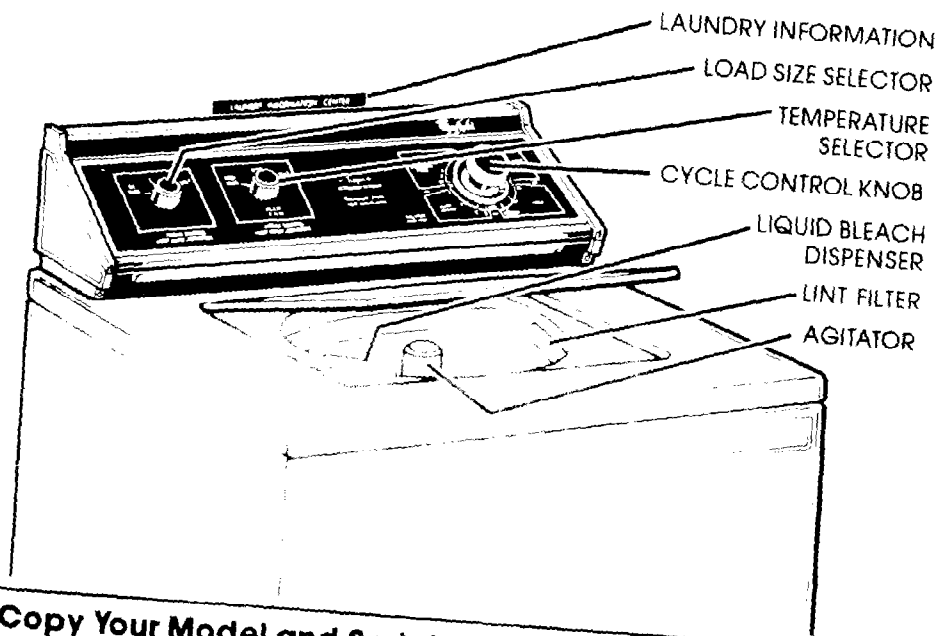


Model LA5530XK  
LA5535XK  
Regular Capacity

# Whirlpool AUTOMATIC WASHER

## Use & Care Guide



### 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 the plate under the lid near the hinge)
2. Purchase date from sales slip (or date installed).

Copy this information in these spaces. Keep this book in the Laundry Information Center with your *Laundry Guide*, sales slip and warranty.

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

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

Purchase Date (month and day) \_\_\_\_\_

Service Center and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# Before using your Washer

Please read this booklet to be sure your washer is installed and used properly. It will help you get the best results and longest life your washer was designed to give.

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

- is installed by a qualified installer
- is properly installed and leveled on a floor that can support the weight
- is connected to the right kind of outlet electric supply, water supply and drain
- is properly electrically grounded
- is used only for loads normally expected of home automatic washers
- is properly maintained
- is protected from the weather
- is not run by children or anyone unable to operate it properly

**Remove** the Consumer Buy Guide label. It will be easier to remove before the washer is used.

You may want to wipe out the basket with a damp cloth before using to remove dust from storing or shipping.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: See the Laundry Guide for tips on detergents, other laundry aids and instructions for washing special items.**

See the Installer or instructions for complete information.

## SAFETY FIRST

**Do not permit children to operate or play with the washer.**

**CAUTION: Store laundry detergent and additives in a cool, dry place where children can't reach them.**

## SPINNING SAFETY

**If the lid is opened while the basket is spinning, the basket will automatically stop in a few seconds. DO NOT ADD OR REMOVE ITEMS UNTIL THE BASKET STOPS COMPLETELY.**

## SPECIAL CAUTION

**Flammable gases may build up in hot water pipes and heater. This can happen when hot water hasn't been used for a while (usually two weeks or more).**

**To prevent injury or damage, allow any gases to escape by running hot water from the faucet nearest the washer for several minutes. Don't smoke near the faucet while it is open, and turn off any open flame.**

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## Loading your Washer



For best washing results and energy savings, sort the laundry carefully.

### 1. Sort the Laundry into Loads.

- Group the laundry into loads that can be washed and dried together. See the Laundry Guide for information and samples of typical loads.
- Try to mix large and small items for best movement in the washer.

### 2. Measure Detergent; Add to Washer Basket.

- See detergent information on page 6 and in Section IV of the Laundry Guide.

### 3. Load the Washer.

- Load without packing so items can move freely for best cleaning and least wrinkling.
- Spread the load evenly. (Don't put all the towels on one side and a few wash cloths on the other.) An unbalanced load can cause the washer to shake during spinning.



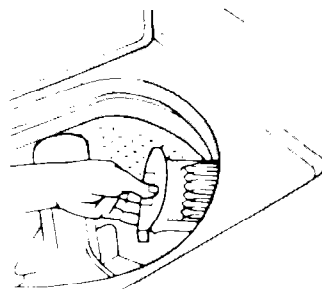
### 4. Pour Liquid Bleach into the Dispenser.

- See page 7 and the "Laundry Aids" section of the Laundry Guide for more information.

### 5. Avoid Damaging Laundry.

Carefully follow package directions when using detergents, bleaches, softeners and other laundry aids. For more information, see pages 16-22 in your "Laundry Guide."

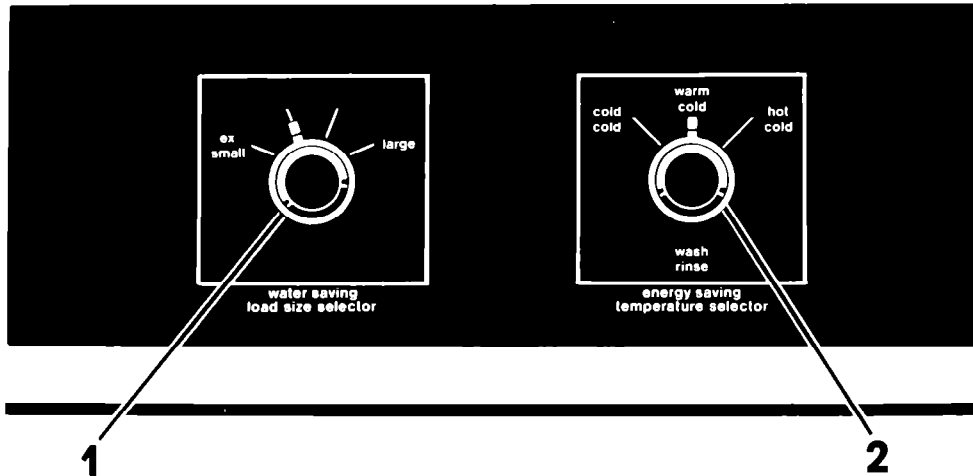
## Cleaning the Lint Filter



Water runs through the lint filter whenever the washer agitates. Check it after to make sure it's clean and filtering at its best.

To remove it for cleaning, press the release and pull straight out. Instructions for cleaning are printed on the bottom of the filter.

# Using your Washer



Start your washer after you put in detergent, the load, and any other laundry aids according to information on page 3 and page 6.

## 1. Set the LOAD SIZE SELECTOR.

- Select the water level that matches the size of the load. See page 5 for more information.

**IMPORTANT** For the best cleaning results with the least wrinkling, make sure the load has enough water for items to move freely.

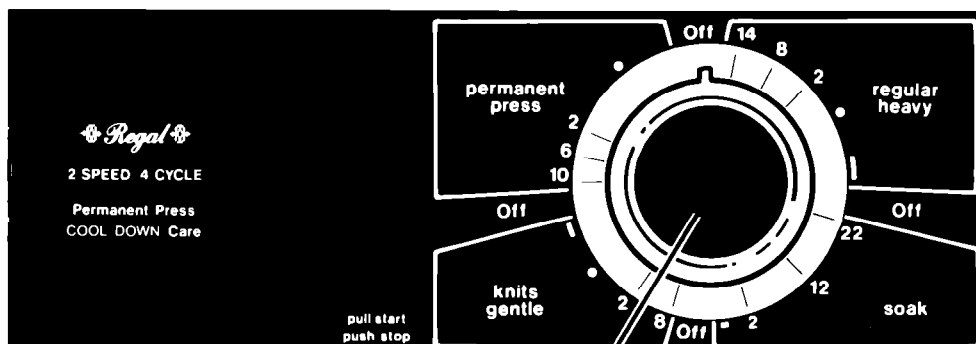
## 2. Set the TEMPERATURE SELECTOR.

- Match the wash water temperature to the type of fabrics and soils being washed. All rinses are cold.

**Cold water rinses save energy and help prevent wrinkles from setting into fabrics.**

## 3. Select a Cycle and Start the Washer.

- Push the Cycle Control Knob in and turn it to the right (clockwise).
- Stop when the pointer is on the *number of minutes* of washing you want in the cycle you want.
- Instructions for which cycles to use for each fabric type are under the lid.
- To start the washer, pull the Cycle Control Knob out. When the cycle is over, the washer will stop.
- **To stop the washer at any time during a cycle, push the Control Knob in.** Pull it out to restart the washer.
- **To change a setting,** push the Control Knob in to stop the washer. Then turn the Control Knob to the right (clockwise) to the setting you want. Pull the knob out to start the washer.
- Pages 8 - 9 show what happens in each cycle.



## Water Levels and Load Sizes

The **LOAD SIZE SELECTOR** lets you control the amount of water that fills the washer. The water level can be set for extra small or large loads, with two levels in between.

### WATER LEVELS

Setting	Gallons / Liters
EX SMALL	9.1 34.5
■	11.6 43.9
■	14.5 54.9
LARGE	16.9 64.0

† Approximate fill with load.

**To save water and energy, match the water level to the load size.**

For the best cleaning results, the load should move freely in the water. Watch for rollover. An item (like a sock) should sink in the middle and come up later on the outside.

Be sure to read pages 11 - 13 in your *Laundry Guide*. You will find more information on loading and load sizes.

### IMPORTANT:

- The **EX SMALL** setting is designed for very small loads. It uses very little water. Too big a load in this amount of water may tear some items.
- Water may splash if you use **EX SMALL** with the **REG / HEAVY** Cycle. If this happens, move the **LOAD SIZE SELECTOR** to a higher water level.

# Important Detergent Information

Detergents and soaps clean by loosening soil, and by holding it in the water so it drains away. If not enough detergent is used, soil and lint can settle back on the items in the load.

**SOAP** works best in *soft water* (0-4 grains hardness). In harder water, both the wash and rinse water should be softened. Use enough soap to make about 1½ to 2 inches (3.8 to 5.5 cm) of suds.

**DETERGENT** works in *hard or soft water*. Package directions are usually based on soft water and

washers with normal-size tubs. Use **more detergent...**

1. for hard water.
2. for heavy greasy or oily soils.
3. if the detergent is low phosphate.
4. for cold-water washes.

**DETERGENT SUDS.** There are high, normal and low sudsing powdered detergents. If the recommended amount of detergent makes too much suds, switch to a lower sudsing brand. **DO NOT REDUCE THE AMOUNT** of detergent.

Use the following chart as beginning suggestions for powdered and liquid detergent amounts. See **your Laundry Guide for more information (pages 14-22)**.

## RECOMMENDED AMOUNT OF DETERGENT\* – FULL TUB

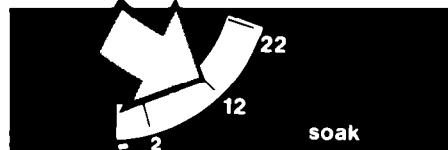
	WATER HARDNESS IN GRAINS		
	0-4 Grains	4-10 Grains	10-20 Grains
Powdered Detergents			
Low Suds	¾ cup (175 mL)	1¼ cups (250-300 mL)	1¼-1½ cups (300-350 mL)
Normal Suds	1¼ cups (300 mL)	1¾ cups (425 mL)	2-2¼ cups (475-525 mL)
High Suds	1-1¼ cups (300-350 mL)	2 cups (475 mL)	2½ cups (600 mL)
No phosphate	– Follow package recommendations –		
Liquid Detergents	¼ to 1 cup (60 to 250 mL), depending on the brand and amount of soil. Follow package recommendations.		

- These recommendations do not apply...
  - In areas where phosphates are banned.
  - In areas with laws limiting (by weight or percentage) the amount of detergent used in a wash load.

## For a Pre Wash

Use this setting for a shorter SOAK CYCLE (no rinse). Use a "light" detergent for a single wash. Add the load.

- Set the **LOAD SIZE SELECTOR**.
- Set wash water temperature.

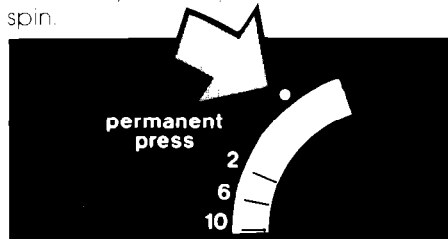


- Push the Cycle Control Knob in and turn it to the 12-minute mark in the SOAK CYCLE.
- Pull the Control Knob out to start the washer. See SOAK CYCLE description on page 8.
- **After filling, the washer may pause before starting to agitate.**

## For Rinsing Only

Loads with towels, diapers, jeans or heavily soiled items often need extra detergent. Extra detergent can require an extra rinse.

Your washer can be set to rinse only. Use the setting for an extra rinse, or for laundry that only needs a rinse and spin.

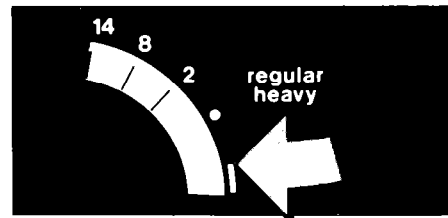


There is a dot just after the numbers in: PERMANENT PRESS, REGULAR HEAVY and KNITS GENTLE. If you push in on the Cycle Control Knob, turn the pointer to one of those dots and pull the Control Knob out, the washer will fill, agitate, drain and spin.

If you want high agitation and spin, use the dot in REGULAR HEAVY. If you want low agitation and spin, use the dot in KNITS GENTLE. Use the dot in PERMANENT PRESS if you want high agitation and a low-speed spin.

## For Spinning Only

There may be times when you want to drain out all the wash water and start over. To stop the washer at any time, just push in on the Cycle Control Knob.



To set the washer so it drains and spins water out of the load, push in on the Control Knob, turn the dial to the right (clockwise) so the pointer is touching the bar just before OFF in any cycle.

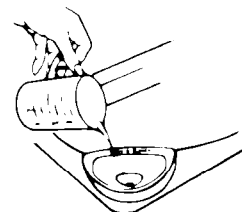
The washer will drain, spin out water and stop. If you want a low-speed spin, use the bar on PERMANENT PRESS or KNITS GENTLE. All the other cycle settings have a high-speed spin.

## Liquid Bleach Dispenser

The bleach dispenser is under the lid of the washer in the front corner. It has the words, LIQUID BLEACH, on it.

- Before starting the washer, but after loading it, add the bleach.
- Use a measuring cup with a pouring spout to help avoid spilling or spattering the bleach.
- Follow the directions on the bottle for the amount to use. **Never use more than 1 cup (250 mL) for a full load. Use less with lower water level settings.**

Use a standard measuring cup with a pouring spout to fill dispensers.

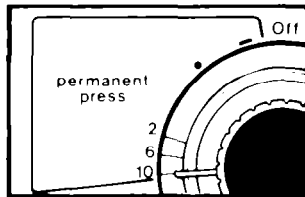


- **Do not let any bleach run down into the washer basket. Concentrated bleach will damage any fabric.**

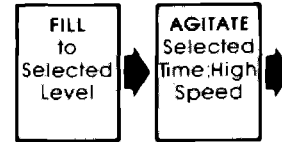
# What Happens in Each Cycle

Each cycle on your washer is designed for a different kind of fabric. Numbers on the dial in each cycle are the minutes of WASH time. Agitation and spin speeds are different in each cycle. When the Cycle Control Knob is set to a number and pulled out, the

## PERMANENT PRESS CYCLE

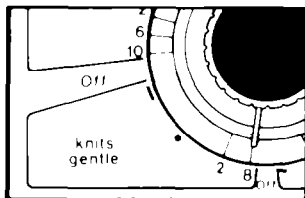


Use for permanent press fabrics. Cooling of the wash water before the spin helps prevent the setting of wrinkles.

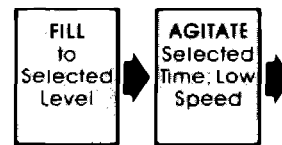


The washer pauses for about 1 1/2 minutes after partial drain.

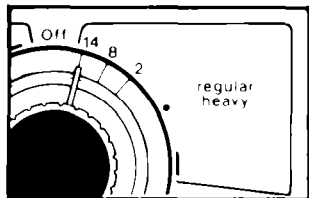
## KNITS GENTLE CYCLE



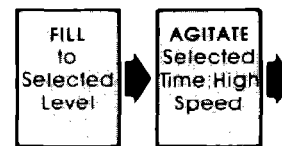
Low agitation and spin speeds and shorter wash time make this cycle the one to use for delicate items and washable synthetic knits. Wash nylon hose or panty hose in a net laundry bag.



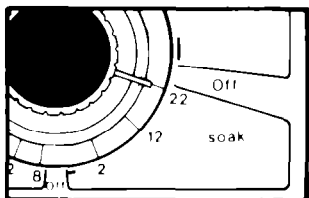
## REGULAR HEAVY CYCLE



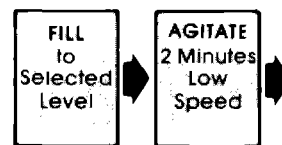
Use for sturdy white and colorfast cottons, and for heavy work clothes. High agitation and spin speeds are designed to help remove heavy soils and spin water from heavy cotton fabrics.



## SOAK CYCLE



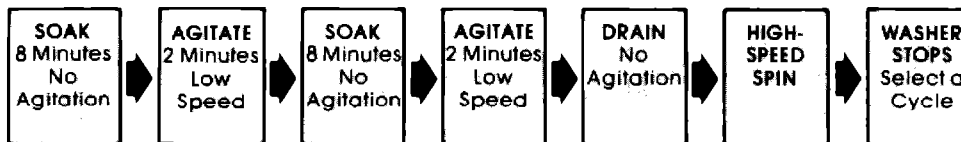
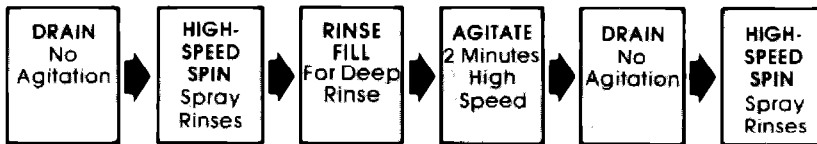
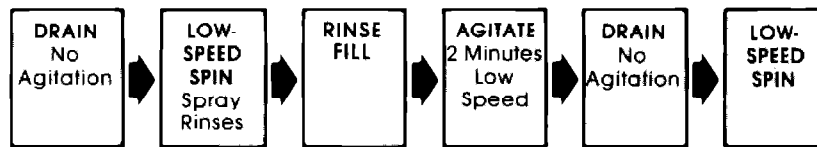
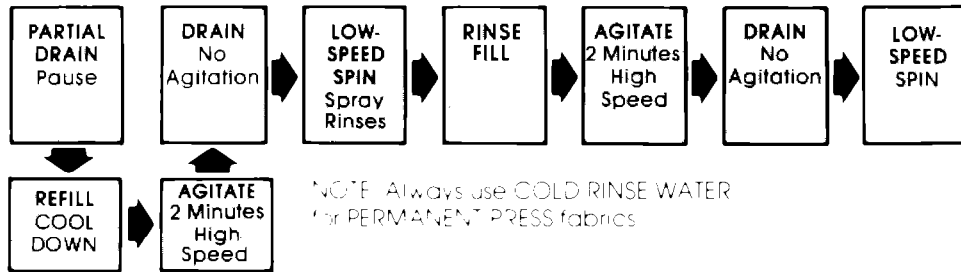
This cycle does not rinse. It soaks, agitates, spins out the water and stops. Use it to pre-wash stained, yellowed, grey or heavily soiled laundry with a detergent or pre-soak product.





washer fills. After agitation starts, the knob turns clockwise until the pointer reaches off and the cycle ends.

You may hear the sound of water spraying during the spin parts of some cycles. In some cycles, cold water is sprayed on the spinning load to help with the rinsing.



← Pre-Wash setting (page 7) begins here.

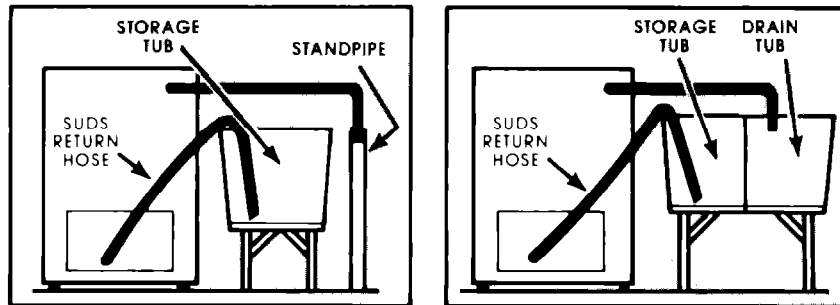
Special care is required for the handling of a load when soaking or pre-washing.  
See your "Laundry Guide" for proper use of this cycle.

For Model LA5535XK Only

## The SUDS-MISER<sup>®</sup> System

Your washer has the SUDS-MISER<sup>®</sup> System. It has two drain hoses. One hose moves used wash water into a storage tub and moves it back into the washer when it's called for. The other hose carries water to another tub with an open drain, or to a stand-pipe drain.

If you do not want to re-use wash water, leave the stopper out of the storage tub so the water drains away.



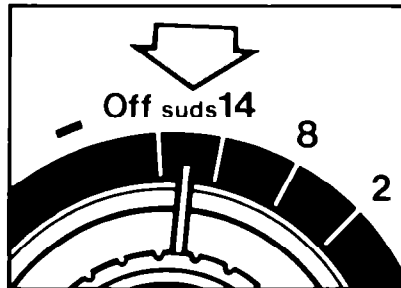
If you have a storage tub big enough to hold at least 20 gallons (76 liters), you can have a qualified installer convert your washer to save all the wash water.

### To Save Wash Water

Be sure the stopper is in the storage tub. The SUDS-MISER System does not save rinse water from any cycle, nor does it save wash water from the PERMANENT PRESS Cycle.

### To Re-Use Wash Water

- Push in the Cycle Control Knob.



- Turn it right (clockwise) so it points to SUDS (see illustration).
- Add about half the recommended amount of detergent and then the load.

- Pull the Control Knob out.
- The washer will pump most of the water from the storage tub back into the washer basket. The washer will finish filling with fresh water.
- Drain the storage tub. Water still in the tub will have any soil that settled out. The hose is cut on an angle to leave about an inch of water.

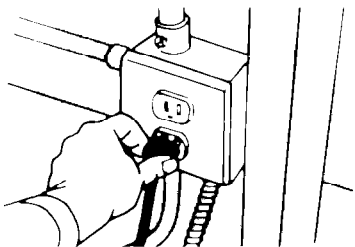
If you want a cycle other than REGULAR HEAVY to follow SUDS, push in the Cycle Control Knob after the water has been pumped back into the washer. Turn the knob right (clockwise) to the cycle and wash time you want.

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

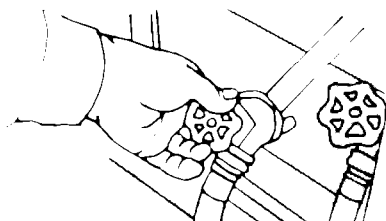
## 1. Before calling for assistance...

Performance problems often result from little things you can find and fix yourself without tools of any kind.

### IF YOUR WASHER DOES NOT FILL:



- Is the power supply cord plugged in?
- Are both water faucets open?



- Is a fuse blown or circuit breaker tripped?
- Are the water supply hoses kinked?
- Is the Cycle Control knob set and pulled out?

### IF YOUR WASHER DOES NOT SPIN:

- Is the lid closed?
- Is the power supply cord plugged in?
- Is a fuse blown or circuit breaker tripped?

### IF WASHER FILLS AND DRAINS WITHOUT RUNNING:

- Make sure that the Cycle Control Knob is pointing to a number in the cycle.

### IF YOUR WASHER STOPS DURING THE PERMANENT PRESS CYCLE.

- Remember, the washer will stop for about 1½ minutes after the partial drain during the cool-down period in this cycle.

### MAKE SURE THE DRAIN HOSE IS HIGHER THAN THE WATER LEVEL IN THE WASHER. IF IT ISN'T...

- The washer may seem to be draining during wash and rinse cycles.
- Water can siphon out. (See Installation Instructions.)

## 2. If you need assistance...

Call the Whirlpool COOL-LINE<sup>®</sup> service assistance telephone number. Dial free from:

Continental U.S. (800) 253-1301

Michigan . . . . . (800) 632-2243

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and talk with one of our trained Consultants. The Consultant can instruct you in how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance or, if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.



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### 3. If you need service ...

Whirlpool has a nationwide network of franchised TECH-CARE® Service Companies. TECH-CARE service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States.



To locate TECH-CARE service in your area, call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under

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

Call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) and talk with one of our Consultants, or if you prefer, write to:

Mr. Guy Turner, Vice President  
Whirlpool Corporation  
Administrative Center  
2000 US-33 North  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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