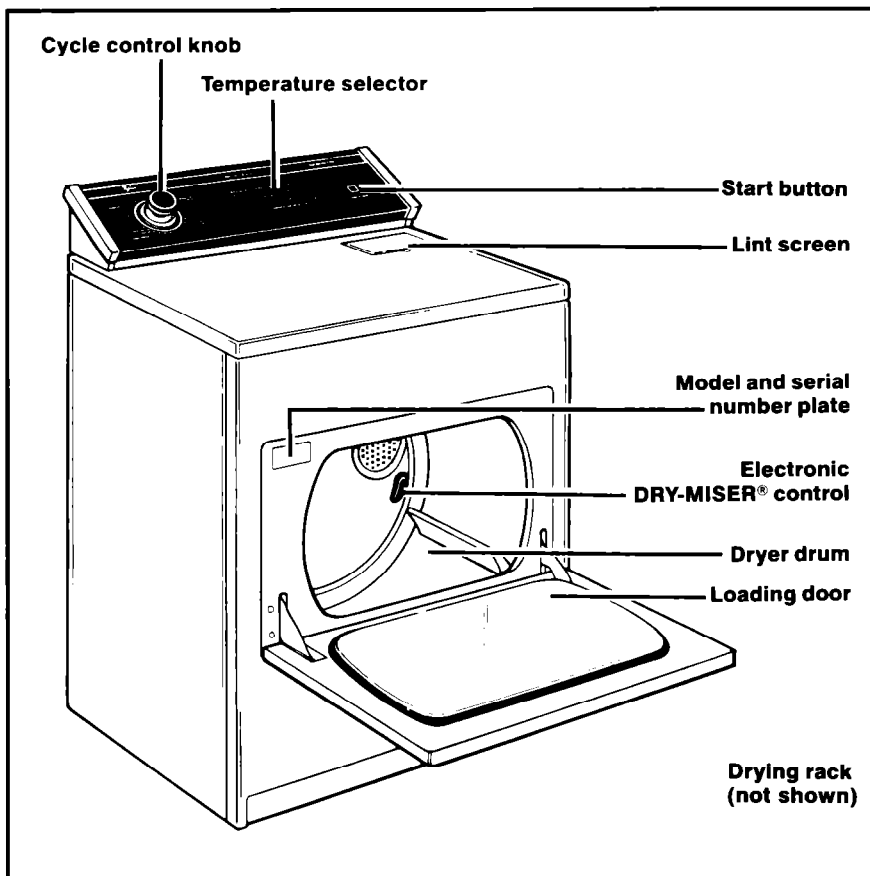




# Use & Care Guide



**SUPER CAPACITY  
AUTOMATIC DRYERS  
LE9480XW LG9481XW**

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If your dryer has a Consumer Buy Guide label, remove it. It will be easier to remove before the dryer is used.

To remove any remaining glue:

- Rub briskly with thumb to make a ball, then remove.
- or
- Soak area with liquid hand dishwashing detergent before removing glue as described above.

Do not use sharp instruments, rubbing alcohol, flammable fluids or abrasive cleaners. These can damage the finish. See "Important Safety Instructions" on page 3.

**NOTE:** Do not remove any permanent instruction labels inside the dryer.

You should wipe out the dryer drum with a damp cloth before using to remove dust from storing or shipping.

Thank you for buying a Whirlpool appliance. Please complete and mail the Owner Registration Card provided with this product. Then complete the form below. Have this information ready if you need service or call with a question.

- Copy model and serial numbers from plate (on the frame behind the door) and purchase date from sales slip.
- Keep this book, the Dryer Guide and the sales slip together in a handy place.

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Model Number

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Serial Number

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Purchase Date

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Service Company Phone Number

## FOR YOUR SAFETY

**If you smell gas:**

- 1. Open windows.**
- 2. Don't touch electrical switches.**
- 3. Extinguish any open flame.**
- 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. The fumes can create a fire hazard or explosion.**

# Important Safety Instructions

## **⚠ WARNING**

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

- **Read all instructions before using the dryer.**
- **NEVER** dry items cleaned, washed, soaked in or spotted with wax, paint, gasoline or flammable fluids in the dryer. The fumes can create a **FIRE HAZARD** or **EXPLOSION. ALWAYS** hand launder and air dry fabrics containing these materials.
- **NEVER** allow children to operate, play with or crawl inside the dryer. Close supervision of children is necessary when the dryer is used near children.
- **DO NOT** reach into a dryer if the drum is moving.
- When discarding an old dryer, **ALWAYS** remove the door to prevent accidental entrapment.
- **DO NOT** install or store dryer where it will be exposed to the weather.
- **DO NOT** tamper with the controls.
- **You are responsible for making sure that your dryer** is installed, repaired and parts replaced by a qualified person.
- Use only fabric softeners specifically labeled as not being harmful to the dryer.
- **FIRE HAZARD** and **DAMAGE** to materials can result from:
  - drying rubber, rubber-like and heat sensitive materials with heat.
  - allowing lint build-up inside the dryer or exhaust system. Cleaning should be done periodically by a qualified person.
- Clean lint screen before or after each load.
- **DO NOT** let dust, lint, paper, rags, chemicals, etc. pile up around or under the dryer.
- Dryer must be electrically grounded. See the Installation Instructions.

– SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS –

## Additional safety instructions and your responsibilities

- **NEVER** operate the dryer if:
    - it is not working right (i.e. noisy, too hot).
    - it is damaged.
    - parts are missing (i.e. door latch).
    - all panels are not in place.
    - the lint screen is loose, damaged or missing.
  - **ALWAYS** shut off the gas valve before leaving on vacation if you have a gas dryer.
  - **ALWAYS** unplug the power supply cord or turn off electrical power before attempting to service the dryer. Shut off GAS VALVE if you have a gas dryer.
- You are responsible for making sure that your dryer:**
- is properly maintained.
  - is properly installed and leveled on a floor that can support the weight in a well ventilated room.\*
  - is located in an area where the temperature is above 45°F (7.2°C).
  - is connected to the proper outlet and electrical supply.\*
  - is properly connected to fuel and exhaust systems.\*
  - is not installed against drapes or curtains.\*
  - is used only for jobs normally expected of home clothes dryers.
  - is not used by anyone unable to operate it properly.
- \*See the Installation Instructions for complete information.

# Operating Instructions

## Starting your dryer

Be sure to refer to the chart below and the Dryer Guide for proper sorting, loading and control setting information before starting it.

TYPE OF LOAD	SUGGESTED CYCLE	SUGGESTED TEMPERATURE
<b>Cottons and linens</b>		
EXTRA HEAVY – Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts	AUTOMATIC REGULAR	HEAVY HIGH
HEAVYWEIGHT – Towels, jeans, corduroys, work clothes		
MEDIUMWEIGHT – Sheets, pillowcases, cotton, underwear, diapers		PERM'T PRESS
LIGHTWEIGHT – Batistes, organdies, lingerie		KNITS GENTLE
<b>Permanent press, synthetics and blends</b>		
HEAVYWEIGHT – Work clothes, jackets, raincoats	AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS	PERM'T PRESS
MEDIUMWEIGHT – Shirts, play clothes, sheets, slacks		
LIGHTWEIGHT – Lingerie, blouses, dresses		KNITS GENTLE
<b>Knits</b>		
HEAVYWEIGHT – Cottons, rayons, blends, T-shirts, slacks, shirts	AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS	KNITS GENTLE
LIGHTWEIGHT – Synthetic (polyester, acrylic, etc.) and blends, lingerie, blouses, dresses		
<b>Delicate fabrics</b>		
Sheer curtains (2 or 3 panels), gauze, lace, etc.	AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS	EX LOW

### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Fire Hazard**

**Drying rubber, plastic and other heat-sensitive materials with heat can damage them or be a FIRE HAZARD.**

#### **Rubber, plastic, heat-sensitive fabrics**

FOAM RUBBER – Pillows, bras, stuffed toys

FLUFF AIR

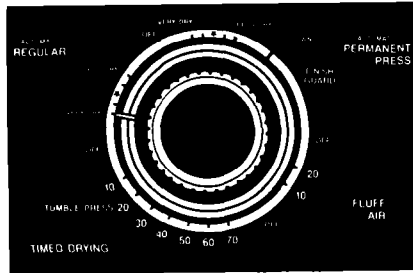
PLASTIC – Shower curtains, tablecloths

RUBBER-BACKED RUGS

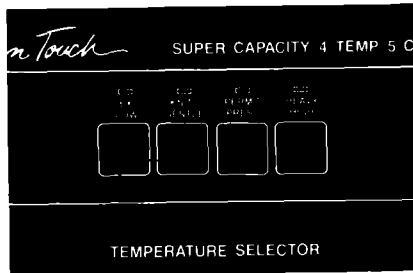
OLEFIN, POLYPROPYLENE,

SHEER NYLON

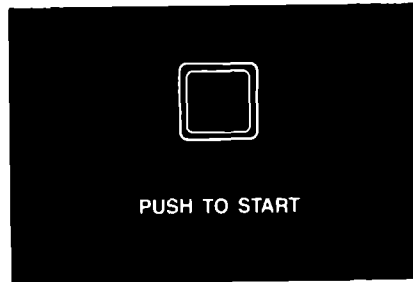
**DO NOT OVERDRY.** Overdrying can cause shrinkage, static cling, and damage some fabrics.



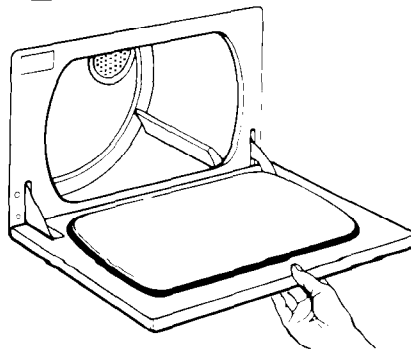
1. **Select a cycle** by turning the Cycle Control Knob either way. Stop when the indicator on the knob's outer ring points to the cycle and setting you want. See pages 6-8 for further cycle information.



2. **Press a temperature selection** which matches the type of fabric being dried. The red indicator will appear over the temperature selection you have chosen.



3. **Push the Start Button** to start the dryer.



4. **To stop and restart the dryer:**
  - Open the door or turn the Cycle Control Knob to OFF to stop the dryer.
  - Close the door, select a cycle (if necessary) and push the Start Button to restart the dryer.

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

## The automatic cycles

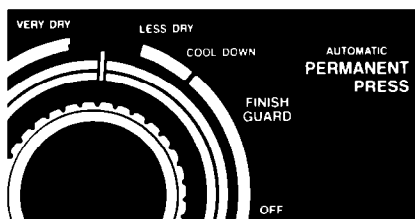
The automatic cycles allow you to select the degree of dryness you prefer for the clothes being dried.

The electronic DRY-MISER® control is an electronic sensor that determines the amount of moisture in the clothes. The dryer automatically shuts off when the proper dryness is reached.

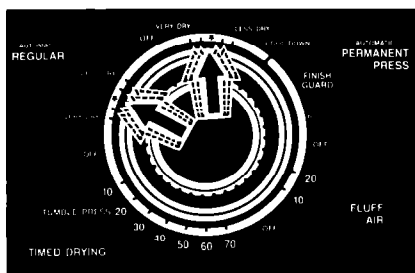
The Cycle Control Knob will not move until the clothes load is almost dry, or the Cool-Down portion of the cycle has been reached. After the Cool-Down portion is complete, the Cycle Control Knob automatically moves to an OFF area and tumbling stops.



Use **AUTOMATIC REGULAR** to dry heavy and mediumweight cotton items. The load tumbles without heat during the last 5 minutes. This helps make the load easier to handle.



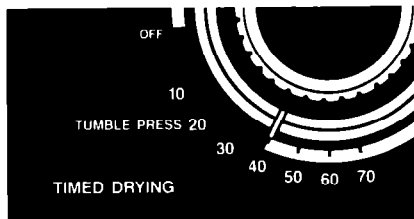
Use **AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS** to dry permanent press, knits and other synthetic items. The load tumbles without heat during the last 10 minutes. This helps keep wrinkles from setting in and makes the load easier to handle.



For the first few loads, set the Cycle Control Knob to point to the \* in either automatic cycle. When the dryer stops, feel the dried items.

- If items are drier than you like, use a setting to the right of the \* the next time you dry a similar load.
- If items are not as dry as you like, use a setting to the left of the \* the next time you dry a similar load.

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

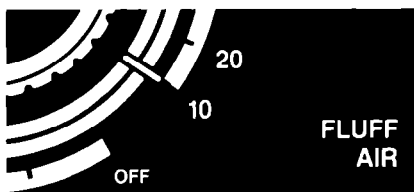


## TIMED DRYING

Use the TIMED DRYING cycle for any load you want to dry by time.

- Turn the Cycle Control Knob to the number of minutes you want from 10 to 70.

The last 5 minutes of this cycle are without heat to help make the load easier to handle.



## Using FLUFF AIR

### **⚠ WARNING**

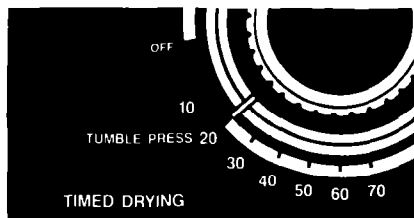
#### **Fire Hazard**

**Do not dry plastic or rubber items with heat. Use FLUFF AIR setting, or line dry. Failure to do so could result in fire or damaged items.**

The dryer does not heat when the Cycle Control Knob is set in FLUFF AIR. This cycle can be used to fluff or air dry bedding, plastic tablecloths, foam rubber pillows, stuffed toys, sneakers, etc.

1. Turn the Cycle Control Knob to the number of minutes you want in FLUFF AIR.
2. Push the Start Button.

## Operating Instructions Continued



### Using TUMBLE PRESS®

The TUMBLE PRESS setting removes wrinkles from clothing that has been packed in a suitcase or closet, and from items not removed from the dryer at the end of a cycle.

1. Set the Cycle Control Knob on TUMBLE PRESS.
2. Press the PERMIT PRESS Temperature Selector.
3. Push the Start Button.

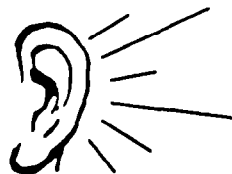
The load will tumble in heated air for 15 minutes. Then the dryer will tumble the clothes for 5 more minutes without heat.

For best results, put only a few items at a time in this cycle. As soon as the dryer stops, put the items on hangers or fold them.

### End-of-cycle signal

The dryer sounds a signal to let you know when the cycle is finished. The signal cannot be turned off and is not adjustable.

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



### Lint signal

**Clean the lint screen before each load.** If you neglect to clean your lint screen, a signal will sound. The (whistle tone) signal lets you know the air flow is being restricted. Restricted air flow reduces drying efficiency.

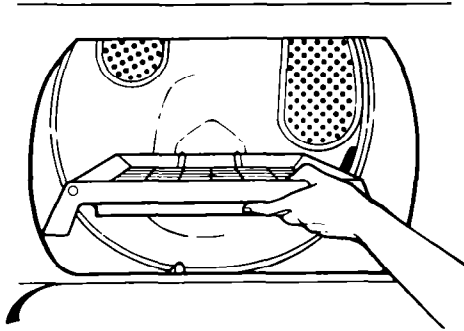
Turn off the dryer and clean the lint screen as shown on page 11.



# Additional Dryer Features

## Gentle Heat system

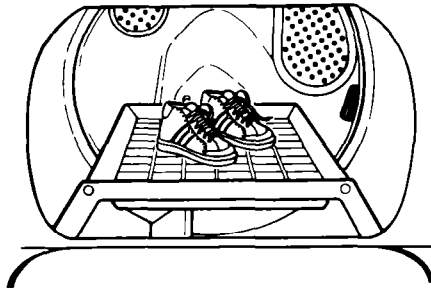
The dryer automatically reduces the heat settings in HEAVY HIGH and PERM'T PRESS. During the last few minutes of each of these temperature settings, the dryer temperature gradually reduces to a lower heat setting. This helps prevent overdrying.



## Using the drying rack

The drying rack lets you dry items that you may not want to tumble. The rack does not move, but the drum turns. Make sure nothing hangs over the edge of the rack.

1. Fit rear legs of the rack into indentations in the back wall of the dryer.
2. Lower the front so the legs rest on the dryer opening.
3. Put wet items on top of the rack. Leave space between them so air can reach all surfaces.
4. Close the door and start the dryer. See page 10 for suggested cycles and temperature settings when using the drying rack.



## Additional Dryer Features Continued

### Drying rack suggestions

Drying time will depend on how much moisture the items hold. The following chart suggests cycles and temperature settings for different kinds of items that might best be rack-dried.

<b>TO RACK DRY:</b>	<b>SUGGESTED CYCLE</b>	<b>SUGGESTED TEMPERATURE</b>
<b>Wool sweaters</b> (Block to shape and lay flat on the rack.)	TIMED DRYING	KNITS GENTLE
<b>Stuffed toys or pillows</b> (Cotton or polyester fiber filled.)	TIMED DRYING	PERM'T PRESS
<b>Stuffed toys or pillows</b> (Foam rubber filled.)	FLUFF AIR	
<b>Sneakers or canvas shoes</b>	FLUFF AIR	

**NOTE:** The rack must be removed for normal tumble drying.

### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Fire Hazard**

**Drying rubber, plastic and other heat-sensitive materials with heat can damage them or be a FIRE HAZARD.**

### FINISH GUARD® setting

When you are unable to remove a load from the dryer as soon as it stops, wrinkles can form.

FINISH GUARD tumbles the load, without heat, every 5 minutes for up to 40 minutes. This tumbling rearranges and fluffs the load to help avoid wrinkles that set in when the load remains in the drum.

You don't have to set the Cycle Control Knob for FINISH GUARD. FINISH GUARD takes over automatically to protect the load if you don't open the door within 5 minutes after the PERMANENT PRESS cycle stops.

A signal will sound every 5 minutes during FINISH GUARD, for up to 40 minutes. The signal will stop when the dryer door is opened.

# Caring For Your Dryer

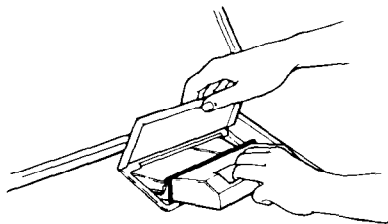
## Cleaning the lint screen

The lint screen is located under a lid on top of the dryer. **Clean it before each load.** A screen blocked by lint can increase drying time.

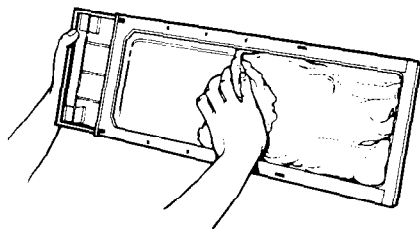
### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Fire Hazard**

**Do not run the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged, blocked or missing. Doing so can cause overheating, damage and be a FIRE HAZARD.**



1. Open the lid and pull the lint screen straight out.



2. Roll lint off the screen with your fingers. **Do not** rinse or wash the screen. Wet lint is hard to remove.
3. Push the lint screen firmly back into place and close the lid.



## Cleaning the dryer interior

### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Electric Shock Hazard**

**Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power before cleaning the interior. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or injury.**

Garments which contain unstable dyes, such as denim blue jeans or brightly colored cotton items, may discolor the dryer interior. If the interior is discolored, clean with one of the following methods to avoid staining later load items.

## Caring For Your Dryer Continued

### **Powdered laundry detergent**

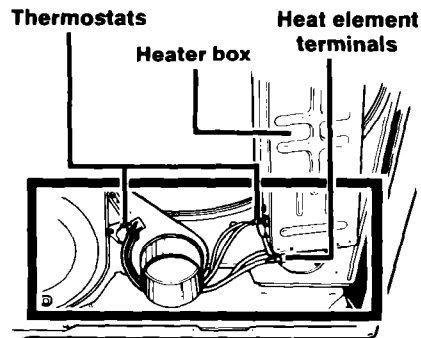
Make a paste with detergent and very warm water. Apply paste to a soft cloth and scrub area until all excess dye is removed. Wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth. Tumble a load of rags to dry.

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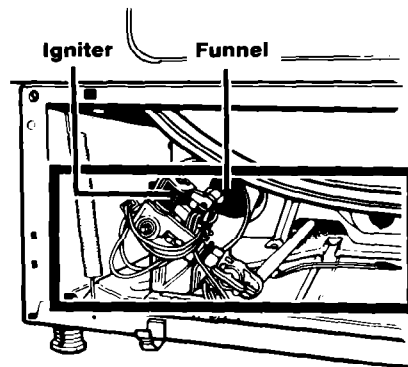
### **Liquid household cleaner**

Apply to stained area. Rub with a cloth until all excess dye is removed. Tumble a load of rags to dry.

To clean dryer exterior, wipe with a soft, damp cloth.



Electric dryer



Gas dryer

## Lint removal

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Electrical Shock and Personal Injury Hazard**

- Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power before removing lint.
- Do not put hands inside the cabinet.
- Make sure the dryer is cool.

Failure to do so could result in electrical shock, injury or damage.

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

1. Remove back panel (electric) or lower access panel (gas).
2. Avoid damaging wires, thermostats, funnel or igniter.
3. Remove lint from boxed-in area with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner.
4. Replace panel; reconnect and relevel the dryer.

# If You Need Service Or Assistance

## We suggest you follow these 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 dryer does not run:

- Is the power supply plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage?
- Is the door closed tightly?
- Did you push the Start Button?
- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?

#### If your dryer does not heat:

- The FLUFF AIR setting is without heat.
- The last minutes of heat settings are without heat.
- Is the gas turned on? If not, turn the Cycle Control Knob to OFF. Turn on gas. Wait 5 minutes. Reset controls and start.
- An electric dryer circuit uses 2 breakers or 2 fuses. If one breaker is tripped or one fuse is blown, the dryer may run, but not heat.

#### If drying time seems too long:

- Is the lint screen clean? See page 11 for cleaning instructions.
- See the Dryer Guide.

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

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

**1-800-253-1301**

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.

If you prefer, write to:

Mr. Donald Skinner  
Director of Consumer Relations  
Whirlpool Corporation  
2000 M-63  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

### 3. If you need service\*...



Whirlpool has a nationwide network of authorized Whirlpool<sup>SM</sup> service companies. Whirlpool service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate the authorized Whirlpool service company in your area, call our COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:

APPLIANCES - HOUSEHOLD - ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES -  
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## **If You Need Service Or Assistance Continued**

### **4. If you need FSP<sup>®</sup> replacement parts\*...**

FSP is a registered trademark of Whirlpool Corporation for quality parts. Look for this symbol of quality whenever you need a replacement part for your Whirlpool appliance. FSP replacement parts will fit right and work right, because they are made to the same exacting specifications used to build every new Whirlpool appliance.

To locate FSP replacement parts in your area, refer to Step 3 or call the Whirlpool COOL-LINE service assistance number in Step 2.

### **5. If you are not satisfied with how the problem was solved\*...**

- Contact the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel (MACAP). MACAP is a group of independent consumer experts that voices consumer views at the highest levels of the major appliance industry.
- Contact MACAP only when the dealer, authorized servicer or Whirlpool have failed to resolve your problem.  
Major Appliance Consumer  
Action Panel  
20 North Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60606
- MACAP will in turn inform us of your action.

\*When requesting assistance, 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.



# Whirlpool® Automatic Dryer Warranty

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LENGTH OF WARRANTY	WHIRLPOOL WILL PAY FOR
<b>FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY</b> From Date of Purchase	FSP® replacement parts and repair labor to correct defects in materials or workmanship. Service must be provided by an authorized Whirlpool <sup>SM</sup> service company.
WHIRLPOOL WILL NOT PAY FOR	
<p><b>A.</b> Service calls to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Correct the installation of the dryer.</li><li>2. Instruct you how to use the dryer.</li><li>3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring or plumbing.</li><li>4. Replace light bulbs.</li></ol> <p><b>B.</b> Repairs when dryer is used in other than normal, single-family household use.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Pick up and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home.</p> <p><b>D.</b> Damage to dryer caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool.</p>	

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages so this limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Outside the United States, a different warranty may apply. For details, please contact your franchised Whirlpool distributor or military exchange.

If you need service, first see the "Service and Assistance" section of this book. After checking "Service and Assistance," additional help can be found by calling our COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number, **1-800-253-1301**, from anywhere in the U.S.





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