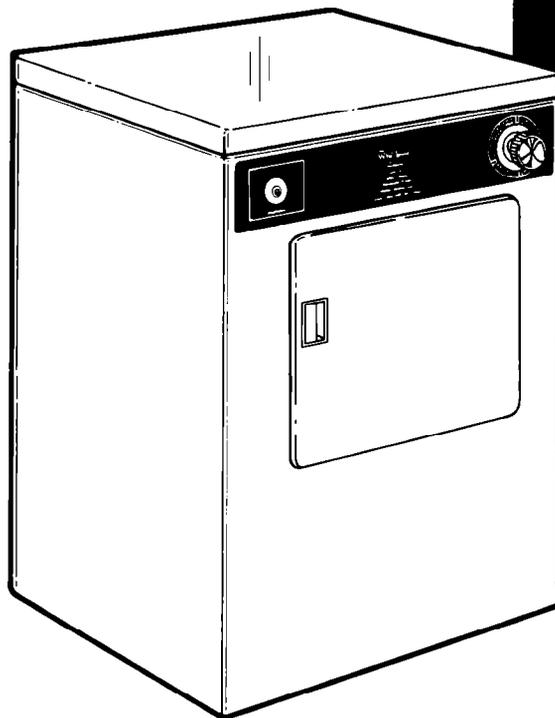


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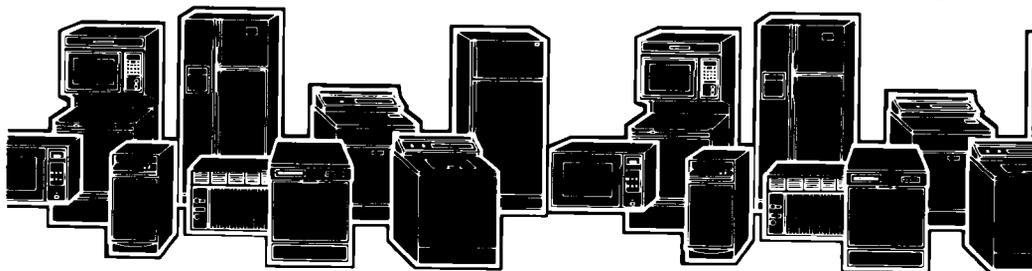


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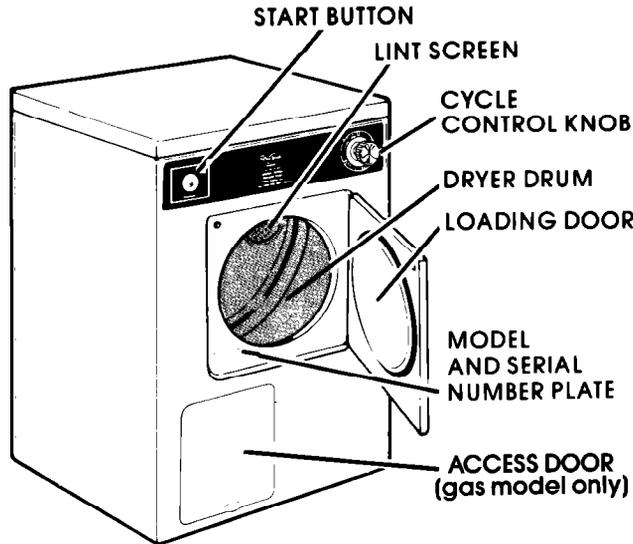
## **AUTOMATIC DRYERS**

**Compact  
Electric Models  
LE4900XM (portable)  
LE4930XM  
Gas Model  
LG4931XM**

wave Ovens, Trash Compactors, Room Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Automatic Washers, Clothes Dryers, Freezers, Refrigerator-Freeze



# Parts and features



Remove the Consumer Buy Guide label before using your dryer. It will be easier to remove.

Wipe out the dryer drum with a damp cloth to remove dust from storing or shipping.

See your "Dryer Guide" for information on fabrics, drying special-care items, drying tips and other details.

## Copy your Model and Serial Numbers here

When you need service or call with a question, have this information ready:

1. **Complete** Model and Serial Numbers (from the plate located as shown).
2. Purchase date from sales slip.

Copy this information in these spaces. Keep this book, your warranty, sales slip and "Dryer Guide".

\_\_\_\_\_

Complete Model Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Complete Serial Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Service Company and Telephone Number

There is no warranty registration to return. Proof-of-purchase is all that is required for in-warranty service.

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# Your Responsibilities

Read this "Use and Care Guide" and your "Dryer Guide" carefully for important use and safety information.

You are personally responsible for making sure that your dryer...

- is installed by a qualified installer.
- is properly maintained.
- is installed in an area protected from the weather.
- is properly installed and leveled in a well ventilated room\* on a floor that can support the weight.

- is located in an area where the temperature is above 45°F (7.2°C).
  - is connected to the right kind of outlet, electric supply and grounding.\*
  - is properly connected to exhaust systems.\*
  - is used only for jobs normally expected of home clothes dryers.
  - is not run where there may be explosive fumes.
  - is not used by children or anyone unable to operate it properly.
- \*See the "Installation Instructions" for complete information.

## Safety first

**ALWAYS** unplug the power supply cord or turn off electrical power before attempting to service the dryer. **Shut off the GAS VALVE** if yours is a gas dryer.

**ALWAYS** shut off the gas valve before leaving on vacation.

**NEVER** use flammable fluids (dry-cleaning solvents, gasoline, kerosene) in or near your dryer.

**ALWAYS** hand launder or air dry fabrics treated with flammable fluids before putting them into your dryer.

**NEVER** dry items containing wax or paint in the dryer. The fumes can create a **FIRE HAZARD**.

**FIRE HAZARD** and **DAMAGE** to some materials can result from:

- drying heat-sensitive materials with heat (see page 5).
- operating the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged or missing.
- allowing lint to build up inside the dryer (see page 7).

**NEVER** allow children to operate, play with, or crawl inside the dryer.

**NEVER** operate the dryer if...

- it is not working right.
- it is damaged.
- parts are missing.
- all panels are not in place.

**DO NOT** let dust, lint, paper, rags, chemicals, etc., pile up around or under the dryer. **DO NOT** install against drapes or curtains.

### • FOR YOUR SAFETY •

#### IF YOU SMELL GAS:

1. OPEN WINDOWS.
2. DON'T TOUCH ELECTRICAL SWITCHES.
3. EXTINGUISH ANY OPEN FLAME.
4. IMMEDIATELY CALL YOUR GAS SUPPLIER.

### • FOR YOUR SAFETY •

**DO NOT STORE OR USE GASOLINE OR OTHER FLAMMABLE VAPORS AND LIQUIDS IN THE VICINITY OF THIS OR ANY OTHER APPLIANCE.**

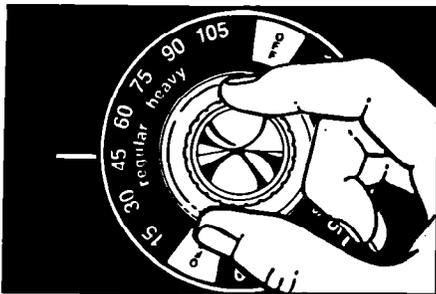
• SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS •

# Starting your dryer

Before starting your dryer, be sure laundry is sorted and loaded properly (see your "Dryer Guide"). **Be sure the door is tightly closed.**

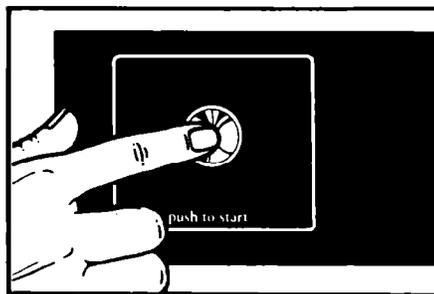


## 1. Select CYCLE and TIME



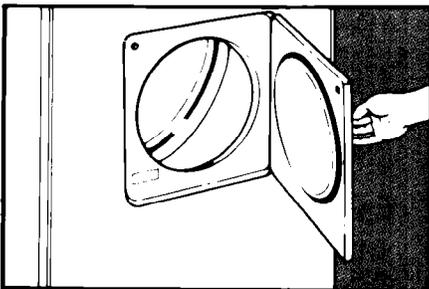
Turn the Control Knob either way to point to the cycle and time setting you want.

## 2. Push the START Button



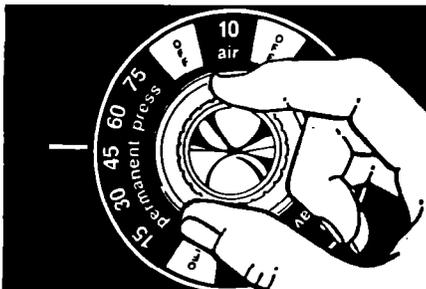
The dryer will start tumbling when you push the START Button.

## 3. To stop and restart the dryer



**To stop** the dryer, open the door (or turn the Control Knob to OFF).  
**To restart** the dryer, close the door, select cycle, if necessary, and push START.

## 4. To change the setting



The setting can be changed at any time by turning the Control Knob to a new setting.

**The Cycle Control Knob should point to OFF when the dryer is not in use.**

# Selecting a cycle

Dryer cycles are designed for the proper drying of different kinds of fabrics. This dryer has 3 cycles:

**REGULAR HEAVY** – The heat is off during the last 5 *minutes* of tumbling. The load is cooled down for more comfortable handling.

**PERMANENT PRESS** – The heat is off during the last 10 *minutes* of tumbling to help keep wrinkles from setting in. Clothing wrinkled from packing in suitcases or closets can be smoothed out by tumbling them in this cycle for about 20 minutes.

**AIR** – No heat. This cycle is useful when drying heat-sensitive items or when fluffing pillows and bedding or dusting sheers and curtains.



TYPE OF LOAD	SUGGESTED CYCLE
<b>COTTONS</b>	
HEAVY – Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts	REGULAR HEAVY
MEDIUM AND LIGHTWEIGHT – Shirts, dresses, sheets, diapers, towels, work clothes	REGULAR HEAVY
<b>PERMANENT PRESS</b>	
HEAVY – Work clothes, jackets, raincoats, etc.	PERMANENT PRESS
MEDIUMWEIGHT – Shirts, uniforms, dresses, slacks, etc.	PERMANENT PRESS
<b>KNITS</b>	
HEAVYWEIGHT – COTTONS, RAYONS, BLENDS – T-Shirts, slacks, polo shirts, etc.	PERMANENT PRESS
LIGHTWEIGHT – SYNTHETIC FIBERS (polyester, acrylic, etc.) AND BLENDS – Lingerie, blouses, dresses, etc.	PERMANENT PRESS
<b>DELICATELY CONSTRUCTED FABRICS –</b>	
Sheer Curtains (2 or 3 panels)	PERMANENT PRESS
<b>RUBBER, PLASTIC, HEAT SENSITIVE FABRICS</b>	
Pillows, bras, etc.	AIR
Plastic shower curtains, tablecloths	AIR
Rubber backed rugs	AIR
Olefin, polypropylene, sheer nylon	AIR



**WARNING: Drying these and other heat-sensitive materials with heat can damage them or be a FIRE HAZARD.**

## Drying times

Drying times will vary depending on:

- amount of moisture in the clothes.
- type and weight of the fabric.
- size of the load.
- room temperature around the dryer.
- voltage used. See page 9 of this book for voltage information.

See page 6 in your "Dryer Guide" for more information.

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

## Mixed loads

When drying a load with different kinds and weights of fabrics, use the cycle suggested for the lightest fabrics. When the dryer stops, remove dry items and reset the control.

To help reduce wrinkling, take the load from the dryer as soon as tumbling stops. This is very important for permanent press, knits and other synthetic fabrics.

## Suggested load sizes

Use these load size recommendations for your **compact dryer**. Do not use the load sizes for larger capacity dryers that are listed in the "Dryer Guide."

FABRIC TYPE	MIXED LOAD	UNMIXED LOAD
Permanent press or knits	1 dress 2 pairs slacks 2 blouses	6 shirts OR 2 pantsuits OR 3-4 dresses
Medium weight	1 pair pajamas 2 pillowcases 3 shirts 2 sets of underwear	1 king or queen-size sheet OR 1 double sheet and 2 pillowcases OR 2 single sheets and 2 pillowcases
Heavyweight	3 work shirts 2 work pants	8 bath towels OR 6 bath towels, 3 hand towels and 6 washcloths OR 3 pairs of jeans

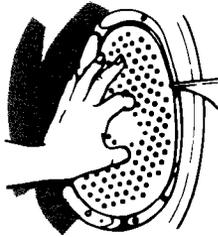
## End-of-cycle signal



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

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

## Lint screen



Pull straight out.

The lint screen is inside the dryer drum, on the back wall. **Clean it before each load.** A screen blocked by lint can increase drying time.

1. Use the finger holes to pull the lint screen straight out.
2. Lightly squeeze the body, as shown, while pulling the cover off.

3. Roll lint off the screen with your fingers. **DO NOT rinse or wash the screen.** Wet lint is hard to remove.



Squeeze body; pull cover off.

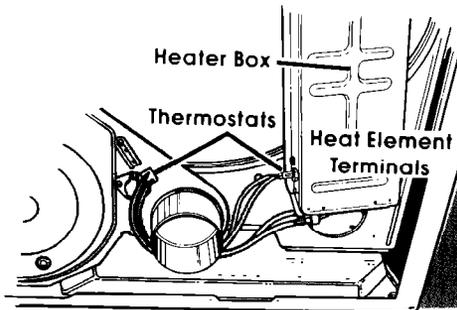
4. Replace the cover on the body of the lint screen.
5. Push the lint screen straight back in until it clicks into place.



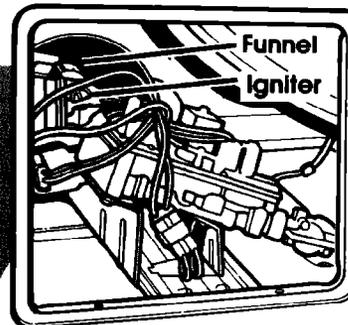
**CAUTION: RUNNING THE DRYER WITH THE LINT SCREEN LOOSE, DAMAGED OR MISSING CAN CAUSE OVERHEATING, DAMAGE TO FABRICS AND DRYER PARTS, OR CREATE A FIRE HAZARD.**

## Lint removal

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



**ELECTRIC DRYERS**



**GAS DRYERS**

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



### **WARNING:**

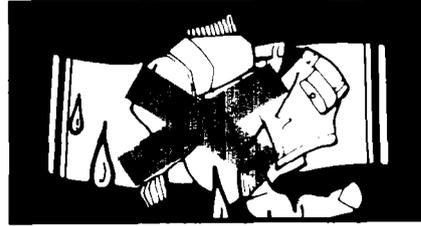
- **Avoid electrical shock hazard – unplug power supply cord or turn off electrical power.**
- **Avoid injury or damage – do not put hands inside cabinet.**
- **Make sure dryer is cool.**

1. Remove back panel (electric) or lower access door (gas).
2. Avoid damaging wires, thermostats, funnel or igniter.
3. Remove lint from shaded area – see art – with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner.
4. Replace panel; reconnect and re-level dryer.

# Caring for your dryer



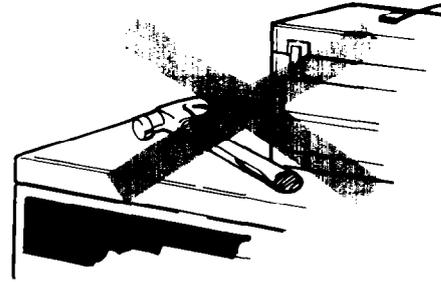
**Remove sharp objects** from clothing before drying – pins, buckles, etc. **Close metal zippers.**



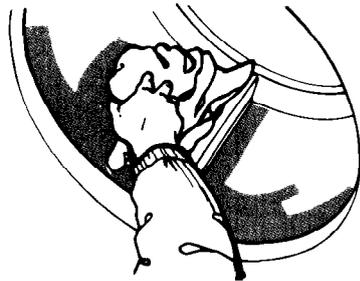
**Never** leave wet or damp laundry in your dryer.



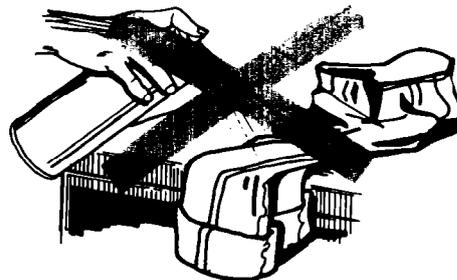
**Wipe off all spills** with a damp, soft cloth. Spills allowed to remain may dull or damage the finish.



**Sharp or heavy objects** should never be put on or in the dryer. Check pockets for bolts, nuts, etc.

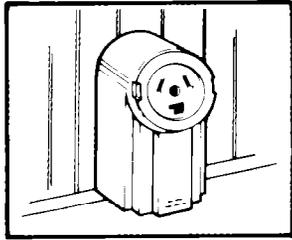


Non-colorfast items can stain the drum. Wipe **carefully** after drying to make sure there is no dye to be transferred to items in the next load.

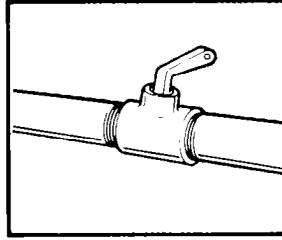


**Some pretreatment products** can damage dials, console and finish. Do not use these products on or near your dryer.

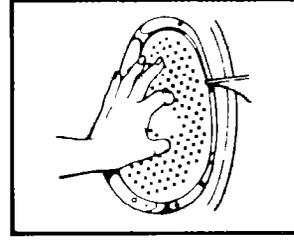
## Vacation care



Unplug power cord or turn off electrical power.



For gas dryers, close gas valve.



Clean lint screen.

CARING FOR YOUR DRYER

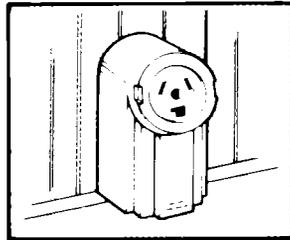
## Voltage Requirements

**Dryer Model LE4930XM** operates on household current of 240 or 208 volts.

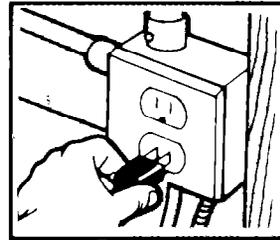
Dryer times will be longer if 208 volt current is used.

**Dryer Models LE4900XM and LG4931XM** operate on household current of 120 volts.

Drying times will be longer than for dryers that operate on 240 volts.



Power supply for  
Dryer Model LE4930XM



Power supply for  
Dryer Models LE4900XM  
LG4931XM

## Optional Installation accessories

The WINDOW EXHAUST KIT (Part No. LCK 3000) is a convenient way to exhaust your dryer through a window.

An EXHAUST DEFLECTOR (Part No. LCK 4000) moves dryer exhaust to the side or up or down.

The dryer can be mounted on a wall with the DRYER WALL MOUNT KIT (Part No. LCK 2001 – FOR ELECTRIC DRYERS ONLY). **The wall must be strong enough to support the weight. Not to be used in mobile homes.** This allows you to have an eye level dryer with floor space beneath for a washer.

The dryer can be mounted on a stand at eye level with the STACK RACK KIT (Part No. LCK 1100). A compact washer can be permanently installed and operated under the dryer.

Another STACK RACK KIT (Part No. LCK 1000) is available for washers that will only be stored under the dryer.

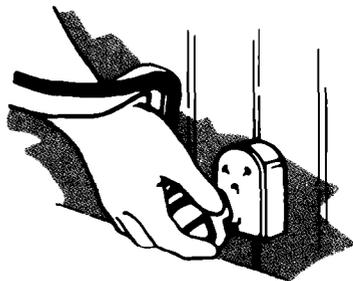
## If you need service or assistance, we suggest you follow these four steps:



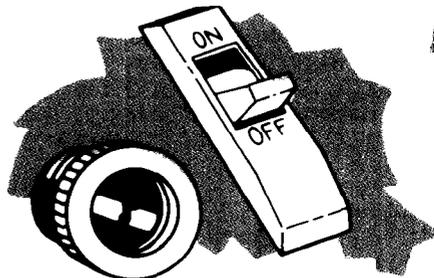
### 1. Before calling for assistance...

Performance problems often result from little things you can find and fix yourself without tools of any kind.

#### DRYER DOES NOT RUN:



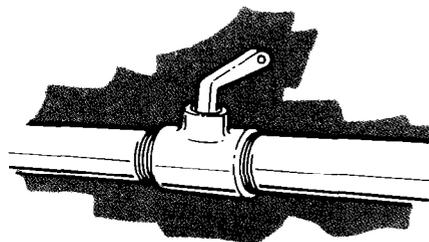
- Is the power supply cord plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage? (See page 9.)
- Is the door closed tightly?
- Did you push the START Button?



- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?
- Have you checked the electric company for a power failure?

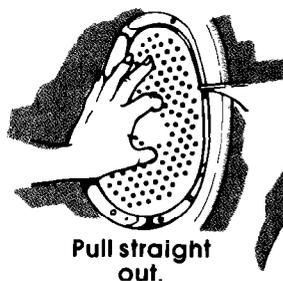
#### DRYER DOES NOT HEAT:

- The AIR setting is without heat.
- The last minutes of heat settings are without heat.



- Is gas turned on? If not, turn Control Knob to OFF. Turn on gas; wait 5 minutes; reset controls and start.
- An electric dryer uses a circuit breaker or 2 fuses. If one fuse is blown, the dryer may run, but not heat.

#### DRYER TIME SEEMS LONG:



Pull straight out.



Squeeze body; pull cover off.

- Is the lint screen clean?
- See page 7 of this book and page 6 of your "Dryer Guide."

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

Call Whirlpool COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number. Dial free from:

Continental U.S. . (800) 253-1301  
 Michigan . . . . . (800) 632-2243  
 Alaska & Hawaii (800) 253-1121

and talk with one of our trained Consultants. The Consultant can instruct you in how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance or, if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.

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



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APPLIANCES - HOUSEHOLD - MAJOR - SERVICE & REPAIR	OR	ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES - MAJOR - REPAIRING & PARTS
WHIRLPOOL APPLIANCES FRANCHISED TECH-CARE SERVICE		WHIRLPOOL APPLIANCES FRANCHISED TECH-CARE SERVICE
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**4. If you have a problem\*...**

Call our COOL-LINE service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) and talk with one of our Consultants, or if you prefer, write to:

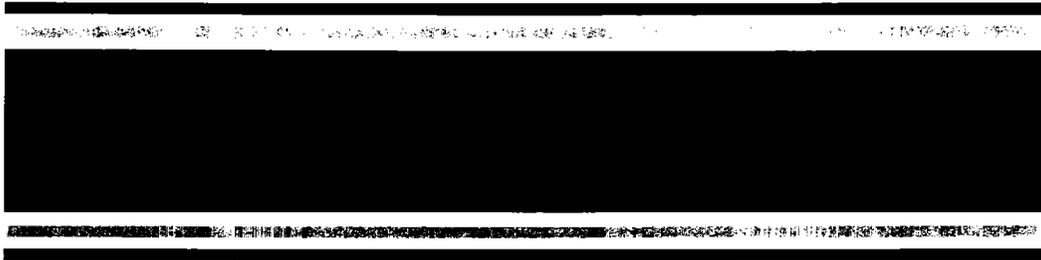
Mr. Stephen E. Upton  
 Senior Vice President  
 Whirlpool Corporation  
 Administrative Center  
 2000 US-33 North  
 Benton Harbor, MI 49022

\*If you must call or write, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase, and a complete description of the problem. This information is needed in order to better respond to your request for assistance.



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