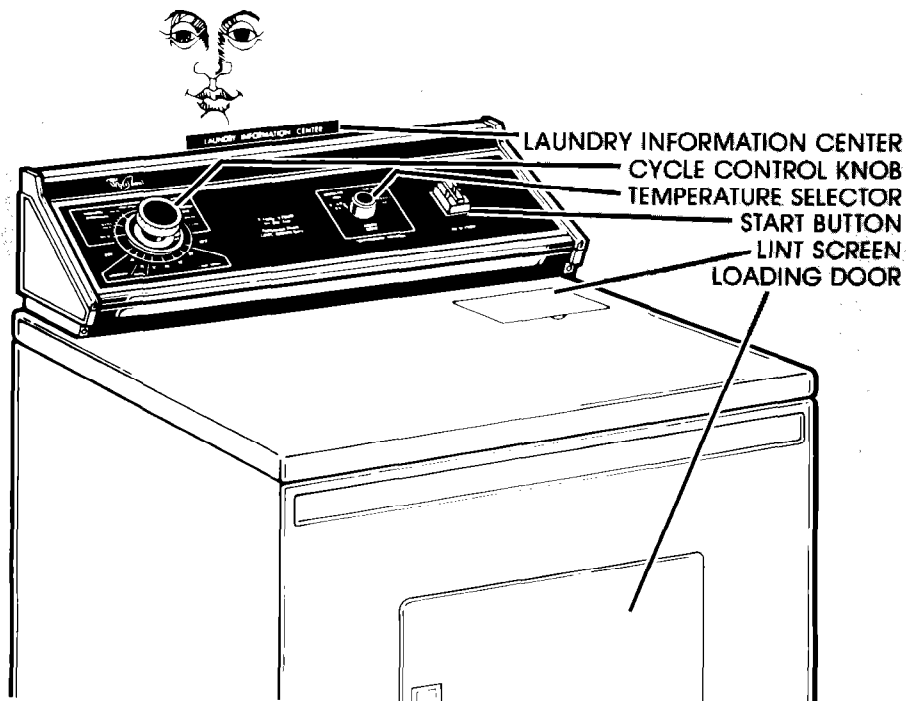


Models LE5780XK;  
LG5781XK

 Whirlpool DRYER

# 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 fuel and 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.

**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.**

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

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

## 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 FIRST:

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

## 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.

## SAFETY

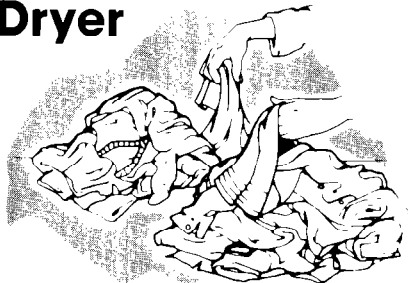
Never operate your dryer without replacing all panels (lower front, access or service).

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.

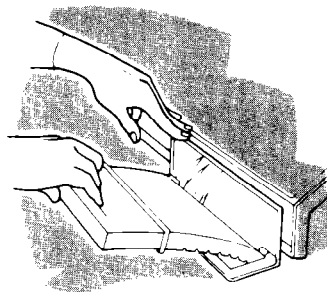
**Read the Dryer Guide** for more hints on sorting and loading.

## Lint Screen

The lint screen is under the lid on top of the dryer.

*Clean the lint screen 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.**



To remove the screen, open the lid door and pull the screen straight out. Roll the lint off the screen with your fingers. **DO NOT rinse the screen or wash it.** Wet lint is hard to remove.

When replacing the screen, push it firmly into place. Close the lid.

# Using Your Dryer

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

**2. Turn the Cycle Control Knob to the cycle you want.**

- Use the Automatic Cycles for most loads. Start with the pointer at the middle of an Automatic Cycle. See page 6 for more information.

**NOTE:** In the Automatic Cycles, the Cycle Control Knob does not keep moving. It starts and stops, depending on the heat and the dryness of the load.

- Use **TIMED DRYING** for drying a certain number of minutes, or for damp drying, fluffing, or tumbling items without air.

**BE CAREFUL NOT TO OVERDRY. Overdrying can cause shrinkage, static cling and damage to some fabrics.**

**3. Set TEMPERATURE SELECTOR.**

- Turn the **TEMPERATURE SELECTOR** to the drying temperature needed for the load. See page 5 for suggested settings.

**4. Push the Start Button.**

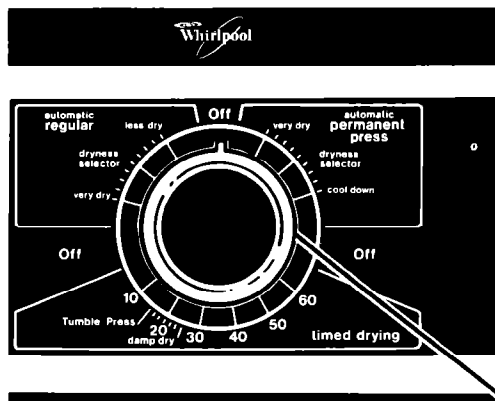
- Make sure the door is closed and the Cycle Control is set. If the door is opened during the cycle, the dryer will stop. **To restart the dryer**, close the door and push the Start Button.

**5. 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.**

**IMPORTANT:** To help 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.



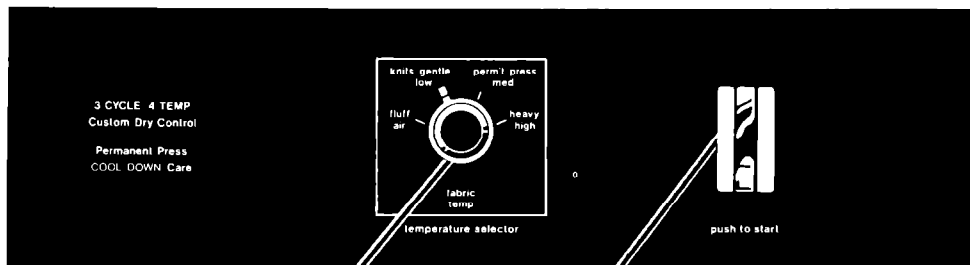
## Setting Drying Times

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), the automatic cycle will not advance the timer and shut off the dryer. Use Timed Drying as a temporary way of drying a load. Drying times will be longer due to the cold air. 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.

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



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## SELECTING CYCLES AND TEMPERATURE SETTINGS

Choose the correct settings according to the chart below:

TYPE OF LOAD	DRYING CYCLE	TEMPERATURE SELECTOR
<b>COTTONS</b>		
<i>HEAVY</i> – Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts	AUTOMATIC REGULAR	HEAVY HIGH
<i>MEDIUM AND LIGHTWEIGHT</i> – Shirts, dresses, sheets, diapers, towels, work clothes	AUTOMATIC REGULAR	HEAVY HIGH
<b>PERMANENT PRESS</b>		
<i>HEAVY</i> – Work clothes, jackets, raincoats, etc.	AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS	PERM'T PRESS – MED
<i>MEDIUMWEIGHT</i> – Shirts, uniforms, dresses, slacks, etc.	AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS	PERM'T PRESS – MED
<b>KNITS</b>		
<i>HEAVYWEIGHT</i> – COTTONS, RAYONS, BLENDS – T-shirts, slacks, polo shirts, etc.	AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS	PERM'T PRESS – MED
<i>LIGHTWEIGHT</i> – SYNTHETIC FIBERS (polyester, acrylic, etc.) AND BLENDS – Lingerie, blouses, dresses, etc.		KNITS GENTLE – LOW
<b>DELICATELY CONSTRUCTED FABRICS</b> – Sheer Curtains (2 or 3 panels)	AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS	KNITS GENTLE – LOW
<b>FOAM RUBBER ARTICLES</b> – Pillows, bras, etc.	TIMED DRYING	FLUFF-AIR
<b>HEAT SENSITIVE FABRICS</b> – Olefin, nylon, etc.	TIMED DRYING	FLUFF AIR

To damp dry clothes for ironing, set control in the TIMED DRYING Cycle for 15 to 25 minutes

### MIXED LOADS

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 articles and reset the control.

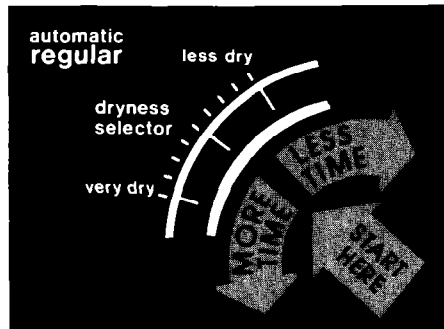
## Using the Automatic Settings

With AUTOMATIC REGULAR and AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS, you select how dry you want the load to be. When the load is as dry as the setting you have selected, the Cycle Control will advance toward ending the cycle.

Use the AUTOMATIC REGULAR Cycle to dry most family loads. During the last five minutes of the drying cycle, the load is tumbled without heat. This helps make the load easier to handle.

Use the AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS Cycle to dry permanent press, knits and other synthetic fabrics. The last 10 minutes of the drying cycle are without heat. This cool-down time helps keep wrinkles from setting in.

For the first few loads, set the Cycle Control Knob to point in the middle between VERY DRY and LESS DRY.



When the dryer stops, feel the items in the load. If they are about how you like them, keep using this setting.

If the items are drier than you like, use a setting nearer LESS DRY or COOL DOWN the next time you dry a load like that.

If the items are not as dry as you want, use a setting nearer VERY DRY the next time you dry a load like that.

After drying a few loads, you will find a favorite setting to use.

## FLUFF AIR

This temperature 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.**

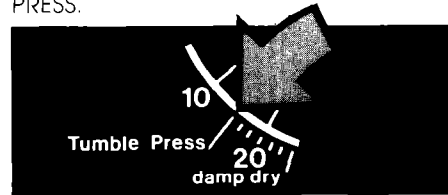
FLUFF AIR should be used for such items as plastic shower curtains or tablecloths, rubber-backed rugs, some pillows, stuffed toys, etc.

- Turn the **TEMPERATURE SELECTOR** to FLUFF AIR.
- Turn the Cycle Control Knob to the number of minutes you want in the TIMED DRYING Cycle.

## TUMBLE PRESS<sup>®</sup> Control

This setting is useful for removing wrinkles from packing in suitcases or closets. TUMBLE PRESS will help put them back into their pre-set shape.

- Set Cycle Control Knob to TUMBLE PRESS.



- Set **TEMPERATURE SELECTOR** to PERM'T PRESS MED or HEAVY HIGH.
- Push the Start Button.

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

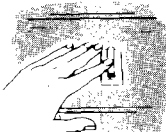
## If You Need Service or Assistance, We Suggest You Follow These Four Steps:

### 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 AUTOMATIC REGULAR; the last 10 minutes in AUTOMATIC PERMANENT PRESS are without heat.)
- Is it a gas dryer? See if the gas is turned on. If not, turn the Cycle Control Knob to OFF. Turn on the gas and wait five minutes for the automatic switch to reset. Then try starting it again.
- Is it an electric dryer? Check the circuit breakers or fuses in the fuse box. An electric dryer will have two fuses. If one is blown, the dryer may run, but not 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.
- 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:

<b>APPLIANCES— HOUSEHOLD— MAJOR—SERVICE &amp; REPAIR</b>	<b>ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES—MAJOR— REPAIRING &amp; PARTS</b>
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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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