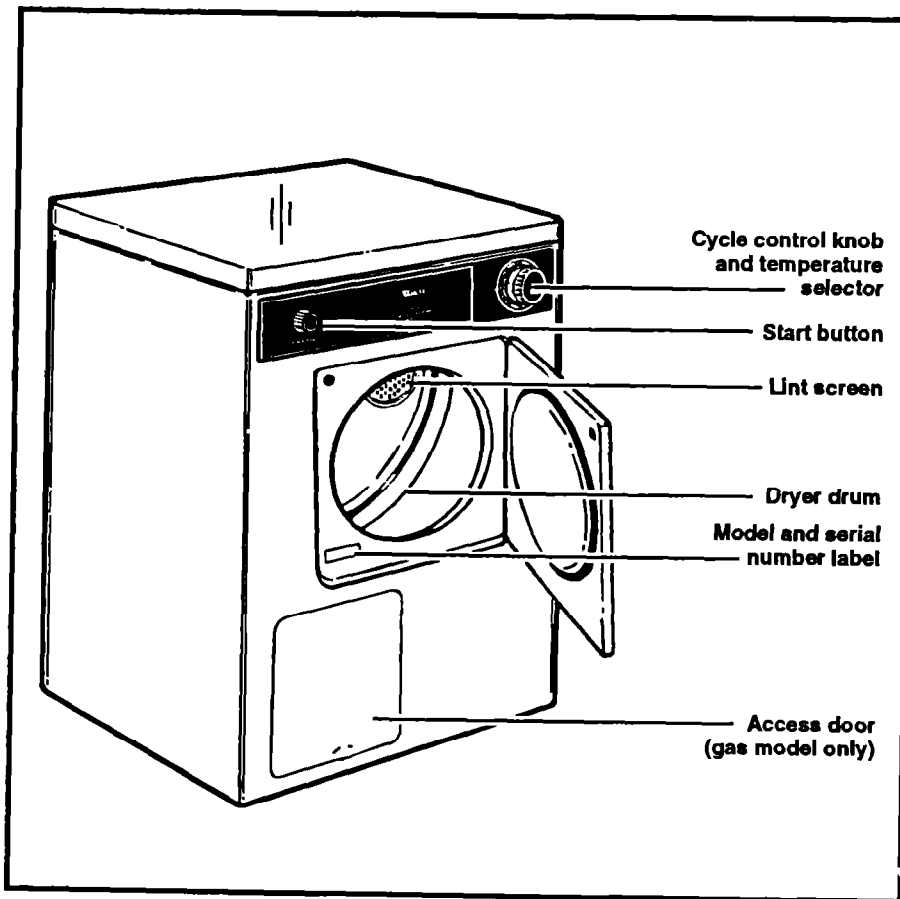




# Use & Care Guide



**COMPACT AUTOMATIC DRYERS  
LDR3422A LER3422A LGR3422A**

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If your dryer has a Consumer Buy Guide label, remove it. It will be easier to remove before the dryer is used. To remove any remaining glue:

- Rub briskly with thumb to make a ball, then remove.
- or
- Soak area with liquid hand dishwashing detergent before removing glue as described above.

Do not use sharp instruments, rubbing alcohol, flammable fluids or abrasive cleaners. These can damage the finish. See "Important Safety Instructions" on pages 3 and 4.

**NOTE:** Do not remove any permanent instruction labels inside the dryer.

You should wipe out the dryer drum with a damp cloth before using to remove dust from storing or shipping.

Thank you for buying a Whirlpool appliance. Please complete and mail the Owner Registration Card provided with this product. Then complete the form below. Have this information ready if you need service or call with a question.

- Copy model and serial numbers from label (on the frame behind the door) and purchase date from sales slip.
- Keep this book, the Dryer Guide and the sales slip together in a handy place.

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Model Number

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Serial Number

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Purchase Date

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Service Company Phone Number

# Important Safety Instructions

## **⚠ WARNING**

### **Fire Hazard**

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

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

#### **–WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS:**

- **Do Not try to light any appliance.**
- **Do Not touch any electrical switch; Do Not use any phone in your building.**
- **Clear the room, building or area of all occupants.**
- **Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.**
- **If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.**

**–Never install dryer up against draperies or curtains, or on carpet.**

**–Keep any and all items from falling or collecting behind the dryer.**

**Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier.**

**Important Safety Instructions  
Continued**

**⚠ WARNING**

To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, or injury to persons when using your dryer, follow basic precautions, including the following:

- **Read all instructions before using the dryer.**
- **NEVER** dry items cleaned, washed, soaked in or spotted with wax, paint, gasoline or flammable fluids in the dryer. The fumes can create a **FIRE HAZARD** or **EXPLOSION**. **ALWAYS** hand launder and air dry fabrics containing these materials.
- **NEVER** allow children to operate, play with or crawl inside the dryer. Close supervision of children is necessary when the dryer is used near children.
- **DO NOT** reach into a dryer if the drum is moving.
- When discarding an old dryer, **ALWAYS** remove the door to prevent accidental entrapment.
- **DO NOT** install or store dryer where it will be exposed to the weather.
- **DO NOT** tamper with the controls.
- **You are responsible for making sure that your dryer is installed, repaired and has parts replaced by a qualified person.**
- Use only fabric softeners specifically labeled as not being harmful to the dryer.
- **FIRE HAZARD** and **DAMAGE** to materials can result from:
  - drying rubber, rubber-like and heat sensitive materials with heat.
  - allowing lint build-up inside the dryer or exhaust system. Cleaning should be done periodically by a qualified person.
- Clean lint screen before or after each load.
- **DO NOT** let dust, lint, paper, rags, chemicals, etc. pile up around or under the dryer.
- Dryer must be electrically grounded. See the Installation Instructions.

– SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS –

**Additional safety instructions and your responsibilities**

- **NEVER** operate the dryer if:
  - it is not working right (i.e. noisy, too hot).
  - it is damaged.
  - parts are missing (i.e. door latch).
  - all panels are not in place.
  - the lint screen is loose, damaged or missing.
- **ALWAYS** shut off the gas valve before leaving on vacation if you have a gas dryer.
- **ALWAYS** unplug the power supply cord or turn off electrical power before attempting to service the dryer. Shut off GAS VALVE if you have a gas dryer.
- **You are responsible for making sure that your dryer:**
  - is properly maintained.
  - is properly installed and leveled on a floor that can support the weight in a well ventilated room.\*
  - is located in an area where the temperature is above 45°F (7°C).
  - is connected to the proper outlet and electrical supply.\*
  - is properly connected to fuel and exhaust systems.\*
  - is not installed against drapes or curtains.\*
  - is used only for jobs normally expected of home clothes dryers.
  - is not used by anyone unable to operate it properly.

\*See the Installation Instructions for complete information.

# Operating Instructions

## Starting your dryer

Be sure to refer to the chart below and the Dryer Guide for proper sorting, loading and control setting information before starting your dryer.

**NOTE:** Do not overdry. Overdrying can cause shrinkage, static cling, and damage some fabrics. Start with drying time suggested below and add time as needed.

TYPE OF LOAD	SUGGESTED CYCLE/TIME	LER3422A LGR 3422A	
		LDR3422A	LGR 3422A
<b>Cottons and linens</b>			
EXTRA HEAVY—Bedspreads, mattress pads, quilts	Regular/Heavy	90-105 min.	45-55 min.
HEAVYWEIGHT—Towels, jeans, corduroys, work clothes	Regular/Heavy	80-90 min.	40-50 min.
MEDIUMWEIGHT—Sheets, pillowcases, cotton underwear, diapers	Regular/Heavy	70-80 min.	30-40 min.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Batistes, organdies, lingerie	Permanent Press	50-60 min.	20-30 min.
<b>Permanent press, synthetics and blends</b>			
HEAVYWEIGHT—Work clothes, jackets, raincoats	Permanent Press	60-70 min.	30-40 min.
MEDIUMWEIGHT—Shirts, play clothes, sheets, slacks	Permanent Press	50-60 min.	20-30 min.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Lingerie, blouses, dresses	Permanent Press	30-40 min.	15-25 min.
<b>Knits</b>			
HEAVYWEIGHT—Cottons, rayons, blends, T-shirts, slacks, shirts	Permanent Press	60-70 min.	30-40 min.
MEDIUMWEIGHT—Synthetics (polyester, acrylic, etc.), dress slacks, skirts, sweaters	Permanent Press	50-60 min.	20-30 min.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Synthetics (polyester, acrylic, etc.) and blends, lingerie, blouses, dresses	Permanent Press	30-40 min.	15-25 min.
<b>Delicate fabrics</b>			
Sheer curtains (2 or 3 panels), gauze, lace, etc.	Air*	20-30 min.	20-30 min.

### WARNING

#### Fire Hazard

Drying rubber, plastic and other heat-sensitive materials with heat can damage them or be a FIRE HAZARD.

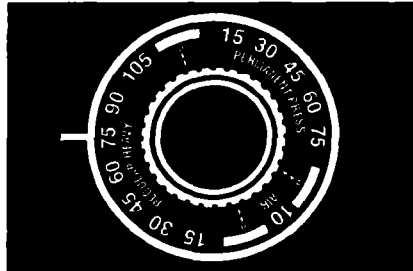
#### Rubber, plastic, heat-sensitive fabrics

FOAM RUBBER—Pillows, bras, stuffed toys	Air*	20-30 min.	20-30 min.
PLASTIC—Shower curtains, tablecloths	Air*	20-30 min.	20-30 min.
RUBBER-BACKED RUGS	Air*	40-50 min.	40-50 min.
OLEFIN, POLYPROPYLENE, SHEER NYLON	Air*	15-20 min.	15-20 min.

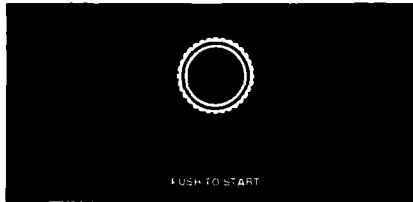
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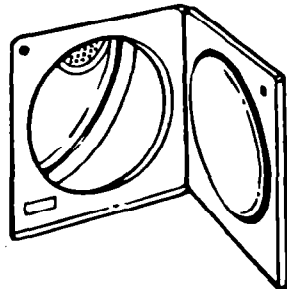
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1. **Select a cycle** by turning the Cycle Control Knob either way. Stop when the indicator points to the cycle and time you want.

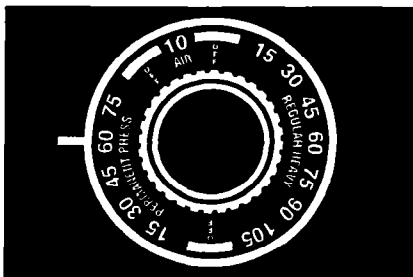


2. **Push the Start Button** to start the dryer.



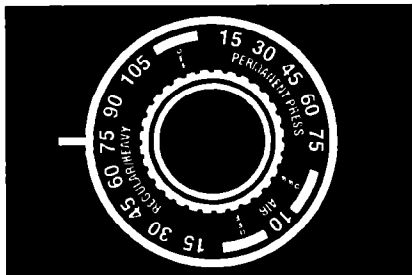
### To stop and restart the dryer

- Open the door or turn the Cycle Control Knob to OFF to stop the dryer.
- Close the door, select a cycle (if necessary) and push the Start Button to restart the dryer.



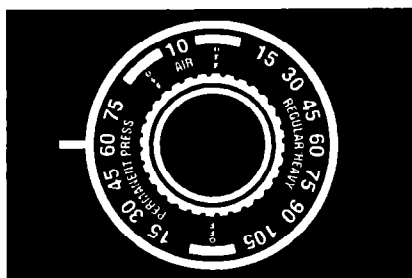
**To change the cycle and/or time,** turn the Cycle Control Knob either way to point to a new setting.

The Cycle Control Knob should point to an OFF area when the dryer is not in use. If the dryer is stopped before the cycle is finished, turn the Cycle Control Knob to an OFF area.



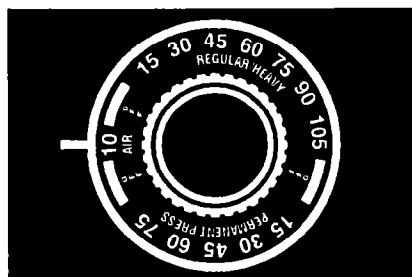
### The REGULAR/HEAVY cycle

Use the Regular/Heavy cycle to dry heavy and mediumweight cotton and linen items. The load tumbles without heat during the last 5 minutes. This helps make the load easier to handle.



### The PERMANENT PRESS cycle

Use the Permanent Press cycle to dry permanent press, knits, lightweight cottons and other synthetic items. The load tumbles without heat during the last 10 minutes. This helps keep wrinkles from setting in and makes the load easier to handle.



### The AIR cycle

#### ⚠ WARNING

##### Fire Hazard

Do not dry plastic or rubber items with heat. Use AIR cycle, or line dry.

Failure to do so could result in fire or damaged items.

The dryer does not heat when the Cycle Control Knob is on AIR. This cycle can be used to fluff or air dry bedding, plastic tablecloths, foam rubber pillows, stuffed toys, sneakers, etc.

1. Turn the Cycle Control Knob to the number in the AIR cycle.
2. Push the Start Button.

**NOTE:** Repeat steps above if more time is needed to dry items.

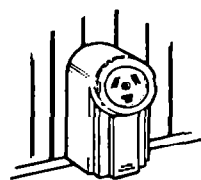
## Additional Dryer Features



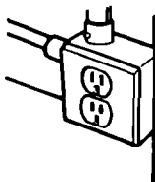
### End-of-cycle signal

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.



**Power supply 240  
or 208 volt**



**Power supply  
120 volt**

### Voltage requirements

**Dryer model LER3422A** operates on household current of 240 or 208 volts.

**Dryer models LDR3422A and LGR3422A** operate on household current of 120 volts.

**NOTE:** Electric dryers using 208 or 120 volts require longer drying times.



## Optional accessories

Call our Consumer Assistance Center at 1-800-253-1301 for additional information on any of the following kits:

- Exhaust Deflector Kit (Part No. 346001), moves dryer exhaust to the side, up or down.

**You can mount the dryer above the compact washer with one of the following kits:**

Electric dryers

- Dryer Stand Kit (Part No. 695570), for permanent installation secured to the wall.
- Stack Rack (Part No. 346721), for free-standing installation.
- Stack Rack (Part No. 3390196, almond; 3390175, white), to mount dryer permanently onto the washer.
- Dryer Wall Mount Kit (Part No. 345994), a steel bracket secures dryer to wall and supports the dryer.

**NOTE:** The wall must be strong enough to support the dryer's weight (not to be used in mobile homes).

### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Fire and Explosion Hazard**

**To avoid gas leaks and explosion hazard use only Dryer Stand Kit (Part No. 695570) with a gas dryer.**

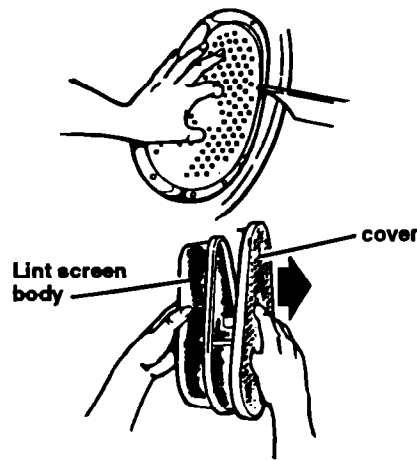
Gas Dryers

- Dryer Stand Kit (Part No. 695570), for permanent installation secured to the wall.

# Caring For Your Dryer

## ⚠ CAUTION

**Product and Fabric Damage Hazard**  
Do not run the dryer with the lint screen loose, damaged, blocked or missing. Doing so can cause overheating and damage to both the dryer and fabrics.



## Cleaning the lint screen

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

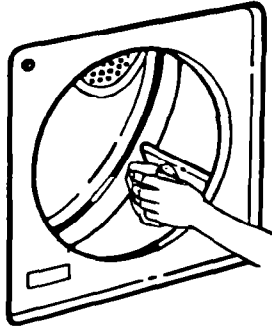
1. Open the door and pull the lint screen straight out.
2. Squeeze body of lint screen lightly while pulling the cover off. See illustration.
3. Roll lint off the screen with your fingers. Do not rinse or wash the screen to remove lint. Wet lint is hard to remove.
4. Replace cover on lint screen body. Push the lint screen firmly back into place and close the door.

## Lint screen maintenance

Laundry detergents and fabric softeners can cause a residue build-up on the lint screen. A clogged lint screen can extend drying times. Clean the lint screen every six months or more frequently if it becomes clogged due to a residue build-up. Use the following method:

1. Wet both sides of lint screen with hot water.
2. Wet a nylon brush with hot water and liquid detergent.
3. Scrub lint screen with the brush until all residue build-up is removed.
4. Rinse with hot water.
5. **Thoroughly** dry lint screen with a clean towel.
6. Replace cover on body of lint screen and replace in dryer.

## Cleaning the dryer



### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **Electrical Shock and Personal Injury Hazard**

- Turn off the electrical power before cleaning the interior.
- Make sure the dryer is cool. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or injury.

#### **Fire Hazard**

- Use non-flammable cleaner. Failure to do so could result in an explosion.

Garments which contain unstable dyes, such as denim blue jeans or brightly colored cotton items, may discolor the dryer interior.

**If you want to remove stains from dryer drum use one of the following methods:**

#### **Powdered laundry detergent**

1. Make a paste with detergent and very warm water.
2. Apply paste to a soft cloth and scrub area until all excess dye is removed.
3. Wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth.
4. Tumble a load of rags to dry.

#### **Liquid non-flammable household cleaner**

1. Apply cleaner to stained area.
2. Rub with a cloth until all excess dye is removed.
3. Wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth.
4. Tumble a load of rags to dry.

#### **To clean dryer exterior:**

Wipe with a soft, damp cloth.

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## Lint removal

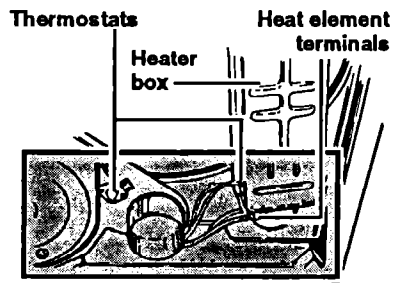
Lint can gather inside the dryer and be a fuel for fire. It is recommended the lint be removed every 2 to 3 years, or more often, depending on dryer usage. Cleaning should be done by a qualified person. If you have any questions, please call our Consumer Assistance Center at 1-800-253-1301.

### **⚠ WARNING**

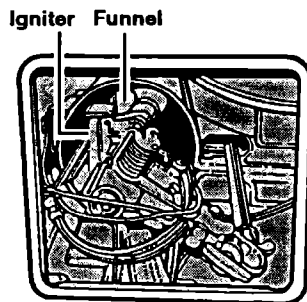
#### **Electrical Shock and Personal Injury Hazard**

- Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power before removing dryer panels.
- Make sure the dryer is cool.
- Dryer parts can have sharp edges. Use care when handling.

Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or personal injury.



Electric dryer with back panel removed



Gas dryer with lower front access panel removed

1. Unplug the power supply cord or turn off the electrical power.
2. Remove back panel (electric) or lower front access panel (gas). See Installation Instructions.
3. Remove lint from shaded area in illustration with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner. Avoid damaging wires, thermostats (electric), funnel (gas) or igniter (gas).
4. Replace panel; reconnect and level dryer again, if necessary.

# If You Need Service Or Assistance

## We suggest you follow these steps:

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

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

#### If your dryer does not run:

- Is the power supply plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage?
- Is the door closed tightly?
- Did you push the Start Button?
- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?

#### If your dryer does not heat:

- The AIR cycle is without heat.
- The last minutes of heat settings are without heat.
- If you have a gas dryer, is the gas turned on? If not, turn the Cycle Control Knob to OFF. Turn on gas. Wait 5 minutes. Reset controls and start.
- The circuit supplying a 240 volt or 208 volt electric dryer uses 2 breakers or 2 fuses. If one breaker is tripped or one fuse is blown, the dryer may run, but not heat.

#### If drying time seems too long:

- Is the lint screen clean? See page 10 for cleaning instructions.
- Is the exhaust duct or outside exhaust hood clogged? Clean if needed.
- See the Dryer Guide.

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

Call Whirlpool Consumer Assistance Center telephone number. Dial free from anywhere in the U.S.:

**1-800-253-1301**

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.

If you prefer, write to:

Mr. William Clark  
Consumer Assistance Representative  
Whirlpool Corporation  
2000 M-63  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

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



Whirlpool has a nationwide network of authorized Whirlpool<sup>SM</sup> service companies.

Whirlpool service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate the authorized Whirlpool service company in your area, call our Consumer Assistance Center telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:

APPLIANCES - HOUSEHOLD - ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES -  
MAJOR - SERVICE & REPAIR MAJOR - REPAIRING & PARTS

OR

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**4. If you need FSP® replacement parts\*...**

FSP is a registered trademark of Whirlpool Corporation for quality parts. Look for this symbol of quality whenever you need a replacement part for your Whirlpool appliance. FSP replacement parts will fit right and work right, because they are made to the same exacting specifications used to build every new Whirlpool appliance.

To locate FSP replacement parts in your area, refer to Step 3 or call the Whirlpool Consumer Assistance Center number in Step 2.

**5. If you are not satisfied with how the problem was solved\*...**

- Contact the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel (MACAP). MACAP is a group of independent consumer experts that voices consumer views at the highest levels of the major appliance industry.
- Contact MACAP only when the dealer, authorized servicer and Whirlpool have failed to resolve your problem.

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

- MACAP will in turn inform us of your action.

\*When requesting assistance, 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.



# WHIRLPOOL®

## Automatic Dryer Warranty

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LENGTH OF WARRANTY	WHIRLPOOL WILL PAY FOR
<b>FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY</b> From Date of Purchase	FSP® replacement parts and repair labor to correct defects in materials or workmanship. Service must be provided by an authorized Whirlpool <sup>SM</sup> service company.
<b>WHIRLPOOL WILL NOT PAY FOR</b>	
<b>A. Service calls to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Correct the installation of the dryer.</li> <li>2. Instruct you how to use the dryer.</li> <li>3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring or plumbing.</li> <li>4. Replace light bulbs.</li> </ol> <b>B. Repairs when dryer is used in other than normal, single-family household use.</b> <b>C. Pickup and delivery.</b> This product is designed to be repaired in the home. <b>D. Damage to dryer caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool.</b> <b>E. Repairs to parts or systems caused by unauthorized modifications made to the appliance.</b>	

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages so this 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.

Outside the United States, a different warranty may apply. For details, please contact your authorized Whirlpool distributor or military exchange.

If you need service, first see the "Service and Assistance" section of this book. After checking "Service and Assistance," additional help can be found by calling our Consumer Assistance Center telephone number, 1-800-253-1301, from anywhere in the U.S.

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