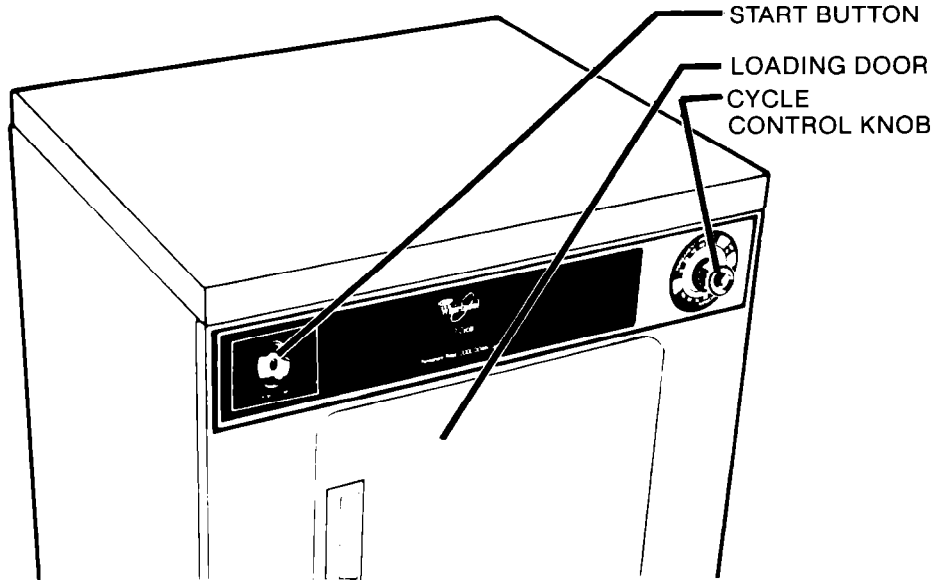


Model LE4900XK  
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# Use & Care Guide



## 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 just behind the door).
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 *Dryer Guide*, sales slip and warranty.

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Model Number

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Serial Number

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Purchase Installation Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Service Company and Phone Number

# Before using your Dryer

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

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

- Is installed by a qualified installer.
- Is installed in an area protected from the weather.
- 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 right kind of outlet, electric supply and grounding.
- Is properly connected to exhaust systems.
- Is used only for jobs normally expected of home clothes dryers.
- Is properly maintained.
- Is not run where there may be explosive fumes.
- Is not used by children or anyone unable to operate it properly.

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

Wipe out the drum with a damp cloth to remove any dust.

\*See the "Installation Instructions" for complete information.

\*\*See Setting Drying Times, page 4.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: See the Dryer Guide for drying tips, information about permanent press and knits, instructions for drying special items and for things not to be dried in your dryer.**

### **SAFETY FIRST:**

**To prevent serious injury, DO NOT allow children to operate, play with, or crawl inside the dryer.**

### **FOR YOUR SAFETY**

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

### **SAFETY**

**Never operate your dryer without replacing all panels (lower front, access or service).**

Please read this manual  
Follow the instructions to help  
you get the best drying results  
Save the manual for future use

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## Loading your Dryer



For best drying results and energy savings, sort dryer loads carefully.

**Separate loads** according to the type of fabric and weight. For example:

- Dry heavy fabrics (denims, towels, cottons) separately from light fabrics (permanent press, synthetics).
- Separate lint givers (towels, sweat-shirts, etc.) from lint takers (synthetics, blends, permanent press).
- Keep dark colors and light colors separate.
- Keep colorfast items away from non-colorfast fabrics.

**Allow room** for items to tumble freely. The load will dry faster with fewer wrinkles.

When drying permanent press, **dry smaller-than-normal** loads for the best wrinkle removal.

**Use a mesh bag** to hold small items such as baby socks.

**Read the Dryer Guide** for more hints on sorting and loading.

### SUGGESTED LOADS

FABRIC TYPE	MIXED LOAD	UNMIXED LOAD
Permanent Press or Knits	1 dress 2 pairs slacks 2 blouses	6 shirts; <b>OR</b> 2 pantsuits; <b>OR</b> 3-4 dresses.
Medium Weight	1 pair pajamas 2 pillowcases 3 shirts 2 sets of underwear	1 king or queen-size sheet; <b>OR</b> 1 double sheet and 2 pillowcases; <b>OR</b> 2 single sheets and 2 pillowcases.
Heavyweight	3 work shirts 2 work pants	8 bath towels; <b>OR</b> 6 bath towels; 3 hand towels and 6 washclothes; <b>OR</b> 3 pairs of jeans.

## Using your Dryer

**1. Put the sorted load in the dryer and close the door tightly.**

**2. Turn the Cycle Control Knob to a cycle and time.**

- Turn the Control Knob either way until it points to the number of minutes you want in the cycle you want.
- Use the NORMAL Cycle for regular family loads such as towels, sheets, clothes, etc. The last 5 minutes in this cycle are without heat to cool down the load.
- Use the PERMANENT PRESS Cycle for permanent press fabrics and synthetics. The last 10 minutes of this cycle are without heat to cool down the load and help keep wrinkles from setting in.
- Use the AIR Cycle to fluff or damp dry items that must not be heated.

**Drying plastic or rubber items with heat may damage the items or be a fire hazard.**

- Examples of no-heat items include plastic shower curtains, tablecloths, rubber backed rugs, overshoes and foam-rubber stuffed toys or pillows.

**3. Push the Start Button.**

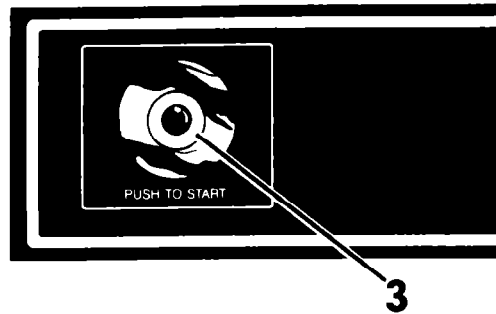
- Make sure the dryer door is closed and the Cycle Control Knob is set to a cycle and time.
- If the dryer door is not closed, the dryer will not start.
- If the dryer door is opened while the dryer is running, the dryer will stop. **To restart the dryer**, close the door and push the Start Button.

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

**4. To stop the dryer:**

- Open the door.
- Or, turn the Cycle Control Knob to one of the OFF positions.
- **To change the setting while the dryer is running**, turn the Cycle Control Knob, either way, so it points to the setting you want.

**NOTE: The Cycle Control Knob should point to OFF when the dryer is not being used.**



## Setting Drying Times

Modern dryers are designed with drying temperatures needed to safely handle modern fabrics. Cool-down times have been added to heat settings. You might notice slightly longer drying times.

The time it takes to dry a load depends on:

- *The kind of fabric, its weight, and the size of the load.* A large load of jeans will take a lot longer to dry than a small load of light synthetics.
- *The amount of moisture in the load.* Towels hold a lot of moisture; synthetics don't. Synthetics dry faster.
- *Temperature of the rinse water.* Cold rinses help save on energy and wrinkles, but a cold load will take slightly longer to dry than a warm one.
- *Amount of lint on the screen.* A full lint screen slows the air flow and can make drying time longer.
- *Room temperature.* The dryer heats room air. If the room air temperature is not above 45°F (7.2°C), drying time will be longer and removal of wrinkles may be poor.
- *Proper installation and exhaust systems.* For the fastest possible drying time, installing and exhausting your dryer properly is important. See installation instructions.
- *Voltage used.* Your dryer is portable and operates on a 120-volt household current. Drying time will be longer than for a dryer that works on 208 or 240 volts.

**Be careful not to overdry. Over-drying can cause shrinkage, damage to some fabrics and static cling.**



### SELECTING CYCLES:

Select the correct cycle according to the chart below:

TYPE OF LOAD	CYCLE
<b>COTTONS</b>	
HEAVY – Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts	NORMAL
MEDIUM AND LIGHTWEIGHT – Shirts, dresses, sheets, diapers, towels, work clothes	NORMAL
<b>PERMANENT PRESS</b>	
HEAVY – Work clothes, jackets, raincoats, etc.	PERMANENT PRESS
MEDIUMWEIGHT – Shirts, uniforms, dresses, slacks, etc.	PERMANENT PRESS
<b>KNITS</b>	
HEAVYWEIGHT – COTTONS, RAYONS, BLENDS – T-Shirts, slacks, polo shirts, etc.	PERMANENT PRESS
LIGHTWEIGHT – SYNTHETIC FIBERS (polyester, acrylic, etc.) AND BLENDS – Lingerie, blouses, dresses, etc.	PERMANENT PRESS
<b>DELICATELY CONSTRUCTED FABRICS –</b>	
Sheer Curtains (2 or 3 panels)	PERMANENT PRESS
<b>FOAM RUBBER ARTICLES –</b>	
Pillows, bras, etc.	AIR
Plastic shower curtains, tablecloths	AIR
Rubber backed rugs	AIR
<b>HEAT SENSITIVE FABRICS –</b> Olefin, nylon, etc.	AIR

To Damp Dry clothes for ironing, set control in the NORMAL Cycle for 15 to 20 minutes

#### MIXED LOAD

If you dry a mixed load of various weights of fabrics, select the cycle for the lighter weight fabric. When dryer stops, remove the dry clothes and reset the control.

## FLUFF AIR

This setting is useful for fluffing bedding, pillows and clothing, or dusting drapes. It is also best to use when damp-drying heat-sensitive items.

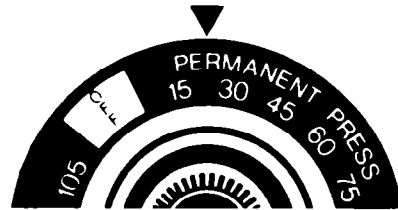
**Drying plastic or rubber items with heat may damage the items or be a fire hazard.**

The AIR Cycle should be used for such items as plastic shower curtains or tablecloths, rubber-backed rugs, some pillows, stuffed toys, etc.

- Turn the Cycle Control Knob to the AIR Cycle.
- Push the Start Button

## Tumbling to Remove Wrinkles

When permanent press and synthetic knits are wrinkled from packing in suitcases or crowded in closets, your dryer can help put them back into their pre-set shape.

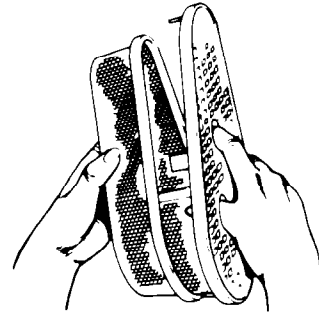


- Set Cycle Control Knob to PERMANENT PRESS for 20 minutes.
- Push the Start Button.
- For best results, tumble only a few items at a time; put them on hangers or fold them as soon as the dryer stops.

## Lint Screen

The lint screen is inside the dryer drum, on the back wall. *Clean it before each load.* A screen that's blocked by lint can cause longer drying times.

**CAUTION: Do not operate the dryer with the lint screen removed or not securely in place as it may cause overheating, possible damage to fabrics and dryer parts or create a fire hazard.**



- Pull straight out on the lint screen by using the two finger holes.
- Squeeze lightly on the body of the lint screen and pull the cover off
- Roll the lint off the screen with your fingers. **DO NOT rinse the screen or wash it.** Wet lint is hard to remove.
- Replace the cover on the body of the lint screen. Then push it straight back into place. You will hear a click when the lint screen snaps into place.

## End-of-Cycle Signal

A signal will let you know that the dryer has stopped.

The signal is helpful when you are drying permanent press, synthetics and other items that really should be taken out as soon as the dryer stops.

The signal can't be turned off and it is not adjustable.

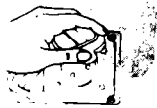
# If You Need Service or Assistance, We Suggest You Follow These Four Steps:

## 1. Before calling for assistance...

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

### DRYER DOES NOT RUN:

- Is electric power cord plugged in?



- Is the dryer door closed tightly? Your dryer has a switch by the door that shuts off the dryer if the door is opened.

- Did you push the Start Button?



- Check circuit breakers or both fuses in the fuse box.

### DRYER RUNS BUT DOES NOT HEAT:

- Is the Cycle Control Knob set correctly? (The last 5 minutes are cool-down time in NORMAL; the last 10 minutes in PERMANENT PRESS are without heat.)

### DRYING TIME IS LONGER THAN USUAL:

- Check the lint screen. Remove lint. Keep the screen clean for best drying results and times.
- Modern dryers are designed to dry at the cooler temperatures needed by modern fabrics. They may need more time than you are used to.
- Your dryer operates on a 120-volt household current. It will need more time than a dryer using 208 or 240 volts.
- Room temperature is cold.

## 2. If you need assistance\*...



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

Continental U.S. (800) 253-1301  
 Michigan . . . . . (800) 632-2243  
 Alaska & Hawaii (800) 253-1121

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.

## 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

\*If you must call or write, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase, 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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### OPTIONAL INSTALLATION ACCESSORIES

The **Window Exhaust Kit** (Part No. LCK 3000) is a convenient way to exhaust your dryer through a window to the outside.

An **Exhaust Deflector** (Part No. LCK4000) moves dryer exhaust to a side, up or down.

The dryer can be mounted on a wall with the **Dryer Wall Mount Kit** (Part No. LCK 2001). *The wall must be strong enough to support the weight...not to*

*be used in mobile homes.* Have an eye-level dryer with floor space under it for the washer.

The dryer can be mounted on a stand at eye-level with the **Stack Rack Kit** (Part No. LCK 1100). A compact washer can be permanently installed and operated under the dryer.

Another **Stack Rack Kit** (Part No. LCK 1000) is available for washers that will only be stored under the dryer.



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