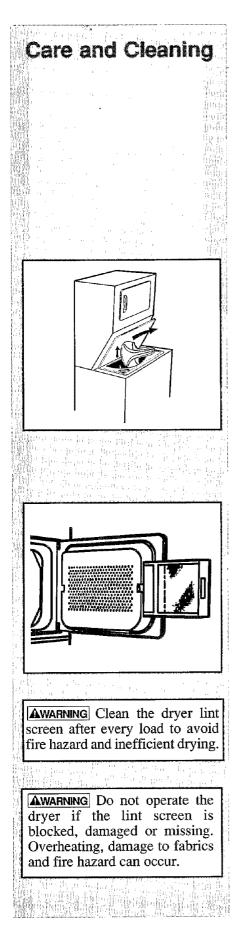
Control Settings Chart Always consult fabric care labels before drying. For items without labels, <u>follow the suggested settings below. The suggested drying times are approxi</u>mate. Actual time needed will vary depending on size of load, weight and type of fabrics.

Clothes dried in an electric dryer operating on a 208 Volt circuit instead of a 240 Volt circuit require 20 percent more drying time than the chart listing. For more helpful information, see the **Total Laundry Care** book.

| Type of Load  | <b>Temperature Setting</b>               | Cycle Setting/Time   |
|---|--|--|
| Articles containing elastic   | Low                                      | Automatic Regular  |
| Articles to be fluffed,<br>freshened or dusted  | Air Fluff                                | Timed Dry 15-20 Minutes  |
| Bedspreads, chenille  | High                                     | Timed Dry 50-60 Minutes  |
| Blankets<br>Synthetic<br>Electric<br>Wool   |  | Automatic Perm Press<br>r more instruction, see <b>Total Laundry Care.</b><br>r more instruction, see <b>Total Laundry Care.</b> |
| Cottons, linens<br>Colorfast, whites<br>Noncolorfast  | High<br>High                             | Automatic Regular<br>Automatic Regular   |
| Curtains<br>Cotton or cotton blends<br>Sheer synthetic<br>Heavy synthetic<br>To freshen all types | Medium or Low<br>Low<br>Low<br>Air Fluff | Automatic Perm Press<br>Automatic Perm Press<br>Automatic Regular<br>Timed Dry 15-20 Minutes                                     |
| Delicate sheer lingerie,<br>blouses, silk, rayon and nylon  | Low                                      | Automatic Perm Press   |

| Type of Load   | Temperature Setting  | Cycle Setting/Time   |
|--|--|--|
| Knits<br>Cotton or cotton blends<br>Synthetics<br>Wool         | Medium or Low<br>Low<br>If machine dryable, Low  | Automatic Perm Press<br>Automatic Perm Press<br>Timed Dry 20 Minutes to damp dry,<br>then air dry on flat surface. |
| Glass Fiber  | Do not dry glass fiber items in dryer unless recommended by the manufacturer.<br>Small glass particles left in the tub can be picked up by the next load. These<br>articles may cause skin irritation. |  |
| Permanent Press<br>100% cotton<br>Blends                       | Medium<br>Medium or Low  | Automatic Perm Press<br>Automatic Perm Press   |
| Pillows<br>DO NOT DRY FOAM OR FEA                              | High<br>THER PILLOWS OR GARMENTS   | Timed Dry 40-60 Minutes<br>S MADE OF DOWN IN DRYER.  |
| Plastics   | <b>AWARNING</b> To avoid fire hazards, never dry plastics, foam rubber or similarly textured, rubber-like materials in a heated dryer. Use the AIR FLUFF (No Heat) temperature setting only.           |  |
| Rugs   | See manufacturer's care label. For more instruction, see Total Laundry Care.<br>DO NOT DRY RUBBER-BACKED RUGS IN DRYER.  |  |
| Slipcovers   | Select temperature and time according to fabric. Remove when slightly damp   |  |
| Table linens<br>Cotton<br>Synthetic<br>Lace                    | High<br>Low<br>Low   | Timed Dry 30-40 Minutes<br>Timed Dry 15-20 Minutes<br>Timed Dry 10 Minutes   |
| Tennis shoes   | Always consult care labels before drying tennis shoes. Improper care can permanently damage some shoes.  |  |
| Wrinkled, but not soiled per-<br>manent press or knit garments | Low  | Timed Dry 15-20 Minutes  |

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## Inside

Remove clothes from the washer as soon as the cycle is completed to prevent the development of mildew.

With the lid open, dry the entire top and the inside lid. This area should always be dry before the lid is closed. This washer has a self-cleaning lint filter. The lint is collected during the wash and rinse cycles and is automatically flushed down the drain.

If the washer drains into a sink or wash tub, remove the lint that may collect in the sink drain or strainer. Occasionally clean the tub bottom.

#### To clean the tub bottom:

- 1. Raise washer lid.
- 2. Remove the agitator cap by turning counterclockwise.
- 3. Grasp the agitator base with both hands and pull the tub towards you. Pull up on agitator to free the agitator from the drive shaft. (NOTE: It may be necessary to gently rock the agitator back and forth to free the agitator from the drive shaft.)
- 4. Once the agitator is free, tilt agitator forward to clear lid and lid opening and remove from tub. (See illustration.)
- 5. Wipe the tub bottom with a clean dry cloth. If heavily soiled clothes have left a deposit on the tub, clean it thoroughly using a liquid household detergent. Rinse well with water.
- 6. Remove any objects such as pins or coins that may have collected beneath the agitator.
- 7. Replace agitator in the same manner as it was removed and be sure to firmly tighten the cap.

**Clean the dryer lint screen after each load.** Lint build-up in the screen restricts air flow which causes longer drying times. The screen is located in the door. Remove by pulling straight out from the side. Brush the lint from the screen and replace. Occasionally a waxy build-up may form on the lint screen from the use of dryer-added fabric softener sheets. To remove this build-up, wash the lint screen in warm, soapy water and dry thoroughly. Be sure lint screen is centered in housing before closing dryer door.

**AWARNING** Before cleaning dryer interior, unplug power cord to avoid electrical shock hazards.

If the drum is stained from non-colorfast fabrics, clean with a damp cloth and mild liquid household cleanser. Wipe away the cleanser residue before drying the next load of clothes.

**AWARNING** Do not use any type spray cleanser when cleaning dryer interior. Hazardous fumes or electrical shock can occur.

The interior of the dryer cabinet and exhaust duct can gather lint and dust over time depending on the type of articles dried and amount of use. An excessive amount of lint build-up could result in inefficient drying and possible fire hazard. These areas should be cleaned approximately every 18 months by qualified service personnel.

### Outside

When the washer is not in use, turn the water faucets off to prevent pressure build- up in the hoses.

#### Do not store items or cleaning products on top of the Laundry Center. Be careful when handling laundry products. They can damage the finish on the appliance and control panel.

Clean the cabinet with mild soap and water. If top or lid become stained, clean with diluted chlorine bleach (1/2 cup in 1 quart water). Rinse several times with clear water. Any glue left from the tape or energy label can be removed with a mixture of warm water and mild detergent. Or, touch the residue with the sticky side of tape already removed.

Do not obstruct the flow of ventilating air. Do not stack or place laundry or rugs against the front of the Laundry Center.

**Before moving the Laundry Center,** place a hard-surfaced strip under the front leveling legs to prevent damage to the floor covering.

#### Tinting

If tints and dyes are used in the washer, some washer parts, such as the agitator and tub, will take on the color of the dye. The color will not harm the parts and will not transfer to future loads if the washer is cleaned as directed.

After tinting, wipe any splashings from the cabinet and lid. Then run the washer through a hot wash cycle using detergent and bleach.

When using tints or dyes, always follow package directions. Be sure that items to be dyed are machine washable. Please note that tinted clothes **will not be colorfast** and should be washed separately to avoid transferring color to other garments.

### Winterizing Instructions

If your washer is stored in an area susceptible to freezing conditions or moved in freezing cold weather, follow these winterizing instructions to prevent possible damage to the unit:

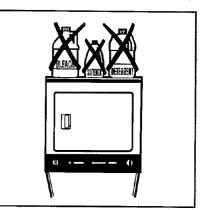
- 1. Turn off water supply faucet.
- 2. Plug the electrical cord into a properly grounded electrical outlet.
- 3. Add 1 gallon of **non-toxic Recreational Vehicle antifreeze (available from a hardware or recreational vehicle store)** to the empty washer tub. Close the lid.
- 4. Push in timer knob, turn knob clockwise to SPIN and pull the knob out.
- 5. Let the washer spin for 1 or 2 minutes to let all water drain out. Some, but not all, of the RV antifreeze will be expelled.
- 6. Push in the timer knob, dry the tub interior, disconnect the electrical plug, and close the lid.
- 7. Disconnect hoses from water supply and drain water from hoses.

Store the Laundry Center in an upright position.

**NOTE:** To clean out antifreeze after storage, run the empty washer through a complete cycle using detergent. **Do not add clothes load.** 

## Care and Cleaning

(continued)



Do not store items or cleaning products on top of the Laundry Center.

## Avoid Service Checklist

Before you call for service, review this list. It may save you time and expense. <u>The list includes common occurrences that are not the result of defective</u> workmanship or materials in this appliance.

## FIND YOUR PROBLEM HERE

## POSSIBLE CAUSE

HOW TO FIX IT

| Washer does not start.   | Washer may not be plugged in or connection may be loose.        | Make sure the plug is tightly pushed into wall outlet.  |
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|  | House fuse blown or circuit breaker tripped.                    | Check/reset circuit breaker and/or<br>replace fuse. Do not increase fuse<br>capacity. If the problem is a circuit<br>overload, have corrected by a<br>qualified electrician.                                  |
|  | Power outage. Check house lights.                               | Call local electric company.  |
|  | Timer knob not in correct position.                             | Turn timer knob slightly past desired position and pull knob out.   |
|  | The wash cycle is in a pause stage.                             | This is normal. A pause occurs between each wash and spin.  |
|  | Motor is overheated.  | The washer motor will stop if it<br>becomes overheated. It will<br>automatically restart after a<br>cooldown period of up to 30 minutes<br>if the timer has not been manually<br>turned off during this time. |
| Washer won't enter spin cycle.   | Lid is not securely closed.                                     | Close lid securely.   |
| WATER PROBLEMS<br>Water does not enter the<br>washer, or it enters slowly. | Water supply is not adequate in the area.                       | Check another faucet in the home.<br>Wait until water supply and pressure<br>increase.  |
|  | Hot and cold water supply faucets are not completely open.      | Fully open hot and cold faucets.  |
|  | Water is being used elsewhere in the house.                     | Water pressure must be at least 30 psi.<br>Try not to run water elsewhere in the<br>home while the washer is filling.   |
|  | Water inlet hoses are kinked.                                   | Straighten hoses.   |
|  | More than one Water Level control button has been pushed.       | Carefully push only one Water Level control button.   |
|  | More than one Water Temperature control button has been pushed. | Carefully push only one Water Temperature control button.   |

## **OPERATING PROBLEMS IN THE WASHER**

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| Water level is not sufficient<br>for load size or does not cover<br>clothes. | Improper water level selection.  | Reselect water level by pushing in<br>Water Level control button. When<br>Water Level control is set on<br>LARGE, dry clothes level should be<br>no higher than top row of circular<br>holes in wash tub.  |
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| Hot water is not hot enough.   | Hot water heater is set too low.   | Measure hot water temperature at the<br>laundry tub or sink with a candy or<br>meat thermometer and be sure that<br>the water temperature is at least<br>130°F. Adjust the water heater as<br>necessary.   |
|  | Water heater is a distance from the washer and water cools as it runs through the pipes to the washer.   | Check the temperature of the hot<br>water heater at the washer or faucet<br>nearby. Adjust water heater if<br>necessary.   |
|  |  | Open hot water faucet at nearby sink to drain cool water from pipes.   |
|  | Hot water is being used elsewhere in the home.   | Try not to use hot water elsewhere in<br>the home before, or while the washer<br>is running. There may not be enough<br>hot water available for proper<br>cleaning. If problem persists, your<br>hot water system may be unable to<br>support more than one use at a time. |
| Water in washer does not<br>drain, or drains slowly.                         | Drain hose is kinked or clogged.   | Straighten hose and/or clean the drain.  |
|  | Tub is oversudsed.   | See "Oversudsing", next page.  |
| Water leaks.   | Hose connections at faucets are loose and/or washer is loose.  | Check and tighten hose connections.  |
|  | Drain pipes in the house are clogged.  | Contact plumber.   |
|  | Use of a high-sudsing detergent in<br>soft water can cause a suds to<br>overflow inside the washer. This may<br>appear as a leak if suds flow or drip<br>onto the floor. | Use a low-sudsing detergent. See<br>"Oversudsing" (next page) for<br>instructions on how to remove<br>excessive suds.  |
| Clothes too wet after spin.  | Washer is overloaded.  | Do not overload the washer. See <b>Total Laundry Care</b> book.  |
|  | Load is out of balance.  | Rearrange load to allow spinning at top speed.   |

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| Clothes too wet after spin.                             | Drain hose is kinked.   | Straighten drain hose.  |
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|   | Cold rinse water used.  | This is normal. Cold rinses save<br>energy and reduce wrinkling, but the<br>clothes tend to feel wetter.  |
| Wash and rinse water temper-<br>atures are incorrect.   | The hot water hose and cold water<br>hose are connected to the wrong<br>supply faucets. | Connect the hot water hose to the hot water faucet and the cold water hose to the cold water faucet.  |
| Water is entering washer but<br>tub does not fill.      | Standpipe for the drain hose is not the correct height.                                 | Standpipe must be a minimum of 33" high.  |
| Oversudsing.  | Too much detergent.   | Follow package directions for<br>recommended amounts of detergent.<br>To remove the suds, stop machine and<br>advance the timer to last rinse which<br>should flush out the extra suds. See<br>"To Recondition Clothes" in <b>Total</b><br>Laundry Care book. |
|   | Detergent is not compatible with water conditions.                                      | A low-sudsing detergent may be necessary in special soft water conditions.  |
|   | Items were pretreated before washing.   | When pretreating, laundry aids will remain in items. Use less detergent than recommended.   |
|   | Laundry products such as oxygen bleach may cause additional sudsing.                    | Reduce the amount of detergent when additional laundry aids are used.   |
| Permanent press items become<br>wrinkled in the washer. | Washer is overloaded.   | Do not overload the washer. See Total Laundry Care book.  |
|   | Insufficient water level.   | Wash small loads with maximum water setting.  |
|   | Incorrect rinse water temperature.  | Use cold water rinse only. Make sure water hoses are connected to proper faucets.   |
|   | Items left in the washer too long after cycle is completed.                             | Remove items when cycle is completed.   |

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| "Clunking" sound.            | A certain amount of "clunking" or gear sounds are normal in a heavy-<br>duty washer.        | This is normal.   |
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| Rattling and clanking noise. | Foreign objects such as coins or safety pins may be in the tub.                             | Stop washer and check the tub. See "Care and Cleaning".   |
|                              | Foreign objects may be in the pump.   | Call your authorized service agency.  |
|                              | Belt buckles and metal fasteners are<br>hitting the washer tub during the<br>washing cycle. | To prevent unnecessary noise and<br>damage to the tub, fasten fasteners<br>and turn garments inside out. Refer to<br>"Laundry Preparation" in <b>Total</b><br>Laundry Care book.        |
| Vibrating noise.             | Washer is not resting firmly on floor.  | Reposition washer so it rests firmly<br>on floor. Adjust leveling legs.<br>Leveling legs should not extend more<br>than required for proper leveling. See<br>Installation Instructions. |
|                              | Clothes are not evenly distributed in tub.  | Stop washer and redistribute clothes.   |
|                              | Washer is not resting on a solid, firm floor.   | Additional floor bracing may be needed. Contact carpenter to correct sagging or sloping floor.  |
| Thumping sound.              | Heavy wash loads may produce a thumping sound at the beginning of the spin cycle.           | This is normal. If sound continues,<br>stop machine, pull out timer knob and<br>open lid. Redistribute clothes.   |

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### **OPERATING PROBLEMS IN THE DRYER**

| Dryer does not start.       | Dryer may not be plugged in or plug<br>may be loose.  | Make sure the plug is tightly pushed<br>into wall outlet.<br>Check/reset circuit breaker and/or<br>replace fuse. Do not increase fuse<br>capacity. If the problem is a circuit<br>overload, have corrected by a<br>qualified electrician.<br>Call local electric company.  |  |
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|                             | House fuse blown or circuit breaker tripped.  |  |  |
|                             | Power outage. Check house lights.   |  |  |
|                             | Timer knob not in correct position.   | Turn Timer knob clockwise until the<br>indicator is advanced a little further<br>into the cycle, push the Start button<br>and hold it in for two seconds.  |  |
|                             | Start button has not been pushed long enough.   | <ul> <li>Push Start button and hold it in for two seconds.</li> <li>Push dryer door closed.</li> <li>Allow motor to cool down for about 30 minutes. Reduce clothes load.</li> <li>Push Start button to restart. If problem persists, call for service.</li> <li>Call authorized service person for replacement.</li> </ul> |  |
|                             | Dryer door not closed.  |  |  |
|                             | Motor overheats due to overloading.   |  |  |
|                             | Thermal Limiter tripped.  |  |  |
|                             | More than one Fabric Temperature control button has been pushed.                            | Carefully push only one Fabric Temperature control button.   |  |
| Dryer runs, but won't heat. | House fuse blown or circuit breaker tripped (electric models only).                         | Electrical line is overloaded.<br>Contact an electrician. Dryer must<br>be on a separate circuit. Reset circuit<br>breaker or replace fuse.  |  |
|                             | Gas supply valve is not open (gas models).  | Check and make sure supply valve is<br>open. See Installation Instructions<br>for procedure. If there is still no heat,<br>call a qualified gas service person or<br>authorized WCI servicer.  |  |
|                             | LP Gas supply tank is empty or a utility interruption of natural gas occurred (gas models). | Refill or replace tank. Dryer should heat when utility service is restored.  |  |
|                             | Dryer does not have enough air supply<br>to support the burner flame (gas<br>models).       | Refer to Installation Instructions for proper installation.  |  |

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| Dryer runs, but takes an excessive<br>amount of time to dry clothes. | Dryer is connected to a 208 volt circuit (electric models only).  | Drying time will be 20 percent longer<br>than when dried on a 240 volt circuit.   |
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|  | Exhaust duct is too long.   | Refer to Installation Instructions for<br>maximum length and specifications<br>of rigid and metal flexible ducts.<br>Install the dryer accordingly. |
|  | Exhaust duct is too small.  | Minimum required exhaust diameter<br>is 4 inches. Do not use a smaller duct.  |
|  | Exhaust duct has more than two bends.                             | The maximum number of 90° bends<br>allowed in the exhaust duct is two.<br>Relocate the dryer to comply to these<br>requirements.                    |
|  | Exhaust duct and/or lint screen housing is clogged or restricted. | Have duct and/or lint screen housing<br>cleaned by qualified service<br>personnel.  |
|  | Lint screen is clogged with lint.                                 | Clean lint screen. Lint screen must be cleaned after every load.  |
|  | Dryer is overloaded.  | Refer to <b>Total Laundry Care</b> book for load size.  |
|  | Heavy items were not sorted from lightweight items.               | Refer to <b>Total Laundry Care</b> book for sorting recommendations.  |
|  | Low heat selected.  | The Low Heat setting, which is safe<br>for delicate and knit items, requires<br>longer drying periods.  |
|  | Dryer runs, but is not heating.                                   | See "Dryer runs but won't heat" on previous page.   |
|  | High humidity.  | Drying times will be longer in areas where humidity is high.  |
|  |   | Use a dehumidifier near the dryer location to help reduce the humidity.   |
|  | Washer not spinning water out of clothes.                         | See washer operating instructions.  |

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| Permanent press items<br>become wrinkled in the<br>dryer.      | Dryer is overloaded.   | Refer to <b>Total Laundry Care</b> book for load size.  |
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| uryer.   | Items left in dryer too long.  | Remove items when cycle is completed.   |
|  | Insufficient sorting of items.   | Refer to <b>Total Laundry Care</b> book for sorting recommendations.  |
|  | Incorrect cycle and/or temperature selected.   | See "Control Settings Chart."   |
|  | Lint screen clogged with lint.   | Clean lint screen after every load.   |
| NOISE PROBLEMS   | Items were wrinkled in the washer.   | See problem, "Permanent press items become wrinkled in the washer."   |
| Clattering or clanking sound.<br>DRUM AND INNER<br>DOOR FINISH | Foreign objects such as coins, pins, clips or buttons are inside dryer.  | Always check pockets for foreign ob-<br>jects when loading the dryer. Remove<br>objects from drum and restart dryer.  |
|  | Shipping braces have not been removed from the Laundry Center.   | Refer to Installation Instructions or contact the installing agent or dealer.   |
| Scratching or chipping of the finish.                          | Permanently attached objects such as<br>belts, buckles, zippers, hooks and<br>fasteners will produce a noise.  | To prevent noise and damage to the drum, buckle belts, fasten fasteners and turn garments inside out.   |
|  | Foreign objects such as coins, pins<br>and clips, and permanently attached<br>items such as belt buckles, zippers<br>and fasteners may be hitting the in-<br>side of the drum. | Remove foreign objects from<br>garments. Turn garments inside out.<br>It may be necessary to baste a scrap of<br>material securely around ornaments<br>before washing and drying to prevent<br>scratching and damage to the<br>machine. |

To avoid unnecessary cost and inconvenience, make a few simple checks before calling for service. Be sure you have followed the instructions in this Owner's Guide and the **Total Laundry Care** book. Incorrect control settings often cause problems. Check fuses and circuit breakers if the product does not operate.

If you are unable to locate the cause of a problem, call for service. Insist on factory service by WCI Consumer Parts & Service or a Frigidaire authorized service agency.

## IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR APPLIANCE, FOLLOW THESE STEPS, IN ORDER:

- 1. Read the Avoid Service Checklist. This could help prevent charges for an unnecessary service call, both during and after the warranty period. Common occurrences and their solutions can be found in the checklist.
- 2. Call Frigidaire Service. If your problem cannot be solved by using the Avoid Service Checklist, call your Frigidaire dealer. If your dealer does not have a service department, call the local WCI Consumer Parts & Service or Frigidaire authorized service agent as directed in the warranty.
- **3. Call Frigidaire Customer Relations.** If service cannot be obtained or the service you receive is not satisfactory, you may write or call:

Frigidaire Company Customer Relations Department P.O. Box 7181 Dublin, Ohio 43017 (800) 451-7007.

4. Place the name, address and telephone number of your service agent in the spaces below.



#### WCI Consumer Parts & Service

White Consolidated Industries, Inc. maintains a vast network of factory authorized servicers to provide prompt, courteous, professional service for your appliance anywhere you live or move in the U.S.A.

If You Need

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Product and feature specifications as described or illustrated are subject to change without notice.

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## FRIGIDAIRE WARRANTY

## Your Frigidaire Laundry Center is protected by this warranty

#### FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY (Excluding Alaska)

Frigidaire Company, a Division of White Consolidated Industries, Inc., warrants that Frigidaire will repair, without charge, any defect or malfunction occurring in this Laundry Center during the first year after date of purchase by the original consumer-owner.

#### FULL 25-YEAR INNER WASH BASKET WARRANTY (Excluding Alaska)

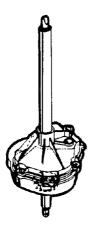
Frigidaire will furnish replacement, without charge, for the inner wash basket that breaks due to defective materials or workmanship during the first 25 years after date of purchase by the original consumer-owner. Frigidaire will furnish the replacement part (illustrated below) and inhome service labor without charge.



INNER WASH BASKET

#### LIMITED WARRANTY (After First Year)

During the second through fifth year, Frigidaire will furnish a replacement for a defective or malfunctioning part found in the washer transmission. The illustration below shows these parts. The consumer-owner will be responsible for all labor costs.



#### LIMITED WARRANTY (Applicable to the State of Alaska)

In the State of Alaska all of the provisions of the full or limited warranty and the exclusions thereunder listed on this form are unchanged except that Frigidaire does not pay for the cost of the technician's travel to your home nor for the cost of transporting the product to his shop. You are responsible for these charges.

#### THESE WARRANTIES DO NOT APPLY:

- 1. To conditions resulting from (A) improper installation, or (B) incorrect electric current.
- 2. To conditions resulting from consumer damage, such as: (A) improper maintenance, or (B) misuse, abuse, accident, alteration.
- 3. If the original serial number cannot be readily determined.
- To service calls not involving malfunction or defects in materials or workmanship, and naturally the consumer shall pay for such calls.
- To Laundry Centers installed outside the continental United States and Hawaii.
- 6. If used in any commercial application.
- 7. To Laundry Centers installed in the State of Alaska.

These warranties give you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

These are the only written warranties applicable to Frigidaire Laundry Centers and Frigidaire neither assumes nor authorizes anyone to assume for it any other obligation or liability in connection with such Laundry Centers. FRIGIDAIRE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES SUCH AS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES RESULTING FROM BREACH OF THESE WRITTEN WARRANTIES OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages so this limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

FOR SERVICE UNDER THIS WARRANTIES contact any authorized Frigidaire servicing dealer, or if there is a question as to where to obtain warranty service, write our Customer Relations Department at this address.

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