



Use and Care Guide

Dishwasher

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You'll find the Model & Serial numbers located on a label fastened on the inside of your new dishwasher.



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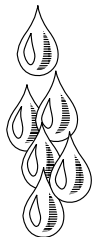
We'd like to thank you and congratulate you for making the wise decision in purchasing your dishwasher.

This User Guide is designed to be kept near your dishwasher at all times for quick and easy reference. Features may vary on some dishwasher models. Please read the following tips to insure your dishwasher is operating at its best performance.

We care about you and your appliance and we want your dishwasher *to do its job for you*.



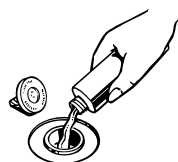
- **HOT WATER**—Your dishwasher needs hot water for best results. **Water entering the dishwasher should be at least 120°F.** but your dishwasher performs **BETTER** with **HIGHER** water temperatures not to exceed 150°F.



- **WATER HARDNESS**—The hardness of the water plays an important part in how well your dishwasher cleans. In areas where water is very hard (12 grains or more), it may be necessary to install a water softener. If you do not know the hardness of your water supply, contact your local water department.



- **DETERGENTS**—Only use detergents labeled for use in automatic dishwashers.
▲ Never use laundry detergents or liquid soaps...that will cause oversudsing and leaks. The amount of detergent you use depends on the water hardness and the amount of soil on your dishes. In most cases, detergent amounts should be increased for hard water and heavy soil.



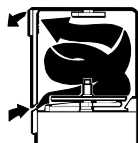
- **RINSE AGENT**—should always be used:
 - to reduce water spotting.
 - to improve drying.Always check and refill the rinse agent when necessary.



- **FOR BEST RESULTS**—The cycles and the options you choose have an effect on the results you get. The following are examples. (Please, see the Operating Instructions.)



- **TEMP BOOST OPTION**—
 - use with heavily soiled loads.
 - provides additional heat for best washing and drying.



- **POTS PANS CYCLE**—
 - use with dried or baked-on heavily soiled loads.
- **HEATED DRY OPTION**—
 - assures faster drying.
 - be sure to use a rinse agent.



Before using your dishwasher, read this guide carefully.

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

Keep it handy for answers to your questions.

If you don't understand something or need more help, call:

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24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



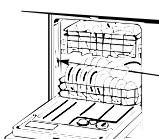
If you received a damaged dishwasher...

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

Save time and money.

Before you request service...

Check the Problem Solver in the back of this guide. 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 fastened to the tub wall just inside the dishwasher door.

These numbers are also on the Consumer Product Ownership Registration Card that came with your dishwasher. 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 dishwasher.

Para obtener la versión en español,
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GE Answer Center®,
servicio de información para el
consumidor, teléfono 800.626.2000.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Read all instructions before using this appliance.



WARNING—When using this appliance, always exercise basic safety precautions, including the following:

- **Use this appliance only for its intended purpose, as you will find described in this guide.**
- Use only powder or liquid detergents or wetting agents recommended for use in a dishwasher. Keep all washing detergents and wetting agents out of reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet. Observe all warnings on container labels to avoid personal injury.
- When loading items to be washed:
 - A. Locate sharp items so that they are not likely to damage the door seal, and
 - B. Load sharp knives with the handles up to reduce the risk of cut-type injuries.
- Do not wash plastic items unless marked “dishwasher safe” or the equivalent. For plastic items not so marked, check the manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Do not touch the heating element during or immediately after use.
- Do not operate your dishwasher unless all enclosure panels are properly in place.
- Do not tamper with controls.
- Do not abuse, sit on, or stand on the door or dish rack of the dishwasher.
- 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 material properly. Before discarding a dishwasher, remove the door of the washing compartment.



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

- Load light plastic items so they will not become dislodged and drop to the bottom of the dishwasher—they might come into contact with the heating element and be damaged.
- To minimize the possibility of electric shock, disconnect this appliance from the power supply before attempting any maintenance. **NOTE:** Turning the dishwasher off does not disconnect the appliance from the power supply. We recommend having a qualified technician service your appliance.

- **Do not attempt to repair or replace any part of your dishwasher unless it is specifically recommended in this guide. All other servicing should be referred to a qualified technician.**

GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS



This dishwasher 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 dishwasher, you can obtain one by calling, toll-free, the GE Answer Center®, 800.626.2000.

- This appliance must be connected to a grounded metal, permanent wiring system; or an equipment-grounding conductor must be run with the circuit conductors and connected to the equipment-grounding terminal or lead of the appliance.



WARNING—Improper connection of the equipment-grounding conductor can result in a risk of electric shock.

Check with a qualified electrician or service representative if you are in doubt whether the appliance is properly grounded.



WARNING—HYDROGEN GAS is produced by the chemical action within your water heater. It can accumulate in the water heater

and/or water pipes if hot water has not been used for a period of two weeks or longer.

HYDROGEN GAS IS EXPLOSIVE. To prevent the possibility of damage or injury, if you have not used hot water for two weeks or more, or moved into a residence in which the hot water system may not have been used for some time, turn on all hot water faucets and allow them to run for several minutes before using any electrical appliance which is connected to the hot water system. This will allow any hydrogen gas to escape. Also, since the gas is flammable, do not smoke or use an open flame or appliance during this process.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



HOW TO USE THE UNICOUPLE

Before Operating Your Dishwasher the First Time...

Attach the Faucet Adapter. The special faucet adapter supplied with your dishwasher must be assembled to the sink faucet before you can use your dishwasher.

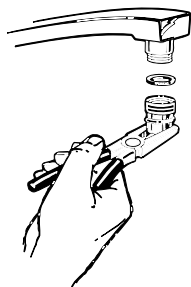
The faucet adapter is designed to fit standard spouts having internal or external threads. You will find the adapter and two washers in the "Faucet Adapter" packet in your dishwasher.

To install faucet adapter, first remove the old aerator or trim ring on your faucet spout.

If faucet has external threads:

Insert the thinner of the two washers into the faucet adapter and attach it to the faucet spout.

Tighten with pliers.



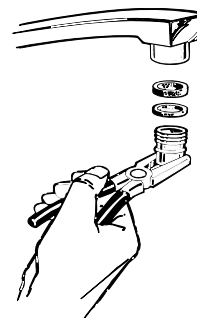
If faucet has internal threads:

Insert both of the washers into the faucet adapter and attach it to the faucet spout.

Tighten with pliers.

If the faucet adapter threads do not match your faucet spout, your local hardware or plumbing supply store normally has additional fittings to adapt your faucet spout to the special faucet adapter.

NOTE: A sink spray attachment hose can burst if it is installed on the same sink with your dishwasher. We suggest that you disconnect the sink spray attachment if your sink has one and plug the hole.

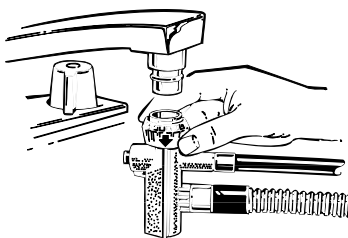


How to Connect the Unicouple

1. Pull Unicouple and its hoses completely out from storage compartment located at rear of dishwasher and attach it to the faucet adapter.

2. Attach the Unicouple

connector to the faucet adapter by depressing the collar at the top of the connector. When Unicouple is all the way up onto the adapter, release the collar. It will then snap into position to lock the Unicouple in place.



The Unicouple's small hose carries water from the faucet to the dishwasher. Its large hose carries drain water to the sink. Be sure Unicouple is pointing toward the sink bowl drain opening and the sink drain is open for water that will drain from your dishwasher. If your dishwasher drains into a disposer, operate the disposer until it is completely empty before starting the dishwasher.

3. Turn hot water fully on before starting the dishwasher.

How to Disconnect the Unicouple from Faucet Adapter

1. Turn off the hot water.

2. Release the water pressure by depressing the pressure release button. This relieves water pressure and protects you, and the room, from severe splashing.

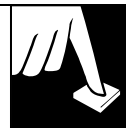
3. Release Unicouple from faucet by depressing the collar at the top of the Unicouple connector.

How to Disconnect Your Dishwasher

1. Remove the power cord plug from the wall receptacle.

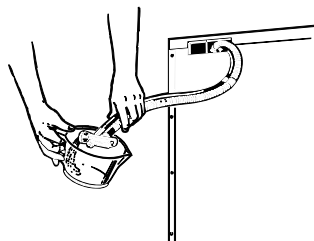
2. Disconnect Unicouple from faucet adapter.

NOTE: When motor stops at the end of the final rinse, the Unicouple can be disconnected and returned to storage.



How to Drain Excess Water from Unicouple Hoses

If the sink is 34" or higher from the floor, the excess water in Unicouple hoses cannot be drained directly into the sink. It will be necessary to drain excess water from hoses into a bowl or suitable container that is held outside and lower than the sink.



HOW TO CONNECT ELECTRICITY

Caution, for personal safety:

DO NOT USE AN EXTENSION CORD OR AN ADAPTER PLUG WITH THIS APPLIANCE.

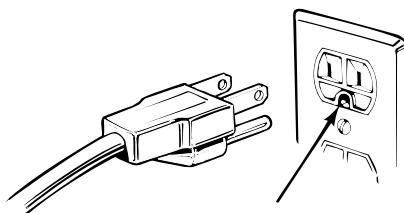
DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, CUT OR REMOVE THE THIRD GROUNDING PRONG FROM THE POWER CORD.

GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS—This appliance must be grounded. In the event of a malfunction or breakdown, grounding will reduce the risk of electric shock by providing a path of least resistance for electric current. This dishwasher is equipped with a cord having a grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into an appropriate outlet that is installed and grounded in accordance with the NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, ANSI/NPFA NO. 70.

DANGER—Improper connection of the equipment/grounding conductor can result in a risk of electric shock. Check with a qualified electrician or serviceman if you are in doubt as to whether the dishwasher is properly grounded. Do not modify the plug provided with the appliance; if it will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.

Electrical Requirements

- This appliance must be supplied with 120V, 60 Hz, and connected to an individual, properly grounded branch circuit, protected by a 15 or 20 amp circuit breaker or time-delay fuse.
- If the electric supply provided does not meet the above specifications, it is recommended that a licensed electrician install an approved outlet.



INSURE PROPER
GROUND EXISTS
BEFORE USE

- Your dishwasher circuit should not be used for any other appliance while the dishwasher is in operation as the dishwasher requires the full capacity of the circuit.
- If the wall receptacle you plug the dishwasher's power cord into is controlled by a switch, turn on the switch.



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Find your model. Locate your model number by looking on the label fastened to the tub wall just inside the dishwasher door.

Your dishwasher is designed to give maximum performance on loads with normal and heavy soils.

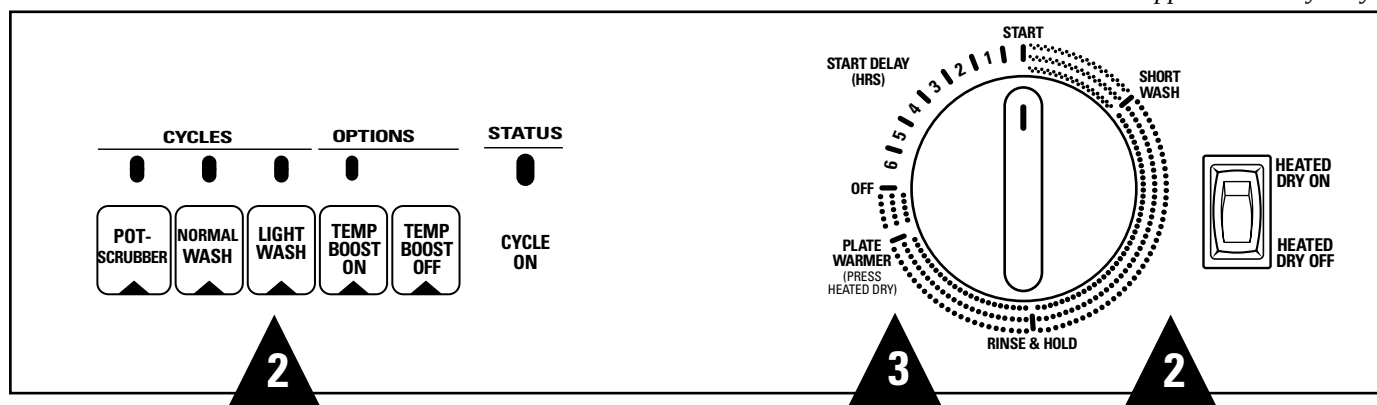
GSC720

Features and appearance may vary



GSC900

Features and appearance may vary



1 Before you Begin

- Load dishware. (See Loading section.)
- Make sure the Cycle Indicator Dial is at the OFF position and the Cycle On light (on some models) is OFF.
- Add detergent. (See Detergent Dispensers and Detergent Guide sections.)
- Check rinse agent level. (See Rinse Agent section.)

NOTE: If dishwasher drains into a garbage disposal, operate the disposal until it is empty before starting the dishwasher.

2 Select Cycle/Option

*If you want to use a cycle on the Dial go to Using the Cycles on the Dial section.

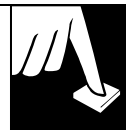
- Latch the door.
- Select your desired wash cycle and (energy) options.

NOTE: The light over the pads (on some models) comes ON when pressed, to indicate the cycle/option that has been selected. Press pad firmly until light comes on. These lights remain on while the door is latched.

3 Starting the Cycle

Turning the Cycle Indicator Dial to START will begin the cycle immediately.

NOTE: To obtain the benefits of a complete cycle, be careful that you do not turn the Dial any farther than is necessary to start the dishwasher. There is a time delay between start-up and water fill so you will not hear any wash action right away.



Cycle Descriptions (Cycles available vary by model)

POTSCRUBBER

For heavily soiled dishes or cookware with dried-on or baked-on soils. Everyday dishes may be included. This cycle will not remove burned-on foods.

NORMAL WASH

For loads of everyday dishes, glasses and cookware with medium soils. Designed to yield high performance on average soils.

NOTE: Many dishes have lighter soil than normal. Choosing a cycle other than NORMAL WASH will save energy and water.

LIGHT WASH

For dishes with light soils.

SHORT WASH

For quickly washing loads of everyday dishes with medium soils that have not dried-on, such as loads consisting mostly of glasses.

RINSE & HOLD

For rinsing partial loads that will be washed later. *Do not use detergent.*

PLATE WARMER

For warming clean dishes and serving plates. This cycle will take approximately 32 minutes.

2 *Using the Cycles on the Dial (Cycles available vary by model)

SHORT WASH

1. Select the NORMAL WASH cycle and any options.
2. Be sure the door is unlatched.
3. Slowly turn the Dial to SHORT WASH.
4. Latch the door to start the cycle.

RINSE & HOLD

1. Make sure HEATED DRY OFF is selected.
2. Be sure the door is unlatched.
3. Slowly turn the Dial to RINSE & HOLD.
4. Latch the door to start the cycle.

PLATE WARMER

1. Load clean dishware to be warmed.
2. Select HEATED DRY ON.
3. Be sure the door is unlatched.
4. Slowly turn the Cycle Indicator Dial to PLATE WARMER.
5. Latch the door to start the cycle.

START DELAY

The START DELAY will allow you to delay the start time of any cycle not on the Dial automatically for up to 6 hours. Select your desired wash cycle and energy options, then turn the Cycle Indicator Dial to the desired time. The CYCLE ON light will come on.

Options (Energy) Descriptions (Options available vary by model)

TEMP BOOST ON

Provides extra heat for best performance. It is used best with heavily-soiled dishes.

TEMP BOOST OFF

Turns off TEMP BOOST ON.

HEATED DRY ON

Turns the drying heater on for fast drying. This cycle will extend the time to your wash cycle.

HEATED DRY OFF

Shuts off the drying heat option. Dishes air dry naturally and energy is saved.

Cycle Sequence Chart (Cycles available vary by model)

Wash Cycles	For Model GSC720		For Model GSC900		Cycle Sequence
	Water Use Gallons (approx.)	Wash Cycle Time Minutes (approx.)	Water Use Gallons (approx.)	Wash Cycle Time Minutes (approx.)	
POTSCRUBBER	10.2	62	10.0	63	Rinse Rinse Rinse Main Wash Rinse Rinse Rinse
NORMAL WASH	8.6	62	8.4	63	Rinse Rinse Main Wash Rinse Rinse Rinse
LIGHT WASH	—	—	7.8	63	Rinse Rinse Main Wash Rinse Rinse
SHORT WASH	7.0	52	6.9	55	Rinse Main Wash Rinse Rinse Rinse
RINSE & HOLD	3.0	12	3.0	9	Rinse Rinse

Drying Options:

HEATED DRY ON. Available on all wash cycles except RINSE & HOLD. Add approximately 32 minutes to cycle time.

HEATED DRY OFF. Drying heater is turned off. Dishes dry naturally.



Good Dishwashing Starts with HOT Water

To get dishes clean and dry, you need hot water. For good washing and drying, the entering water must be at least 120°F. To prevent dish damage, inlet water should not exceed 150°F.

How to Test Water Temperature

Check your water temperature with a candy or meat thermometer. Turn on the hot water faucet nearest the dishwasher. Put the thermometer in a glass and let the water run continuously into the glass until the temperature stops rising. If the water temperature is below 120°F., adjust your water heater.

Helpful hints: If outside temperatures are unusually low, or if your water travels a long distance from water heater to dishwasher, you may need to set your water heater's thermostat up. If you have not used hot water for some time, the water in the pipes will be cold. Turn

on the hot water faucet at the sink and allow it to run until the water is hot. Then start the dishwasher. If you've recently done laundry or run hot water for showers, give your water heater time to recover before operating the dishwasher.

To improve washability if the water is less than 120°F. and you cannot adjust your water heater: Select a longer cycle or the **TEMP BOOST ON** option (on some models) and fill both detergent cups at least half-full with detergent.

How to Use a Rinse Agent

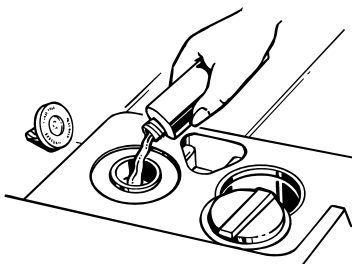
The rinse agent makes water flow off dishes quicker than usual. This lessens water spotting and makes drying faster, too.

For best dishwashing performance, use of a rinse agent such as JET-DRY brand is recommended.

Rinse agents come in either liquid or solid form. Your dishwasher uses the liquid form.

How to fill the rinse agent dispenser:

Unscrew the cap.
Add liquid rinse agent until it just reaches the bottom of lip inside the dispenser opening. Replace cap. The dispenser automatically releases rinse agent into final rinse water.



You may check to see if you need to add rinse agent by removing the fill cap and looking into the container. You may also check the rinse agent, on some models, by pressing the clear center of the fill cap 2 or 3 times. If rinse agent is drawn into the center of the fill cap, you have enough. If the center area remains clear add rinse agent.

Your dishwasher's rinse agent container holds approximately 4½ ounces. This should last about 3 months. Fill as needed.

If you accidentally spill: Wipe up the rinse agent with a damp cloth. Don't leave the spill in the dishwasher. It can keep your detergent from working.

If you can't find any rinse agent, write:

BENCKISER CONSUMER PRODUCTS, INC.
("JET-DRY")
Corporate Centre 1
55 Federal Road
P.O. Box 1991
Danbury, CT 06813-1991

Forget to Add a Dish?

Add dishes any time during the RINSE & HOLD cycle. With other wash cycles, you can add dishes at any time BEFORE the main detergent wash portion of the cycle.

However, opening the door during any cycle lessens cleaning power. So try to load everything at the beginning.

Here's how to add a forgotten dish:

1. Push the door latch to the left. Washing will stop.
 2. Wait a few seconds until the water calms. Then open the door. **WARNING: Hot vapor may rise from the opened door.**
 3. Add dishes you've forgotten.
 4. Close the door and push the latch to the far right. When the door is locked, washing will continue.
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How to Choose and Use the Right Detergent

Use only powder or liquid detergent specifically made for use in dishwashers. Other types will cause oversudsing.

How much detergent should you use? That depends. Is your water “hard” or “soft”? With hard water, you need extra detergent to get dishes clean. With soft water, you need less detergent.

Your water department can tell you how hard your water is. So can your county extension agent or your area’s water softener company. Just call and ask them how many “grains” of hardness there are in your water.

Too much detergent with soft water not only wastes money, it can be harmful. It can cause a permanent

cloudiness of glassware, called “etching.” An outside layer of glass is etched away! Of course, this takes some time. But why take a chance when it’s easy to find out the hardness of your water.

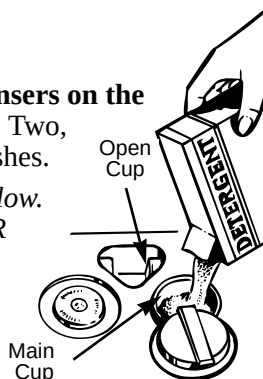
Keep your detergent fresh and dry. Under the sink isn’t a good place to store detergent because there is too much moisture. Don’t put powder detergent into the dispenser until you’re ready to wash dishes, either. (It won’t be fresh OR dry.)

If your powder detergent gets old or lumpy, throw it away. Old detergent often won’t dissolve. If you use a liquid dishwasher detergent, these precautions are not necessary because liquid detergents don’t “lump” as they age or come in contact with moisture.

Detergent Dispensers

You’ll find two detergent dispensers on the inside door of your dishwasher. Two, because some cycles use two washes.

See “Detergent Usage Guide” below. (Be sure the **CYCLE INDICATOR DIAL** is at **OFF** position before adding detergent. Otherwise, the detergent cup will not close and latch properly.)



Close the main cup.

NOTE: To open detergent cup after it has been closed, simply turn the detergent cup handle counter-clockwise until it releases. A snapping sound may be heard. This is normal when the detergent cup opens.



Grasp handle and turn counter-clockwise

Detergent Usage Guide (powder or liquid)

CYCLES	SOFT WATER (0-3 grains hardness)		MEDIUM WATER (3-7 grains)		HARD WATER (7-12 grains*)	
	Main Cup	Open Cup	Main Cup	Open Cup	Main Cup‡	Open Cup‡
POTSCRUBBER	Half Full	Half Full	Completely Full	Half Full	Completely Full	Completely Full
NORMAL WASH						
LIGHT WASH	Half Full	None	Half Full	None	Completely Full	None
SHORT WASH						
RINSE & HOLD	Use no detergent		Use no detergent		Use no detergent	

*12 grains and up is extremely hard water. A water softener is recommended. Without it, lime can build up in the water valve. The water valve may stick while open and cause flooding.

‡Filled Main Cup holds 3 tablespoons; filled Open Cup holds 2 tablespoons.

How to Prepare the Dishes for Washing

If this is your first dishwasher, or if you’re replacing a much older model, you may wonder how much preparation your dishes need. Actually very little. Scrape off bones, seeds, skins, toothpicks and other hard solids. Remove excessive quantities of oil or grease.

NOTE: You may also want to consider removing foods such as mustard, mayonnaise, vinegar, lemon juice and other foods that can cause discoloration of stainless steel if allowed to remain on dishes for a long period of time.

The **POTSCRUBBER** cycle can wash heavily soiled dishes and remove dried-on and baked-on soils from pots, pans and casseroles. Items with burned-on soils need extra preparation.



HOW TO LOAD YOUR DISHWASHER

For best dishwashing results follow these loading guidelines. Features and appearance of racks and silverware baskets may vary from your model.

Upper Rack



The upper rack is for glasses, cups and saucers. Cups and glasses fit best along the sides. This is also a secure place for dishwasher-safe plastics.

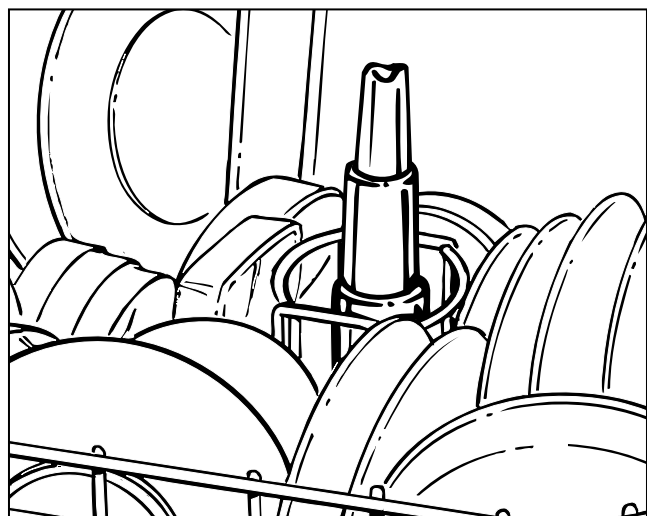
A cup shelf (on some models) may be placed in the up or down position to add flexibility. Load the bottom row first, then fold the shelf down and load the top row.

The upper rack is good for all kinds of odd-shaped utensils. Saucepans, mixing bowls and other items should be placed face down.

NOTE:

- Secure larger dishwasher-safe plastics over two fingers when possible.
- Make sure when loading, that small plastic items are secured, so they can't fall onto the heating element.

The Wash Tower



Keep the center area clear in the lower rack.

The wash tower rises through the center of the lower rack during the wash and rinse portions of the cycle.

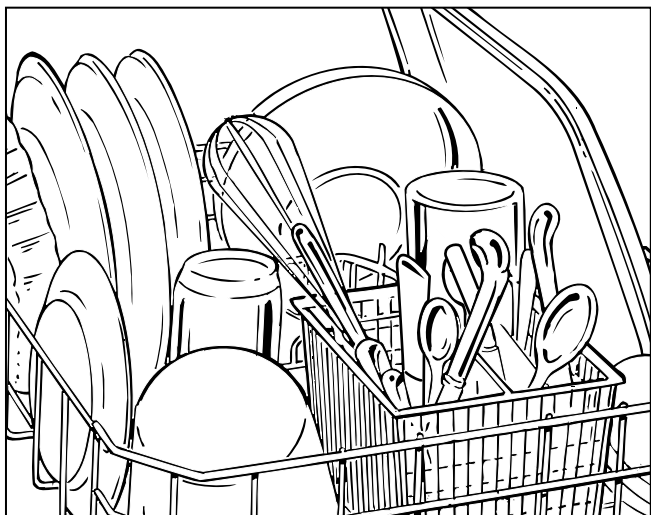
Don't block it or load tall things next to it.

Also, be careful not to let a portion of an item such as a pot or dish handle extend through the bottom rack. This could block the wash arm and cause poor washing results.



Lower Rack

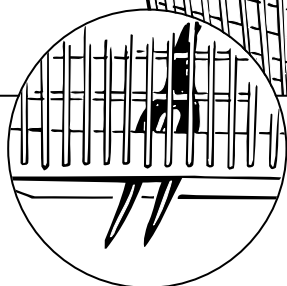
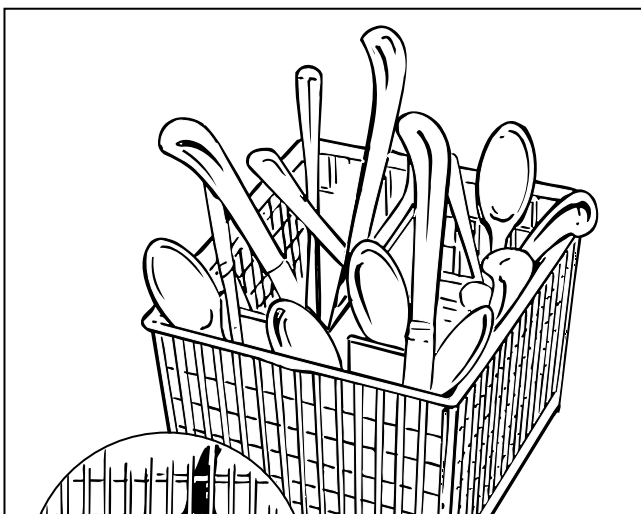
NOTE: When loading the lower rack, do not load large platters or trays in the front right corner. They may prevent detergent from circulating in the wash cycle.



The lower rack is best used for plates, saucers, and cookware. Large items such as broiler pans and racks should go along the sides. Load platters, pots and bowls along the sides, in corners, or in the back.

Place all items to be washed with the soiled side facing the center of the rack.

Silverware Basket

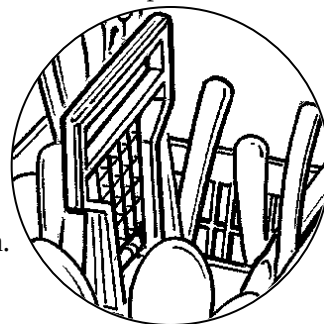


Don't let any item extend through bottom

Put flatware in the removable basket with fork and knife handles up to protect your hands. Place spoons in the basket with handles down. Mix knives, forks and spoons so they don't nest together. Distribute evenly.

Small plastic items, such as measuring spoons and lids from small containers, should go in the bottom of the silverware basket with silverware on top.

A security cell cover (on some models) hinged in some handles can be lowered to either side to secure lightweight items from the effects of the vigorous wash action.

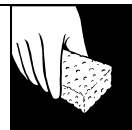




WHAT YOU CAN USUALLY WASH SAFELY IN YOUR DISHWASHER

Material	Usually Safe	Exceptions (not safe)	Special Instructions
Aluminum	YES	Some colored anodized aluminum can fade.	Some darkening or spotting possible. Remove by scouring with soap-filled steel wool pads.
China/ Stoneware	YES	Antique, metal-trimmed, hand-painted or over-the-glaze patterns fade. Gold leaf will discolor.	If in doubt, check with the manufacturer. Or test wash one piece daily for at least a month. Compare with the rest of the set.
Crystal	YES	Antique, metal-trimmed or hand-painted patterns fade. Gold leaf will discolor.	Load securely to prevent movement. Check your manufacturer's instructions for your crystal.
Non-dishwasher items—such as electronic air cleaner filters, furnace filters, paint brushes, etc.	NO		Do not wash in dishwasher. Damage to dishwasher and discoloration or staining of dishwasher may result.
Glass	YES		
Iron	NO	Iron will rust.	
Pewter	NO	Pewter tarnishes.	
Plastics	YES		If it doesn't say DISHWASHER SAFE, test one piece in the top rack before dishwashing an entire set.
Stainless steel	YES		Rinse if not washing immediately. Salty or acidic foods can stain if left on.
Sterling silver and silver plate	YES	Don't put in same silverware basket with stainless steel. Contact between metals can damage silver. Don't wash copper utensils in the same load. Silver may get a brown film. Adhesive used to attach some hollow-handle knives can loosen.	Rinse if not washing immediately. Salty or acidic foods can stain if left on. Dry detergent can cause difficult-to-remove black spots. Place in back section of silverware basket to avoid exposure to detergent from the detergent cup.
Non-stick coatings	YES		After washing, wipe the non-stick coating area with vegetable oil to keep it from losing its non-stick quality.
Tin	NO	Tin can rust.	
Wood	NO	Wood can warp, crack or lose its finish with any type of washing.	

CARE AND CLEANING



USER MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Clean the control panel with a lightly dampened cloth. Dry thoroughly. Do not use abrasives or sharp objects on the panel. They can damage it.

Clean the outside with a good appliance polish wax. The outside cabinet finish is durable, but it can scratch. So use no scouring pads, or harsh or gritty cleaners.

Appliance Polish Wax & Cleaner (Cat. No. WR97X0216) is available from GE Service and Parts Center.

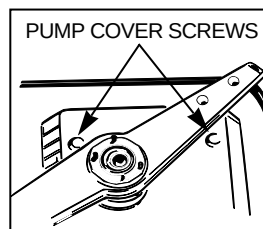
The inside usually takes care of itself. If it should ever need cleaning, use a mild cleansing powder. Scouring pads and harsh cleaners can mar the finish.

Not Using Your Dishwasher in Winter? Protect Against Freezing (on built-in models only)

If your dishwasher is left in an unheated place during the winter, ask a service technician to:

- Cut off electrical power to the dishwasher. Remove fuses or trip circuit breaker.
- Turn off the water supply.
- Disconnect the water inlet line from the water valve.
- Drain water from the inlet line and water valve. (Use a pan to catch the water.)

- Reconnect the water inlet line to the water valve.
- Drain collection chamber at rear of unit below filter by disconnecting hose to pump. Reconnect after draining.
- Remove the plastic pump cover in the tub bottom and use a sponge to soak up water in the rubber boot.



Care of the Dishwasher Top

Before using, wipe well with a dry cloth to remove surface dust. Wash with warm water and a mild detergent. Dry the surface with a clean cloth.

- Never let water stand on the top.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or bleach on the top.
- Do not use the top as a cutting board; it can be scarred permanently.
- Do not put hot casseroles, hot skillets, or hot small appliances on the top.

Conversion Kit

A special kit (Cat No. WD35X0193) for changing a convertible dishwasher to a permanent built-in installation is available from your dealer or service organization.

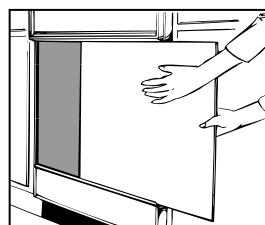


HOW TO CHANGE COLOR PANELS (GSC900 ONLY)

If you are redecorating, you can change your dishwasher's front panel to match or blend with your new colors by flipping it over. Each side of each panel is a different color. You may also paint a panel with a color of your own choice.

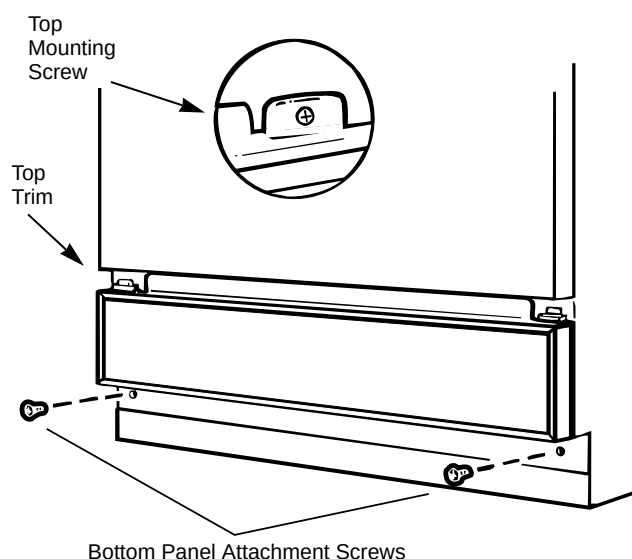
How to Change the Door Panel:

1. Take out trim screws on either side of the dishwasher door. Remove the side trim.
2. Slide the door panel out.
(Careful—edges may be sharp.)
3. Turn the door panel around and put the color you want in front.
4. Replace the door panel, side trim and screws.



NOTE: Do not operate dishwasher while changing panels or when bottom access panel is removed.

How to Change the Bottom Panel:



1. Remove the bottom panel attachment screws.
2. Remove the top mounting screws.
3. Take out the top trim screws and remove the top trim.
4. Slide the color panel(s) up and out and put the color you want in front.
5. Replace the top trim and screws.
6. Replace the entire assembly by reversing the steps.

Wood Panel Trim Kits

Wood panel trim kits contain trim and instructions for adding a decorative wood door panel and lower access panel to match kitchen cabinets. You supply the wood panels which should be no thicker than 1/4".

Specify the kit number when ordering:

GPF40BC (Chrome Trim & Screws)
GPF40BK (Black Trim)
GPF40WD (White Trim)
GPF40AD (Almond)

Color Panels

If you have redecorated and the color panels in your dishwasher do not blend with your new color scheme you may order an additional color panel.

Specify the color panel number when ordering:

GPF24 White/Almond
GPF26 Harvest/Black
GPF27 Black/White

Ordering Information

Color panels and wood panel trim kits are available at an extra cost by calling, toll-free, 800-626-2002. Your order will be sent directly to your home. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted.



QUESTIONS? USE THIS PROBLEM SOLVER

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
DISHWASHER WON'T RUN	A fuse in your home may be blown, or the circuit breaker tripped. Replace fuse or reset circuit breaker. Remove any other appliances from the circuit.
UNUSUAL NOISE	Utensils may not be secure on rack pins, or something small may have dropped from the rack. Water is causing utensils to rattle. Make sure everything is secured in dishwasher.
DISHES DON'T DRY	Make sure inlet water temperature is correct. (See How to Test Water Temperature section.) Unload the bottom rack first. Water from dishes in the top rack may be spilling into the bottom rack. Make sure the Cycle On light is off, indicating the dry cycle (if selected) is complete. Check for improper loading. Dishes shouldn't nest together. Avoid overloading. Check the rinse agent dispenser to see that it's not empty.
UNCLEAN DISHES AND FLATWARE	Check inlet water temperature. It should be at least 120°F. (To test, see How to Test Water Temperature section.) Try to use the Temp Boost option. Water pressure may be temporarily low. Turn on a faucet. Is water coming out slower than usual? If so, wait until pressure is normal before using your dishwasher. Plugged air gap. (See Care and Cleaning section.) Improper rack loading. (See Loading section.) Choose another cycle to give you longer washing time.
DETERGENT LEFT IN DISPENSER CUPS	Water may not be reaching the detergent cups. Move dishes that may be blocking detergent cup. The dispenser cover may not be opening or may be blocked by improperly loaded items. If you used a powder detergent, open the cup and remove any caked-on detergent. If the cup still doesn't open automatically, call for service. Detergent may be old. If the powder detergent is hard or caked in the box, throw it away. The detergent may not be working well. Try another brand.
DETERGENT CUP LID WON'T LATCH AFTER ADDING DETERGENT	Cycle Indicator Dial must be in OFF position and Cycle On light (on some models) must be off for cup lid to close and latch properly. If you unlatch the door and open it to dry your dishes, the Cycle Indicator Dial does not advance by itself.
YELLOW OR BROWN FILM	Tea or coffee can stain cups. Remove the stain by hand, using a solution of 1/2 cup bleach and 3 cups warm water. An overall yellow or brown film on dishes or glassware can be caused by iron deposits in water. A special filter in the water supply line is the only way to correct this problem. Your water softener company can tell you about the filter. Yellow film on sterling silver results when you wash copper utensils in the same load. Silver polish will usually remove this stain.
CYCLE AND OPTION INDICATOR LIGHTS STAY ON WHEN CYCLE IS COMPLETED	This is normal. Unlatch the door to turn off the Cycle and Energy Option Indicator lights. NOTE: The Cycle On light will stay on until all cycles are complete. Wait until this light goes off to unlatch the door or a cycle will be interrupted.

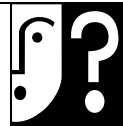
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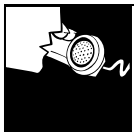
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PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
SPOTS AND FILMING ON GLASSES AND FLATWARE	Spotting can be caused by all these things: • Extremely hard water. (See How to Choose and Use Detergent section.) • Low inlet water temperature. (See How to Test Water Temperature section.) • Overloading the dishwasher. • Improper loading. (See Loading section.) • Old or damp powder detergent. • Phosphate level in detergent too low. (See How to Choose and Use Detergent section.) • Rinse agent dispenser empty. (See How to Use a Rinse Agent section.) • Too little detergent. (See How to Choose and Use Detergent section.) Local water conditions and personal preferences vary. Try several brands of detergents to find one that gives the best results for you. A liquid dishwasher detergent may help reduce filming. To remove stubborn spots and film from glassware: 1. Remove all metal utensils from the dishwasher. 2. Do not add detergent. 3. Select POTSCRUBBER cycle. 4. Start the dishwasher and allow to run for 18 to 22 minutes. The dishwasher will now be in the main wash. 5. Then open the door and pour 2 cups (500 ml) of white vinegar into the bottom of the dishwasher. 6. Close the door and allow to complete the cycle. If vinegar rinse doesn't work: Repeat as above, except use 1/4 cup (60 ml) of citric acid crystals instead of vinegar. (Most drugstores carry citric acid crystals. If yours doesn't, call GE Factory Service.) Using a vinegar or citric acid crystal rinse more than twice a month? Consider a home water softener.
CLOUDINESS ON GLASSWARE	If vinegar or citric acid crystal rinse doesn't work, the cloudiness is "etching." The film cannot be removed. It can be prevented: Use less detergent if you have soft water. Wash glassware in the shortest cycle that will get them clean. Water temperature entering dishwasher exceeds 150°F.
CHIPPING OF CHINA	Rough handling can cause chipping. Load with care. Make sure glassware and china are secure and can't jar loose. (See Loading section.) Make sure tall glasses and stemware will clear the top of the tub when you push the rack into the dishwasher. Always use the top rack for delicate items.



PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
BLACK OR GRAY MARKS ON DISHES	Aluminum utensils often leave marks when they rub against dishes. Remove marks with a mild abrasive cleanser.
SMALL AMOUNT OF WATER STANDING IN THE BOTTOM OF THE TUB	Water around the outlet on the tub bottom at the back of the tub is normal. It is clean water. It's there to keep the water seal lubricated.
WATER WON'T PUMP OUT OF THE TUB	If the entire bottom of the tub has water, you may have a drain problem. Clean the air gap, if you have one. (See Care and Cleaning section.) Check the kitchen sink. Is it draining well? You may need a plumber. If dishwasher drains into disposer, run disposer to clear. Be sure disposer is not clogged.
SUDS IN THE TUB	Sudsing detergents are not meant for dishwashers. USE ONLY AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER DETERGENTS TO AVOID SUDSING. To remove suds from the tub: Open the dishwasher. Let suds evaporate. Add 1 gallon of cold water to the tub. Close and latch the dishwasher. Pump out water by slowly turning the control dial until a drain period is reached. Repeat if necessary.
DISHWASHER LEAKS	Suds can cause unit to overflow. That's why it's so important to use a detergent that's designed for automatic dishwashers. Spilling the rinse agent can cause foam during washing. This can lead to overflowing. Wipe up accidental spill of rinse agent with a damp cloth.
MOTOR HUMS	Dishwasher has not been used on a regular basis. If you do not use your dishwasher often, set it to fill and pump out once every week. This will help keep the seal moist, and the garbage disposer clear.
STAINING OF TUB INTERIOR	Some detergents contain colorant (pigment or dyes) that will discolor the tub interior with extended use. Check the detergent cup for signs of any discoloration. If cup is discolored, change to detergent without any colorant.
SOUNDS YOU WILL HEAR	You'll hear occasional clicking sounds. These are normal. • Soft food disposal shredding action. • Drain valve opening to pump water out. • Timer control as cycle progresses. • Detergent cup opening. During the drying period: The motor stops.
VAPOR AT THE VENT	Water vapor comes through the vent by the door latch during drying and when water is being pumped out.

If you need more help...call, toll free:
GE Answer Center®
800.626.2000
consumer information service



IF YOU NEED SERVICE...

To obtain service, see the Consumer Services page.

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
GE Appliances
Appliance Park
Louisville, KY 40225

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20 North Wacker Drive
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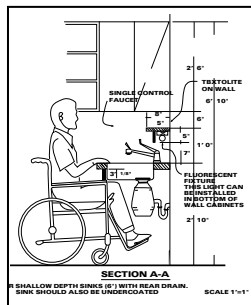
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In-Home Repair Service

800-GE-CARES (800-432-2737)

A GE consumer service professional will provide expert repair service, scheduled at a time that's convenient for you. Many GE Consumer Service company-operated locations offer you service today or tomorrow, or at your convenience (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturdays). Our factory-trained technicians know your appliance inside and out—so most repairs can be handled in just one visit.



For Customers With Special Needs...

800.626.2000

Upon request, GE will provide Braille controls for a variety of GE appliances, and a brochure to assist in planning a barrier-free kitchen for persons with limited mobility. To obtain these items, free of charge, call 800.626.2000.

Consumers with impaired hearing or speech who have access to a TDD or a conventional teletypewriter may call 800-TDD-GEAC (800-833-4322) to request information or service.

Service Contracts

800-626-2224

You can have the secure feeling that GE Consumer Service will still be there after your warranty expires. Purchase a GE contract while your warranty is still in effect and you'll receive a substantial discount. With a multiple-year contract, you're assured of future service at today's prices.

Parts and Accessories

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User maintenance instructions contained in this booklet cover procedures intended to be performed by any user. Other servicing generally should be referred to qualified service personnel. Caution must be exercised, since improper servicing may cause unsafe operation.

YOUR GE DISHWASHER WITH PERMATUF® INTERIOR WARRANTY

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under warranty.**

WHAT IS COVERED FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

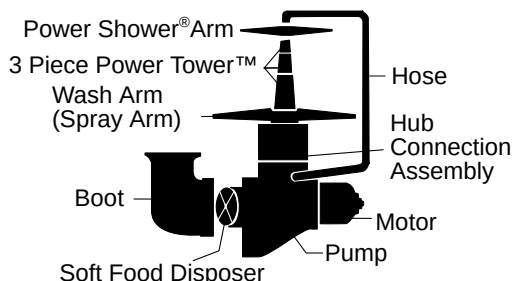
For one year from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, parts and service labor in your home to repair or replace **any part of the dishwasher** that fails because of a manufacturing defect.

FULL TEN-YEAR WARRANTY

For ten years from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, parts and service labor in your home to repair or replace **the tub or door liner** if it fails to contain water because of a manufacturing defect such as cracking, chipping, peeling or rusting.

LIMITED SECOND-YEAR WARRANTY (only for Model GSC900)

For the second year from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, replacement parts for **any part of the Water Distribution System** (as illustrated below) that fails because of a manufacturing defect. Associated inlet and drain plumbing parts are not covered by this warranty. You pay for the service trip to your home and service labor charges.



Water Distribution System

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.

Should your appliance need service, during warranty period or beyond, call 800-GE-CARES (800-432-2737).

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: GE Answer Center® 800.626.2000 consumer information service
- Improper installation.

If you have an installation problem, contact your dealer or installer. You are responsible for providing

adequate electrical, plumbing, and other connecting facilities.

- Replacement of house fuses or resetting of circuit breakers.
- Cleaning or servicing of air gap device in drain line.
- 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:
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