



Dryers

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**Owner's Manual and
Installation Instructions**

DSKS433E

**Write the model and serial
numbers here:**

Model # _____

Serial # _____

You can find them on the label
on the front of the dryer behind
the door.



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.

⚠ WARNING!

For your safety, the information in this manual must be followed to minimize the risk of fire or explosion, electric shock, or to prevent property damage, personal injury, or death.

- *Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.*
- *Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier.*

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS:

- 1** *Do not try to light a match, or cigarette, or turn on any gas or electrical appliance.*
- 2** *Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.*
- 3** *Clear the room, building or area of all occupants.*
- 4** *Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions carefully.*
- 5** *If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.*

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

This act requires the governor of California to publish a list of substances known to the state to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm and requires businesses to warn customers of potential exposure to such substances.

Gas appliances can cause minor exposure to four of these substances, namely benzene, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde and soot, caused primarily by the incomplete combustion of natural gas or LP fuels.

Properly adjusted dryers will minimize incomplete combustion. Exposure to these substances can be minimized further by properly venting the dryer to the outdoors.

⚠ **WARNING!**



PROPER INSTALLATION

This dryer must be properly installed and located in accordance with the Installation Instructions before it is used.

- Properly ground dryer to conform with all governing codes and ordinances. Follow details in the *Installation Instructions* section.
- Install or store where it will not be exposed to temperatures below freezing or exposed to the weather.
- Connect to a properly rated, protected and sized power supply circuit to avoid electrical overload.
- Remove all sharp packing items and dispose of all shipping materials properly.

Exhaust/Ducting:

- 1 This dryer **MUST** be exhausted to the outside.
- 2 Use only rigid metal or flexible metal 4" diameter ductwork inside the dryer cabinet or for exhausting to the outside. **USE OF PLASTIC OR OTHER COMBUSTIBLE DUCTWORK CAN CAUSE A FIRE. PUNCTURED DUCTWORK CAN CAUSE A FIRE IF IT COLLAPSES OR BECOMES OTHERWISE RESTRICTED IN USE OR DURING INSTALLATION.**

Follow details in the *Installation Instructions* section.



YOUR LAUNDRY AREA

- Keep the area underneath and around your appliances free of combustible materials, such as lint, paper, rags, chemicals, gasoline and other flammable vapors and liquids.
- Keep the floor around your appliances clean and dry to reduce the possibility of slipping.
- Keep area around the exhaust opening and surrounding areas free from the accumulation of lint, dust and dirt.
- Do not obstruct the flow of ventilating air. Do not stack or place laundry or throw rugs against the front or back of the dryer.
- Close supervision is necessary if this appliance is used by or near children. Do not allow children to play on, with, or inside this or any other appliance.
- Keep all laundry aids (such as detergents, bleaches, etc.) out of the reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet. Observe all warnings on container labels to avoid injury.
- Never climb on or stand on the dryer top.
- Do not install or store this appliance where it will be exposed to the weather.

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WHEN USING YOUR DRYER

- Never reach into the dryer while the drum is moving. Before loading, unloading or adding clothes, wait until the drum has completely stopped.
- **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, UNLESS THE DRYING RACK IS IN USE.**
- Do not wash or dry articles that have been cleaned in, washed in, soaked in, or spotted with combustible or explosive substances (such as wax, oil, paint, gasoline, degreasers, dry-cleaning solvents, kerosene, etc.) which may ignite or explode. Do not add these substances to the wash water. Do not use or place these substances around your washer or dryer during operation.
- Any article on which you have used a cleaning solvent or that 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 solvents or flammable materials 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, turpentine, waxes, wax removers and products containing petroleum distillates.
- The laundry process can reduce the flame retardancy of fabrics. To avoid such a result, carefully follow the garment manufacturer's care instructions.
- Do not dry articles containing rubber, plastic, or similar materials such as padded bras, tennis shoes, galoshes, bath mats, rugs, bibs, baby pants, plastic bags, pillows, etc. that may melt or burn. Some rubber materials, when heated, can under certain circumstances produce fire by spontaneous combustion.
- Do not store plastic, paper or clothing that may burn or melt on top of the dryer during operation.
- Garments labeled *Dry Away from Heat* or *Do Not Tumble Dry* (such as life jackets containing Kapok) must not be put in your dryer.
- Do not dry fiberglass articles in your dryer. Skin irritation could result from the remaining particles that may be picked up by clothing during subsequent dryer uses.
- To minimize the possibility of electric shock, unplug this appliance from the power supply or disconnect the dryer at the household distribution panel by removing the fuse or switching off the circuit breaker 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 spray any type of aerosol into, on or near dryer at any time.
- Do not place items exposed to cooking oils in your dryer. Items contaminated with cooking oils may contribute to a chemical reaction that could cause a load to catch fire.
- Never attempt to operate this appliance if it is damaged, malfunctioning, partially disassembled, or has missing or broken parts, including a damaged cord or plug.
- The interior of the machine and the exhaust duct connection inside the dryer should be cleaned at least once a year by a qualified technician. See the *Loading and Using the Dryer* section. Do not use any type of spray cleaner when cleaning dryer interior. Hazardous fumes or electrical shock could occur.
- If yours is a gas dryer, it is equipped with an automatic electric ignition and does not have a pilot light. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LIGHT WITH A MATCH.** Burns may result from having your hand in the vicinity of the burner when the automatic ignition turns on.
- You may wish to soften your laundered fabrics or reduce the static electricity in them by using a dryer-applied fabric softener or an anti-static conditioner. 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 use of these products are the responsibility of the manufacturers of those products and are not covered under the warranty to this appliance.



WHEN NOT USING YOUR DRYER

- Grasp the plug firmly when disconnecting this appliance to avoid damage to the cord while pulling. Place the cord away from traffic areas so it will not be stepped on, tripped over or subjected to damage.
- Do not attempt to repair or replace any part of this appliance or attempt any servicing unless specifically recommended in this Owner's Manual or in published user-repair instructions that you understand and have the skills to carry out.
- Before discarding a dryer, or removing it from service, remove the dryer door to prevent children from hiding inside.
- Do not tamper with controls.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

Accessory Kits are available for installing the dryer on top of the washer or in a rack above the washer. The dryer may also be mounted directly on a wall.



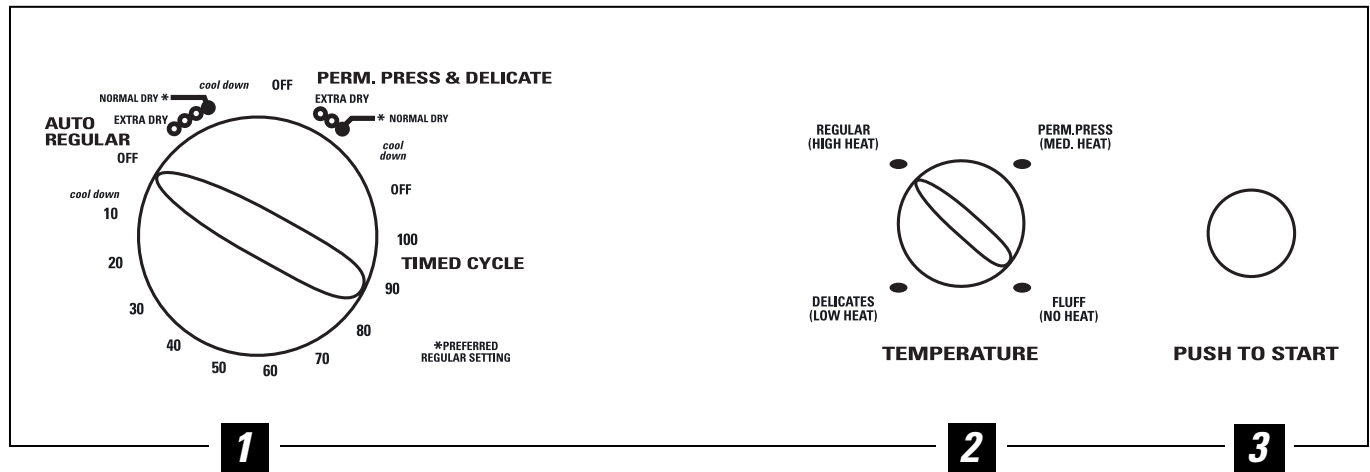
READ AND FOLLOW THIS SAFETY INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

About the dryer control panel.

You can locate your model number on the label on the front of the dryer behind the door. Throughout this manual, features and appearance may vary from your model.

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About the control settings. NOTE: Not all features are available on all dryer models.

IMPORTANT: Clean the lint filter each time you use the dryer.

- Automatic cycles automatically determine fabric dryness. Select **EXTRA DRY** for heavier fabrics or to make regular fabrics drier. Timed cycles run for a selected time.

Drying Cycles

AUTO REGULAR For cottons and most linens. For most loads select the Preferred Regular Setting marked * **NORMAL DRY**.

PERM. PRESS & DELICATE For synthetic blends and delicates. For most loads select the Preferred Regular Setting marked * **NORMAL DRY**.

TIMED CYCLE Set the Cycle Selector at the desired drying time.

2 Temperature

REGULAR (HIGH HEAT) For regular to heavy cottons. Use with **AUTO REGULAR** or **TIMED CYCLE**.

PERM. PRESS (MED. HEAT) For synthetics, blends, delicates and items labeled *permanent press*. Use with **PERM. PRESS & DELICATE** or **TIMED CYCLE**.

DELICATES (LOW HEAT) For delicates and special care fabrics. Use with **PERM PRESS & DELICATE** or **TIMED CYCLE**.

FLUFF (NO HEAT) For *fluffing* items without heat. Use the **TIMED CYCLE**.

- Start**— Close the dryer door. Push the **START** button to start the dryer. Opening the door during operation will stop the dryer. To restart the dryer, close the door and select **START** to complete the cycle.

NOTE: Drying times will vary according to the type of heat used (Electric, Natural or LP gas), size of load, types of fabrics, wetness of clothes and condition of exhaust ducts.

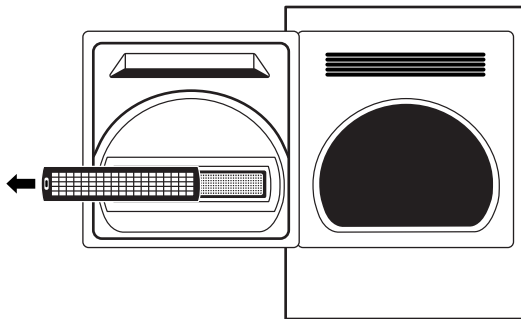


Care and Cleaning of the Dryer

The Exterior: Wipe or dust any spills or washing compounds with a damp cloth. Dryer control panel and finishes may be damaged by some laundry pretreatment soil and stain remover products. Apply these products away from the dryer. The fabric may then be washed and dried normally. Damage to your dryer caused by these products is not covered by your warranty.

The Lint Filter: Clean the lint filter before each use. Slide out the grid that covers the filter. Run your fingers across the filter. A waxy build-up may form on the lint filter from using dryer-added fabric softener sheets. To remove this build-up, wash the lint screen in warm, soapy water. Dry thoroughly and replace. Do not operate the dryer without the lint filter in place.

Have a qualified technician vacuum the lint from the dryer once a year.



The Blower Compartment: A clothes dryer produces combustible lint. When the dryer is not exhausted to the outside, lint can accumulate in and near the dryer, creating a fire hazard.

Inspect the dryer's blower compartment at least once a year and remove accumulated lint:

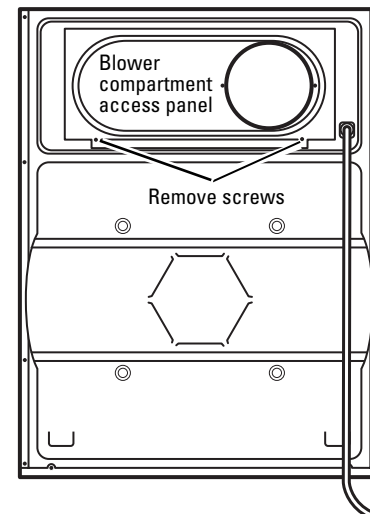
- 1 Unplug the dryer.
- 2 Remove the access panel by removing the two screws at the bottom of the access panel and tipping the bottom of the panel until the clips slip out.
- 3 Clean out any lint that may have accumulated. Wipe or vacuum, being careful not to disturb any electrical or mechanical connections.
- 3 Replace the access panel and plug the dryer back in.

The Exhaust Duct: Inspect and clean the exhaust ducting at least once a year to prevent clogging. A partially clogged exhaust can lengthen the drying time.

Follow these steps:

- 1 Turn off electrical supply by disconnecting the plug from the wall socket.
- 2 Disconnect the duct from the dryer.
- 3 Vacuum the duct with the hose attachment and reconnect the duct.

The Exhaust Hood: Check with a mirror that the inside flaps of the hood move freely when operating. Make sure that there is not wildlife (birds, insects, etc.) nesting inside the duct or hood.



Loading and using the dryer. *Always follow the fabric manufacturer's care label when laundering.*



Sorting and Loading Hints

As a general rule, if clothes are sorted properly for the washer, they are sorted properly for the dryer.

Do not add fabric softener sheets once the load has become warm. They may cause fabric softener stains. Bounce® Fabric Conditioner Dryer Sheets have been approved for use in all GE Dryers when used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Do not overload. *This wastes energy and causes wrinkling.*

Do not dry the following items: *Fiberglass items, woolens, rubber-coated items, plastics, items with plastic trim and foam-filled items.*



Fabric Care Labels

WASH LABELS

Machine wash cycle

Normal	Permanent Press/ wrinkle resistant	Gentle/ delicate	Hand wash	Do not wash	Do not wring

Water temperature

Hot (50°C/120°F)	Warm (40°C/105°F)	Cold/cool (30°C/85°F)

BLEACH LABELS

Bleach symbols

Any bleach (when needed)	Only non-chlorine bleach (when needed)	Do not bleach

DRY LABELS

Tumble dry

Dry	Normal	Permanent Press/ wrinkle resistant	Gentle/ delicate	Do not tumble dry	Do not dry (used with do not wash)

Heat setting

High	Medium	Low	No heat/air

Special instructions

Line dry/ hang to dry	Drip dry	Dry flat	In the shade

Before you call for service...



Troubleshooting Tips
Save time and money! Review the charts on the following pages first and you may not need to call for service.

Problem	Possible Causes	What To Do
Dryer doesn't start	Dryer is unplugged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure the dryer plug is pushed completely into the outlet.
	Fuse is blown/circuit breaker is tripped	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the house fuse/circuit breaker box and replace fuse or reset breaker. NOTE: Most electric dryers use 2 fuses/breakers.
	Thermal limiter tripped	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call authorized service person for replacement.
Dryer doesn't heat	Fuse is blown/circuit breaker is tripped, the dryer may tumble but not heat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the house fuse/circuit breaker box and replace fuse or reset breaker.
	Gas service is off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure gas shutoff at dryer and main shutoff are fully open.
	There are 2 house fuses in the dryer circuit. If 1 of the 2 fuses is blown, the drum may turn but the heater will not operate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace fuse.
	Gas supply valve is not open (gas models)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check to make sure supply valve is open. See <i>Installation Instructions</i> for procedure.
	Dryer does not have enough air supply to support the burner flame (gas models)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See <i>Installation Instructions</i>
	LP gas supply tank is empty or there has been a utility interruption of natural gas (gas models)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refill or replace tank. Dryer should heat when utility service is restored.
Dryer shakes or makes noise	Some shaking/noise is normal. Dryer may be sitting unevenly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move dryer to an even floor space, or adjust leveling legs as necessary until even.
Greasy spots on clothes	Improper use of fabric softener	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow directions on fabric softener package.
	Drying dirty items with clean ones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use your dryer to dry only clean items. Dirty items can stain clean items and the dryer.
	Clothes were not completely clean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes stains which cannot be seen when the clothes are wet <i>appear</i> after drying. Use proper washing procedures before drying.
Lint on clothes	Lint filter is full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean lint screen before each load.
	Improper sorting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort lint producers (like chenille) from lint collectors (like corduroy).
	Static electricity can attract lint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See suggestions in this section under Static occurs.
	Overloading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate large loads into smaller ones.
	Paper, tissue, etc. left in pockets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty all pockets before laundering clothes.

Problem	Possible Causes	What To Do
Static occurs	No fabric softener was used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try a fabric softener. Bounce® Fabric Conditioner Dryer Sheets have been approved for use in all GE Dryers when used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
	Overdrying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try a fabric softener. Adjust controls for less drying.
	Synthetics, permanent press and blends can cause static	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try a fabric softener.
Inconsistent drying times	Type of heat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automatic drying times will vary according to the type of heat used (electric, natural or LP gas), size of load, types of fabrics, wetness of clothes and condition of exhaust ducts.
Clothes take too long to dry	Improper sorting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate heavy items from lightweight items (generally, a well-sorted washer load is a well-sorted dryer load).
	Large loads of heavy fabrics (like beach towels)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large, heavy fabrics contain more moisture and take longer to dry. Separate large, heavy fabrics into smaller loads to speed drying time.
	Controls improperly set	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match control settings to the load you are drying.
	Lint filter is full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean lint filter before every load.
	Improper or obstructed ducting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check installation instructions for proper ducting/venting. Make sure ducting is clean, free of kinks and unobstructed. Check to see if outside wall damper operates easily. Check the Installation Instructions to make sure the dryer venting is correct.
	Blown fuses or tripped circuit breaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace fuses or reset circuit breakers. Since most dryers use 2 fuses/breakers, make sure both are operating.
	Overloading/combining loads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not put more than one washer load in the dryer at a time.
	Underloading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are drying only one or two items, add a few items to ensure proper tumbling.
120-volt operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the dryer is operating on a 120 volt circuit, longer drying times are normal. The drying on this circuit takes about three times as long as on a 240 volt circuit. 	
Clothes are wrinkled	Overdrying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select a shorter drying time. Remove items while they still hold a slight amount of moisture.
	Letting items sit in dryer after cycle ends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove items when cycle ends and fold or hang immediately.
Clothes shrink	Some fabrics will naturally shrink when washed. Others can be safely washed, but will shrink in the dryer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To avoid shrinkage, follow garment care labels exactly. Some items may be pressed back into shape after drying. If you are concerned about shrinkage in a particular item, do not machine wash or tumble dry it.

Consumer Support	Troubleshooting Tips	Installation Instructions	Operating Instructions	Safety Instructions
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Notes.

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General Electric Company
Warranty Registration Department
P.O. Box 32150
Louisville, KY 40232-2150

Consumer Product Ownership Registration

Dear Customer:

Thank you for purchasing our product and thank you for placing your confidence in us.

We are proud to have you as a customer!

Follow these three steps to protect your new appliance investment:

1

Complete and mail your Consumer Product Ownership Registration today. Have the peace of mind of knowing we can contact you in the unlikely event of a safety modification.

2

After mailing the registration below, store this document in a safe place. It contains information you will need should you require service. Our service number is 800.GE.CARES (800.432.2737).


3

Read your Owner's Manual carefully. It will help you operate your new appliance properly.

Model Number

Serial Number

Important: If you did not get a registration card with your product, detach and return the form below to ensure that your product is registered, or register online at www.GEAppliances.com.

 Cut here

Consumer Product Ownership Registration



Model Number

Serial Number

Mr. Ms. Mrs. Miss

First Name

Last Name

Street Address

Apt. #

E-mail Address*

City

State

Zip Code

Date Placed In Use
Month

Day

Year

Phone Number

* Please provide your e-mail address to receive, via e-mail, discounts, special offers and other important communications from GE Appliances (GEA).

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GE Dryer Warranty.



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Staple your receipt here.
Proof of the original purchase date is needed to obtain service under the warranty.

For The Period Of: GE Will Replace:

One Year
From the date of the original purchase

Any part of the dryer which fails due to a defect in materials or workmanship. During this **full one-year warranty**, GE will also provide, **free of charge**, all labor and in-home service to replace the defective part.

What GE Will Not Cover:

- Service trips to your home to teach you how to use the product.
- Improper installation.
- Failure of the product if it is abused, misused, or used for other than the intended purpose or used commercially.
- Replacement of house fuses or resetting of circuit breakers.
- Damage to the product caused by accident, fire, floods or acts of God.
- Incidental or consequential damage caused by possible defects with this appliance.

This warranty is extended to the original purchaser and any succeeding owner for products purchased for home use within the USA. In Alaska, the warranty excludes the cost of shipping or service calls to your home.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages. 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, consult your local or state consumer affairs office or your state's Attorney General.

Warrantor: General Electric Company. Louisville, KY 40225

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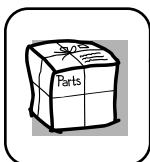
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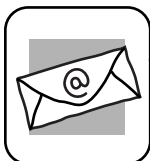


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Instructions contained in this manual cover procedures to be performed by any user. Other servicing generally should be referred to qualified service personnel. Caution must be exercised, since improper servicing may cause unsafe operation.



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GE Appliances, Appliance Park
Louisville, KY 40225



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Register your new appliance on-line—at your convenience! Timely product registration will allow for enhanced communication and prompt service under the terms of your warranty, should the need arise. You may also mail in the pre-printed registration card included in the packing material, or detach and use the form in this Owner's Manual.