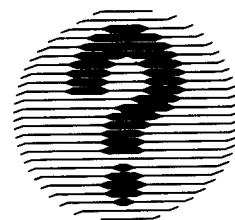


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Help us help you...

Before using your dryer, read this book carefully.

It is intended to help you operate and maintain your new dryer properly.

Keep it handy for answers to your questions.

If you don't understand something or need more help, write (include your phone number):

Consumer Affairs
Hotpoint
Appliance Park
Louisville, KY 40225

If you received a damaged dryer. . .

Immediately contact the dealer (or builder) that sold you the dryer.

Save time and money.

Before you request service. . . check the Problem Solver on pages 10-12. It lists causes of minor operating problems that you can correct yourself.

Write down the model and serial numbers.

You'll find them on a label on the front of the dryer behind the door.

These numbers are also on the Consumer Product Ownership Registration Card that came with your dryer. Before sending in this card, please write these numbers here:

Model Number

Serial Number

Use these numbers in any correspondence or service calls concerning your 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.**

● Don't turn electric switches on or off because sparks may ignite the gas.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

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

All drying instruction terms in this book conform to the Care Labeling Rule established by the Federal Trade Commission, January 1984.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all instructions before using this appliance.

WARNING—To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons when using your appliance, follow basic precaution, including the following:

- Use this appliance only for its intended purpose as described in this Use and Care Book.

- This dryer must be properly installed and located in accordance with the Installation Instructions before it is used. If you did not receive an Installation Instructions sheet with your dryer, you can obtain one by contacting the service location nearest you.

—Properly ground to conform with all governing codes and ordinances. Follow details in Installation Instructions.

—Locate where the temperature is above 50°F. (10°C.) for satisfactory operation of the dryer control system. Do not install or store the dryer where it will be exposed to the weather.

—Connect to a properly rated, protected and sized power-supply circuit to avoid electrical overload.

—Exhausting to the outside is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** to prevent large amounts of moisture and lint from being blown into the room. Carefully follow the Exhausting Details in the Installation Instructions.

- When disconnecting this appliance pull by the plug rather than the cord to avoid damage to the cord or junction of cord and plug. Make sure that the cord is located so that it will not be stepped on, tripped over or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.

- Do not repair or replace any part of the appliance or attempt any servicing unless specifically recommended in this Use and Care Book or in published user-repair instructions that you understand and have the skills to carry out.

To minimize the possibility of a fire hazard.

- Do not use heat to dry articles containing rubber, plastic, or similar materials (such as padded bras, tennis shoes, galoshes, bath mats, rugs, bibs, baby pants, plastic bags, etc.) as these materials may melt or burn. Also, some rubber materials, when heated, can under certain circumstances produce fire by spontaneous combustion.

- Garments labeled “Dry Away From Heat” (such as life jackets containing Kapok) must not be put in your dryer.

- Do not wash or dry articles that have been cleaned in, washed in, soaked in, or spotted with combustible or explosive substances (such as gasoline, degreasers, drycleaning solvents, kerosene, etc.) which may give off vapors that could ignite or explode. Do not use or store such substances on/or around your washer and/or dryer during operation.

- Any article on which you have used a cleaning solvent, or which contains flammable materials (such as cleaning cloths, mops, towels used in beauty salons, restaurants or barber shops, etc.) must not be placed in or near the dryer until all traces of these flammable liquids or solids and their fumes have been removed. There are many highly flammable items used in homes such as: acetone, denatured alcohol, gasoline, kerosene, some household cleaners, some spot removers, turpentines, waxes, wax removers and products containing petroleum distillates.

- Clean the lint filter before each load to prevent lint accumulation inside the dryer or in the room. **DO NOT OPERATE THE DRYER WITHOUT THE LINT FILTER IN PLACE.**

- Keep area around and underneath your appliance free

from the accumulation of combustible materials, such as lint, paper, rags, chemicals, etc.

. Do not store items that may burn or melt (such as clothing, paper material, plastics or plastic containers, etc.) on top of the dryer during operation.

- The interior of the machine and the exhaust duct connection inside the dryer should be cleaned periodically by a qualified individual.

- Exhaust duct (see installation instructions). Use only metal duct inside dryer or for exhausting dryer to the outside.

To minimize the possibility of injury.

- Never reach into the dryer while the drum is moving. Before loading, unloading or adding clothes, wait until the drum has completely stopped.

- Close supervision is necessary if this appliance is used by or near children. Do not allow children to play inside, on or with this appliance or any discarded appliance. Dispose of discarded appliances and shipping or packing materials properly. Before discarding a dryer, or removing from service, remove the door of the drying compartment.

- Keep all laundry aids (such as detergents, bleaches, fabric softeners, etc.) out of the reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet. Observe all warnings on container labels to avoid personal injury.

- Keep the floor around your appliances clean and dry to reduce the possibility of slipping.

- Do not dry fiberglass articles in your dryer. Skin irritation could result from the remaining glass particles that may be picked up by clothing during subsequent dryer uses.

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Important Safety Instructions (continued)

- The laundry process can reduce the flame retardancy of fabrics. To avoid such a result, the garment manufacturer's care instructions should be followed very carefully.

. Never climb on or stand on the dryer top or door.

- **Do not tamper with controls.**

- To minimize the possibility of electric shock, unplug this appliance from the power supply before attempting any maintenance or cleaning (except the removal and cleaning of the lint filter), NOTE: Turning the Cycle Selector knob to an OFF position does **NOT** disconnect the appliance from the power supply.

- Do not operate this appliance if it is damaged, malfunctioning, partially disassembled, or has missing or broken parts, including a damaged cord or plug.

Dryer-applied fabric softeners or anti-static conditioners

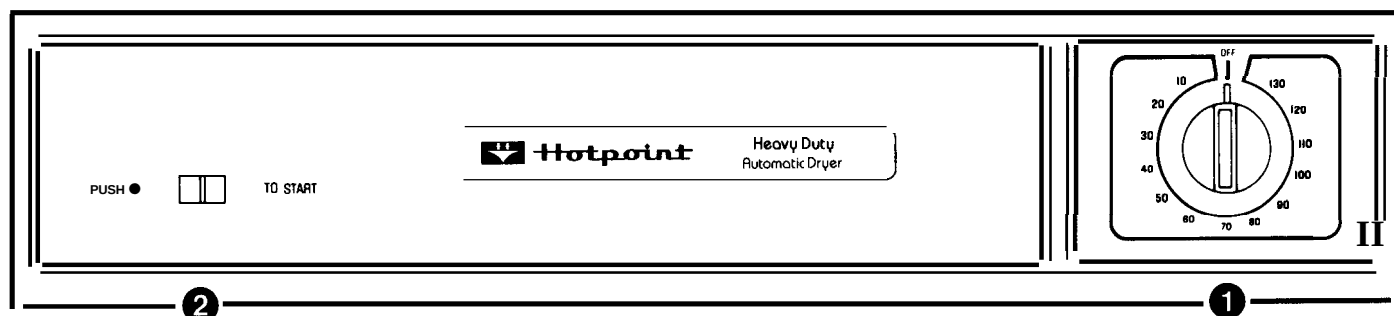
You may wish to soften your laundered fabrics or reduce the static electricity in them. We recommend you use either a fabric softener in the wash cycle, according to the manufacturer's instructions for those products, or try a dryer-added product for which the manufacturer gives written assurance on the package that their product can be safely used in your dryer.

Service or performance problems caused by the use of these products are the responsibility of the manufacturers of those products and are not covered under the warranty of this appliance.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

How to operate your dryer

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



Load Your Dryer Properly.

- Clean the lint filter each time the dryer is used. Always be sure the lint filter is in place. Don't use the dryer without it.
- Good sorting for the dryer begins at the washer. Generally, if clothes are sorted right for washing, they're sorted right for drying. See page 8 for sorting help. (If you do mix various types of fabrics in your load, set the controls for the lighter-weight fabrics and remove when dry. Reset controls for the remaining heavier fabrics.)

Set the Controls.

See the Controls Setting Guide on pages 6 and 7.

- 1 Turn Cycle Selector to desired cycle setting. The selector may be turned in either direction.
- 2 Push START switch to start dryer. (Opening the door during operation stops the dryer. To restart, close the door and push the START switch.)

Polyester Knits & Permanent Press drying tips

- **DO NOT OVERLOAD**—Garments being dried or dewrinkled should tumble freely.
- **REMOVE CLOTHES PROMPTLY**—To help prevent wrinkling, remove from the dryer promptly at the end of the drying cycles.
- **PLACE ON HANGERS**—Permanent Press and Polyester Knit garments look best if placed on hangers after drying.

**TURN THE PAGE
for Controls Setting Guide**

Controls Setting Guide for different fabrics and loads

Load	Drying Time
Cottons & Linens	45 minutes for average-weight loads; 55 minutes for work clothes and thick knitted cottons. Damp Dry for ironing: 20 minutes—lightweight cottons; 25 minutes—medium weight; 30 minutes—heavy cottons.
Permanent Press, Treated Cottons, Blends with Cotton	45 minutes
Synthetics—Polyester, Nylon, Acrylic Knits and Woven Fabrics	45 minutes
Sturdy	20 minutes
Delicate	
Silks and Wools, Blends including Silks and Wools	20 minutes
Rayon and Acetate	20 minutes
Down-filled garments, if machine washing and drying are recommended.	25 minutes
Baby Clothes—Sturdy: Diapers, Nightgowns, Shirts, Pads, Sheets, Receiving Blankets, Coveralls. See Special Instructions.	45 minutes
Baby Clothes—Delicate	20 minutes
Blankets—Wool, Part Wool, Cotton, Electric, Synthetic. See Below Under “Extra-large Items?”	20-25 minutes
Curtains, Slipcovers, Draperies. DO NOT MACHINE DRY FIBERGLASS.	For first setting set at 20 minutes; for second setting set at 15 minutes.
Chenille Bedspreads, Robes. See below under “Extra-large Items?”	For first setting set at 20 minutes; additional settings set at 5 minutes.
Rubber-coated items, laminated fabrics, vinyl, plastics and articles with plastic trim.	Set for time desired
Bathmats and Rugs. See below under High heat “Extra-large Items.”	For first setting set at 20 minutes; additional settings set at 5 minutes.
Extra-large Items—queen or king size sheets, blankets or spreads, sleeping bags, insulated jackets or suits, mattress covers (pads), quilted bedspreads.	For first setting set at 20 minutes; second setting—15 minutes; additional settings set at 5 minutes.
Pillows—Feather and Polyester-filled (if manufacturer recommends they be dried in a dryer). See Special Instructions,	90 minutes

NOTE: The drying times indicated above are to be used as a guide. You may find that best results are obtained for certain of your fabrics by setting the dial to either side of the recommended times.

Special Instructions

Do not dry non-colorfast items with whites or light-colored items.

Do not **overload** dryer; clothes should **tumble** freely. Remove promptly as soon as dryer stops; place clothes on hangers to minimize wrinkling.

Do not overload dryer; clothes should tumble freely. Remove promptly as soon as dryer stops; place clothes on hangers to minimize wrinkling.

Dry silks and wools in your dryer *only* if recommended by the garment manufacturer. Follow instructions carefully.

Tumble drying is mandatory. Down must be thoroughly dried to remove odor and prevent mildewing. Place two large dry towels in the dryer to improve tumbling and shorten drying time. Two clean, dry tennis shoes added to dryer also help to fluff up the down. Be sure to dry thoroughly.

IMPORTANT. If children's sleepwear is made of **Modacrylic**, tumble dry only on Low/Knits. Normal Heat temperature can damage these fabrics. Check manufacturer's drying instructions.

See above instructions.

Place in dryer with 3 or 4 dry towels which have been heated for 5 minutes. Set timer for 20 to 25 minutes. Do not set control for more than 25 minutes. Do only one blanket at a time. Remove blanket at end of cycle and block blanket back to original shape. Press binding with warm iron. Allow to dry before storing.

Use dry towels as buffers. Set time for 20 minutes. If items are still wet, reset for **15** minutes and check again. Items should be removed while still damp. Place slipcovers on furniture immediately. Hang draperies and curtains so that creases will fall out. Stop dryer periodically and check **filter** for excess lint. Remove and restart dryer.

Tumble dry on No Heat/Fluff setting as heat may cause alteration in shape, color and appearance of such articles.

Stop dryer periodically and check **filter** for excess lint. Remove and restart dryer.

Special precautions must be taken to dry extra large items. Set dryer for **20 minutes then check carefully**. Set 15 minutes for second setting, check again; and 5 minutes for each additional setting. Make sure that article does not fill drum. Many large articles, when wet, have ample room in dryer, but as they dry and fluff up may not have room to tumble. Check carefully every few minutes and if article is still wet or damp and **fills** dryer, finish drying on line. Do not, under any circumstances operate dryer for **longer** times without checking. **CAUTION:** If large items do not have room to tumble, the air flow maybe blocked which could **result** in scorching your valuable items. Many large items, like shag rugs, cannot be dried in home size dryers. **DO NOT tumble dry jackets containing Kapok.** (See filter cleaning instructions above.)

Check ticking for holes or weak seams where feathers or filling could escape. Dry no more than one pillow at a time and set dryer for maximum time. Stop dryer occasionally and shake pillows to redistribute filling for more even drying. Check pillows at end of drying time. If they are not completely dry, return them to dryer and reset for more drying time. Feather pillows dry very slowly and must be dried completely to prevent mildewing. **DO NOT tumble dry pillows containing Kapok.**

Refer to Garment Manufacturers' Care Labels

For more information on care labeling, send for "What's New About CARE LABELS?"

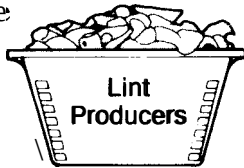
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How to sort the clothes

Normally, if you have sorted clothes correctly for washing, you will also have properly sorted drying loads.

Sort by surface texture

Separate



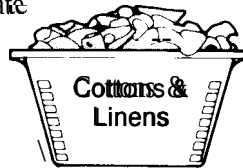
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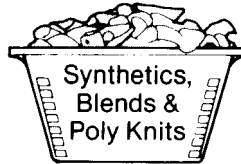
LINT PRODUCERS—such as terry toweling and chenille—give up lint. **LINT COLLECTORS**—such as man-made fibers and napped fabrics like velveteen and corduroy—attract lint, and must be dried separately.

Sort by fabric

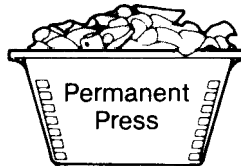
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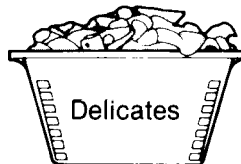
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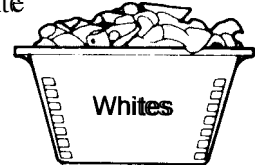
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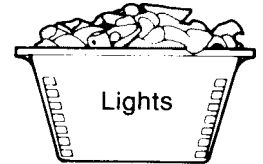
In addition to sorting to reduce lint collection, it is recommended that fabrics of similar construction be dried together whenever possible.

Sort by color

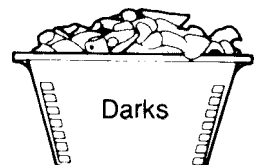
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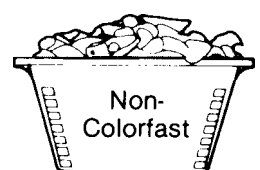
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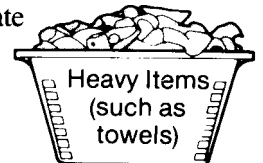


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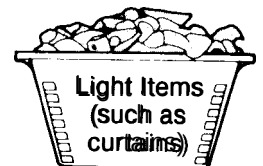


Sort by weight

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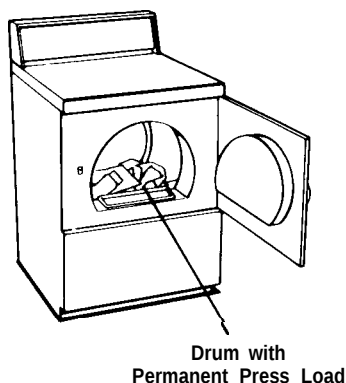
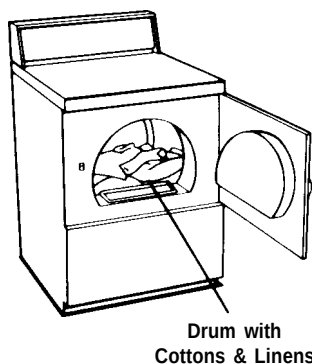


For information on tumble drying extra-large items and different fabrics and loads, see pages 6 and 7.

How to load the clothes

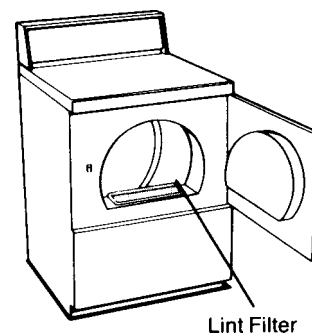
Don't overload your dryer. Crowded loads don't dry efficiently and clothes may be unnecessarily wrinkled.

Loads should look like this:



Clean the lint filter before drying every load.

Clean lint filter (see shaded area) by putting your moistened fingers at the corner of filter and wiping in a downward motion all the way across to the other corner.



For additional information on lint filter, see page 13.

Energy-Saving Tips

- Sort clothes by weight so you won't have to run an extra cycle for one or two heavier, slower-drying items. See page 8.

- Do not overload dryer. For efficient drying, clothes need to tumble freely.

- To help prevent ironing, remove garments promptly at end of drying cycle and place on hangers.

- Dry your clothes in consecutive loads. Using a "warm" dryer will save energy.

- Clean dryer lint filter each time you dry.

- Clean dryer exhaust ducting occasionally. A partially clogged exhaust can lengthen drying time.



Questions? Use This Problem Solver

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE AND REMEDY
DRYER WON'T START	• Dryer unplugged. Make sure power cord is plugged in. • No power to dryer. Check fuses and circuit breakers to make sure dryer is getting current. Most electric dryers use two. • Controls improperly set. Make sure controls are set and START switch is pushed. Opening the door during operation stops the dryer. To re-start, close the door and push the START switch. • Dryer door is open. Close door securely—dryer will not run with door open. • Circuit is overloaded. Do not operate other appliances on the same electrical outlet or circuit while the dryer is operating.
CLOTHES TAKE TOO LONG TO DRY	• Controls improperly set. Check all controls to make sure they are correctly set for the load you want to dry. See pages 5-7. • Clogged lint filter. Remove and clean filter before every load. Periodically clean area under lint filter with vacuum cleaner. See page 13. • Improper ducting. Make sure dryer is ducted in accordance with Installation Instructions. • Obstruction in exhaust ducting. Make sure ducting is clean and free of obstruction; make sure damper in outside wall cap operates easily. If flexible ducting is used, be sure it is not kinked and is properly installed according to Installation Instructions. • Blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers. Check household fuses or circuit breakers. Most electric dryers use two. It is possible for one to be blown or tripped and the dryer still tumble without heat. • Improper sorting. Do not mix heavy, hard-to-dry items with lightweight articles. • Large loads of moisture-holding fabrics, such as beach towels, take a long time to remove moisture. • Too many items in dryer. Dry only one washer load at a time. Do not combine loads. • Too few items in dryer. If drying only one article, add two more similar articles, even if dry, to insure proper tumbling.
SHRINKAGE, GENERAL	• Some fabrics will shrink whether machine washed and tumble dried or washed by hand and drip dried; others may be safely washed but will shrink in a dryer. Follow Garment Manufacturers' Care Labels exactly. If in doubt, do not machine wash or tumble dry.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE AND REMEDY
SHRINKAGE, KNITS	. Relaxation shrinkage can occur in knit fabrics that have been improperly stretched and elongated by the manufacturer. When this occurs, garment maybe pressed back into shape after each wash and dry cycle. • Progressive or delayed shrinkage is caused when starch or sizing (in some fabrics) is gradually removed by laundering. Maybe noticed in older garments that have been laundered many times without previous shrinkage. Treat as for Relaxation Shrinkage above. • Shrinkage caused by overheating occurs in certain knit fabrics that have been heat-shaped. When washing, drying or ironing temperatures exceed the temperatures used to shape set, shrinkage may occur. This cannot be corrected, but it can be prevented by washing in cold or warm water; drying in as short a time as possible.
WRINKLING IN PERMANENT PRESS AND "NO-IRON" ITEMS	. Leaving clothes in dryer after tumbling stops. Remove clothes promptly and hang them immediately. • Too many items in dryer. Dry only one washer load at a time. Do not combine loads. • Too few items in dryer. If drying only one article, add two or more similar articles, even if dry, to insure proper tumbling. • Improper loads. Avoid laundering heavy Permanent Press items, such as work clothes, with lighter Permanent Press items, such as shirts or blouses. Do not wash or dry Permanent Press with regular laundry. • Too many clothes in washer. Items must have room to move freely. Permanent Press loads should always be smaller than regular loads.. .no more than medium loads. • Use of incorrect wash cycle. Use Permanent Press Wash Cycle which provides a cool-down rinse to minimize wrinkling. Dry in as short a time as possible. • Incorrect water level. Use Full Water Fill for medium load; Medium Fill for small load. • Washing repeatedly in too hot water. Wash in cool or warm water with plenty of detergent.

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The Problem Solver (continued)

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE AND REMEDY
WRINKLING IN PERMANENT PRESS AND “NO-IRON” ITEMS (continued)	● Accumulation of lime scale due to use of carbonate detergents. If you must use a non-phosphate detergent, avoid the use of a high-carbonate detergent. ● Failure to use fabric softener. Proper use of fabric softener will minimize wrinkling. To remove wrinkles: 1. Retumble for 45 minutes. 2. Rinse and dry for 45 minutes. 3. Iron carefully. 4. Send to dry cleaners for pressing. 5. Some wrinkles may remain which cannot be removed; *NOTE: If you follow good laundry procedures and Permanent Press clothes still come out wrinkled, the finish may not be good quality. Also, in permanent press synthetic/cotton blends, the cotton portion of the fabric can eventually wear away leaving only the synthetic. Since it's the cotton portion which is treated for Permanent Press, a loss or decrease of Permanent Press performance will result.

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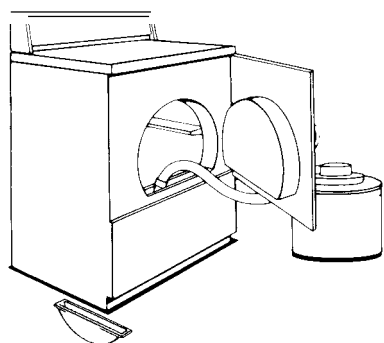
USER MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Good dryer care

The Drum. Porcelain enamel drum is rust-resistant and requires no special care.

The Exterior. Wipe off any spills or washing compounds. Wipe or dust with damp cloth. Try not to strike the surface with sharp objects.

The Lint Filter. Wipe lint filter before every use as described on page 9. Periodically lint filter should be removed and suction hose from vacuum cleaner should be inserted into the opening. See below.



Do not obstruct the flow of combustion and ventilating air.

Dryer Exhaust: Inspect and clean the dryer exhaust ducting at least once a year.

To store dryer: For short period of time, disconnect power supply and clean lint filter.

Do not store dryer where it will be exposed to the weather.

CAUTIONS:

. Before having your electric dryer connected in your new residence, be sure your licensed electrician confirms that the supply voltage matches the voltage specified on the rating plate.

. Dryer control panel and finishes may be damaged by some laundry pre-treatment soil and stain remover products if such products are sprayed on or have direct contact with the dryer.

Apply these pre-treatment products away from the dryer. The fabric may then be washed and dried normally. Damage to your dryer caused by pre-treatment products is not covered by your warranty.

Notes

If You Need Service

To obtain service, see your warranty on the back page of this book.

We're proud of our service and want you to be pleased. If for some reason you are not happy with the service you receive, here are three steps to follow for further help.

FIRST, contact the people who serviced your appliance. Explain why you are not pleased. In most cases, this will solve the problem.

NEXT, if you are still not pleased, write all the details—including your phone number—to:

Manager, Consumer Relations
Hotpoint
Appliance Park
Louisville, Kentucky 40225

FINALLY, if your problem is still not resolved, write:

Major Appliance
Consumer Action Panel
20 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606

YOUR HOTPOINT AUTOMATIC CLOTHES DRYER WARRANTY

Save proof of original purchase date such as your sales slip or **cancelled** check to establish warranty period.

WHAT IS COVERED

FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

For one year from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, parts and service labor in your home to repair or replace **any part of the dryer** that fails because of a manufacturing defect.

This warranty is extended to the original purchaser and any succeeding owner for products purchased for ordinary home use in the 48 mainland states, Hawaii and Washington, D.C. In Alaska the warranty is the same except that it is LIMITED because you must pay to ship the product to the service shop or for the service technician's travel costs to your home.

All warranty service will be provided by our Factory Service Centers or by our authorized Customer **Care®** servicers during normal working hours.

Look in the White or Yellow Pages of your telephone directory for **HOTPOINT FACTORY SERVICE, GENERAL ELECTRIC-HOTPOINT FACTORY SERVICE** or **HOTPOINT CUSTOMER CARE® SERVICE**.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED

. Service trips to your home to teach you how to use the product.

Read your Use and Care material.

If you then have any questions about operating the product, please contact your dealer or our Consumer Affairs office at the address below, or call, toll free:

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● Improper installation,

If you have an installation problem, contact your dealer or installer. You are responsible for providing adequate electrical, gas, exhausting and other connecting facilities.

● Replacement of house fuses or resetting of circuit breakers.

. Failure of the product if it is used for other than its intended purpose or used commercially.

● Damage to product caused by accident, fire, floods or acts of God.

WARRANTOR IS **NOT** RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above 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. To know what your legal rights are in your state, consult your local or state consumer affairs office or your state's Attorney General.

Warrantor: General Electric Company

If further help is needed concerning this warranty, write:

Manager—Consumer Affairs, General Electric Company, Appliance Park, Louisville, KY 40225

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