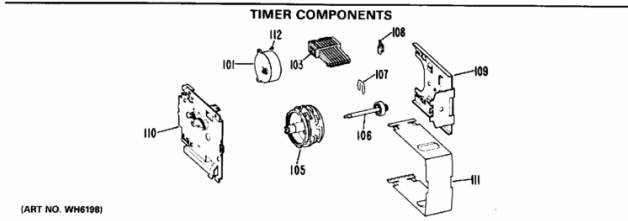
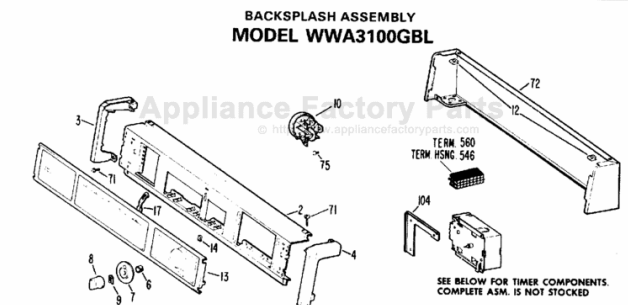
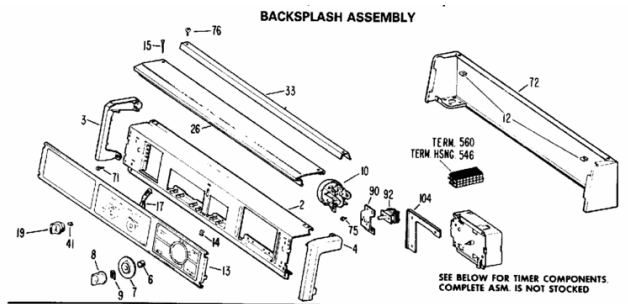


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## Help us help you...

### Read this book carefully.

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

Keep it handy for answers to your questions.

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

Consumer Affairs  
GE Appliances  
Appliance Park  
Louisville, KY 40225

### If you received a damaged washer...

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

### Save time and money.

Before you request service... check the Problem Solver on pages 23-28. It lists causes of minor operating problems that you can correct yourself.

### Write down the model and serial numbers.

You'll find them on a label on the lower left side near the front.

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

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### FOR YOUR SAFETY

If you smell gas:

1. Open windows.
2. Don't touch electrical switches.\*
3. Extinguish any open flame.
4. Immediately call your gas supplier.

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

### FOR YOUR SAFETY

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

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

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Read all instructions before using this appliance.

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

- Use this appliance only for its intended purpose as described in this Use and Care Book.
- This washer 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 washer, you can obtain one by contacting the service location nearest you.

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

—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.

—Connect to adequate plumbing and drain facilities as described in the Installation Instructions.

- Turn off water faucets when the washer is not in use to relieve pressure on hoses and valves, and to minimize leakage if a hose or valve should break or rupture.
- When disconnecting this appliance pull by the plug rather than the cord to avoid damage to the cord or junction of cord and plug. Make sure that the cord is located so that it will not be stepped on, tripped over or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.
- Do not repair or replace any part of the appliance or attempt any servicing unless specifically recommended in this Use and Care Book or in published user-repair instructions that you understand and have the skills to carry out.

**To minimize the possibility of injury:**

- Do not mix chlorine bleach with ammonia or acids such as vinegar and/or rust remover. Mixing can produce a toxic gas which may cause death.
- Do not wash or dry articles that have been cleaned in, washed in, soaked in, or spotted with combustible or explosive substances (such as gasoline, degreasers, dry-cleaning solvents, kerosene, etc.) which may give off vapors that could ignite or explode.

Do not add these substances to the wash water, and do not use these substances around your washer and/or dryer during operation.

• **HYDROGEN GAS** is produced by the chemical action within your water heater and the gas 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 CAN BE EXPLOSIVE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. So to prevent the possibility of damage or injury, if you have not used hot water for two weeks or more, or move 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. Since the gas is flammable, do not smoke or use an open flame or appliance during this process.**

• Never reach into washer while it is moving. Before loading, unloading or adding clothes, push in the Cycle Selector knob to "STOP" position, then wait until the machine has completely stopped before opening the lid.

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

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

• Keep the area around and underneath your appliances free from the accumulation of combustible materials, such as lint, paper, rags, chemicals, etc.

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

• To minimize the possibility of electric shock, unplug this appliance from the power supply before attempting any maintenance or cleaning (except the removal and cleaning of the lint filter).

**NOTE:** Turning the Cycle Selector knob to an OFF position does NOT disconnect the appliance from the power supply.

• Do not tamper with controls.

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

• Never climb on or stand on the washer top.

• Do not wash fiberglass articles in your washer. Skin irritation could result from the remaining particles that may be picked up by clothing during subsequent washer use.

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## Important Safety Instructions (continued)

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

### For washer operation

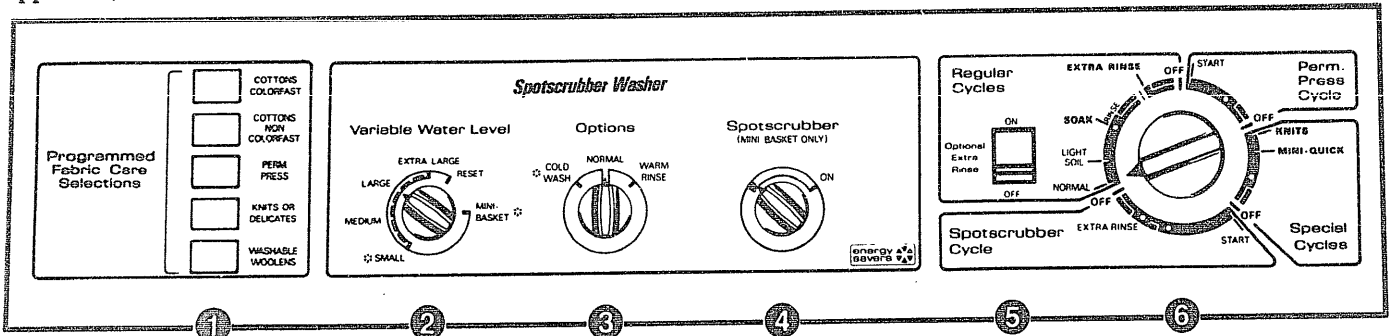
• Do not leave washer lid up during cycle. This will stop the water fill, wash and spin action and prevent completion of the cycle.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## How to operate your clothes washer

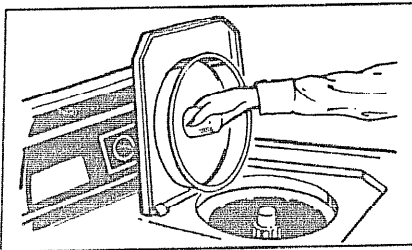
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**SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle**  
See pages 10-11.



### Sorting and Loading

- Sort clothes carefully by fabric type, weight, color and amount of soil. See page 14.
- Remove Filter-Flo® pan and Mini-Basket™ tub.



The underside of the lid is a good place to put the pan while loading or unloading clothes.

Do not use Mini-Basket tub when washing regular loads. You'll find complete details on how and when to use the Mini-Basket tub on pages 8 through 11.

• Add measured amount of detergent. See pages 16 through 20 for information on detergents and other laundry additives.

- Load clothes into the wash basket, being careful not to overload. Clothes should be below the retaining ring. See page 15 for more loading information.
- Position the Filter-Flo pan on the agitator. Lint will collect in the pan for easy removal when the wash is finished.

**NOTE:** Do not use the Filter-Flo pan as a wash basket. Do not put any items to be washed in the Filter-Flo pan.

• Close the lid. Washer will not fill, agitate or spin with the lid open.

**Set the controls.** See the Controls Setting Guide on pages 12 and 13.

- ① Select a Fabric Care program.

Automatically Programmed	Wash Speed	Spin Speed	Wash Temp.	Rinse Temp.
<b>Fabric Care Selections</b>				
<b>Cottons Colorfast</b>	Normal	Normal	Hot	Cold
<b>Cottons Non-colorfast</b>	Normal	Normal	*Warm	Cold
<b>Perm. Press</b>	Normal	Gentle	*Warm	Cold
<b>Knits or Delicates</b>	Gentle	Gentle	*Warm	Cold
<b>Washable Woolens</b>	Gentle	Normal	*Warm	Cold

\*"Warm" water is approximately 90° to 110°F. (hand comfortable).

- ② Select Water Level.

**SMALL:** Washer is less than 1/3 full of clothes.

**MEDIUM:** 1/3 and 1/2 full.

**LARGE:** Between 1/2 and 2/3 full.

**EXTRA LARGE:** Over 2/3 full.

**MINI-BASKET:** Not used for regular loads. See pages 8 through 11 for instructions.

If you wish to increase the water level after you've made a selection, turn knob to "RESET" and select new level.

**3 Select Options.**

Use this control if you wish to change the water temperatures that are automatically programmed by the Fabric Care selections control.

**NORMAL**—Leaves the temperatures as programmed.

**COLD WASH**—Provides cold wash and rinse water in all cycles.

**WARM RINSE**—Leaves the wash temperature as programmed but provides warm rinse water in Regular and *Spotscrubber* cycles. To minimize setting of wrinkles,

cold rinse is automatically provided in Perm Press and Special cycles.

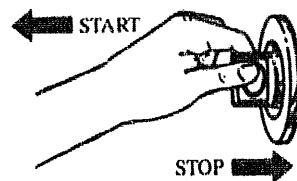
**4 Leave Spotscrubber control at left position.**

Spotscrubber  
(MINI-BASKET ONLY)



**5 Select Extra Rinse, if desired.** Sliding control to "ON" will provide a second deep rinse in the Regular Cycle. If no Extra Rinse is desired, slide control to "OFF."

**6 Push Cycle Selector knob in and turn clockwise to your selected wash setting.**

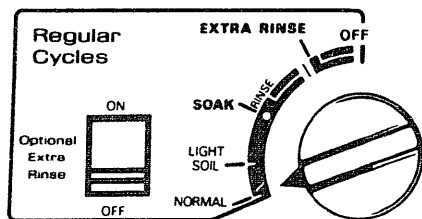


Pull Cycle Selector knob to start the washer. To change setting after washer has started, push Cycle Selector knob in to stop washer and reset to new position. Setting can be changed at any time.

## Tips to help you select settings for regular wash loads

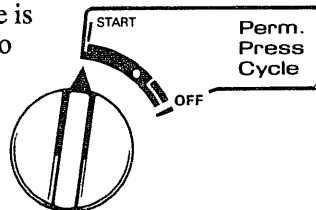
### Regular Cycles—

For most cottons, linens, wash and play clothes with normal soiling.



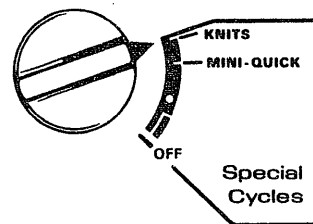
### Perm Press Cycle—

For permanent press loads such as shirts, blouses, dresses and similar wearing apparel with normal soiling. An extended cool-down spray rinse is provided to minimize wrinkling.



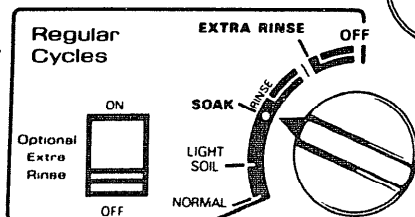
### Knits Cycle—

A combination of agitation and soak for more effective polyester knits laundering. Plus an extended cool-down spray rinse is provided to minimize the setting of wrinkles.



### Soak Setting—

Use with most soaking aids to loosen embedded soils and stains.

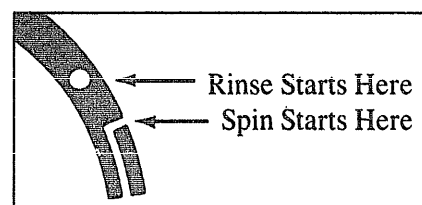


See pages 12 and 13 for Controls Setting Guide.

## What happens in each setting (approximate minutes)

Cycle Selector Settings	Regular Cycle Normal	Regular Cycle Light Soil	Regular Cycle Soak	Perm. Press Cycle	Knits Cycle
Wash					5
Soak					2
Wash	15	6		10	3
Spin	3½	3½		2½	2½
Rinse	3	3	3	2½	2½
Spin	7	7	7	4½	4½
2nd Rinse	*2½	*2½			
Spin	*7	*7			
Total Time	32 *46	23 *39	11	23	24½

**Spotscrubber Cycle**  
See pages 10-11.



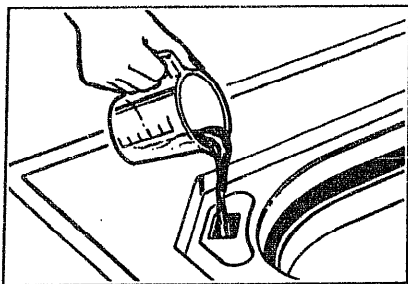
\*When Extra Rinse control is set at ON.

• Total time includes pauses between each phase of the cycle.

• Total time does not include water fill times. Fill times vary depending on household water pressure and your selected water level.

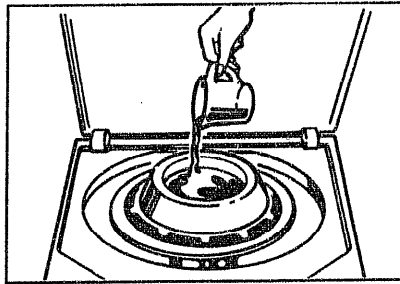
## When washing regular loads . . .

### How to use the Bleach Dispenser



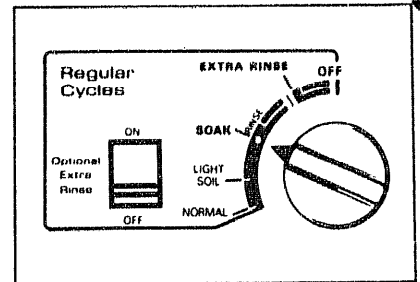
- Use this dispenser with liquid bleach only. *If you prefer to use powdered bleach, pour it into the wash basket along with your detergent. Do not put powdered bleach into the bleach dispenser.*
- Measure bleach carefully. Here are some recommended amounts:  
**EXTRA-LARGE WATER LEVEL**  
1 ¼ cup (310 ml) liquid  
**SMALL WATER LEVEL**  
¾ cup (170 ml) liquid  
**MINI-BASKET TUB**  
¼ cup (60 ml) liquid
- Pour measured amount of liquid bleach directly into the bleach dispenser.
- Do not overfill or allow the dispenser to overflow. Avoid splashing. Undiluted bleach can cause fabric damage.
- Never pour undiluted liquid bleach directly onto clothes or into the wash basket.

### How to use the Fabric Softener Dispenser



- Position the Fabric Softener Dispenser on the Filter-Flo pan.
- Pour the manufacturer's recommended amount of fabric softener into a standard measuring cup.
- Add enough water to fill the cup ½ full.
- Pour the diluted softener into the dispenser.
- The fabric softener will automatically be dispensed at the proper time.
- Do not stop the washer during the first spin. This will cause the dispenser to empty too soon.
- Do not use the Fabric Softener Dispenser with the Soak Setting.

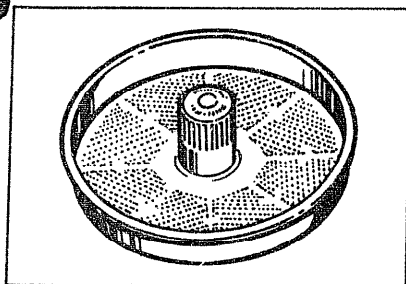
### How to use the Soak Setting



- Push any Fabric Care Selection button and turn Cycle Selector knob to "SOAK."
- Be sure "Extra Rinse" control is at "OFF."
- For a cold soak, set Options control to "NORMAL." For a warm soak, set Options control to "WARM RINSE."
- If a hot soak is desired, push the COTTONS/COLORFAST Fabric Care Selection button and turn the Cycle Selector knob to "NORMAL" in the Regular Cycle. Start the washer. After washer fills and begins to agitate, push in the Cycle Selector knob and turn to "SOAK." Pull out the Cycle Selector knob to complete the cycle.
- For an extended soak allow the washer to fill and agitate for a few minutes to dissolve the soaking agent. Then push in the Cycle Selector knob to stop the washer (keep lid closed) and allow to soak for as long as desired. After desired soak period, pull out the Cycle Selector knob to complete the cycle.
- Do not use the Fabric Softener Dispenser with the Soak Setting.

## Energy-Saving Tips

### How to Use the Filter-Flo Pan



The Filter-Flo pan has two functions:

- **LINT FILTER**—Position the Filter-flo pan on the agitator after loading clothes into the washer. Lint is easily seen and removed after the wash is finished.
- **LID FOR THE MINI-BASKET**—After loading clothes in the Mini-Basket tub, be sure to replace the Filter-Flo pan. The pan serves as a lid to keep the clothes in the Mini-Basket tub.

**NOTE:** Do not use the Filter-Flo pan as a wash basket. Do not put any items to be washed in the Filter-Flo pan. Do not place detergent packets in the Filter-Flo pan.

If your clothes and household items don't look clean and fresh after washing, you will probably re-wash them... and that means you'll waste energy. Remember to sort your clothes carefully, and load them properly, select correct cycles, use enough detergent and *choose a water temperature warm enough to release and get rid of soil.*

- Use Hot Wash—up to 150°F.—*on a regular basis only* when washing heavily soiled articles—such as work and play clothes.
- Under normal soil conditions, wash in water above 80°F. (27°C.). This generally means using the Warm Wash temperature setting on your washer—temperatures approximately 90° to 110°F. or hand comfortable. If you notice that soil has accumulated after several consecutive washings, use Hot Wash occasionally, if safe for fabrics.
- Always rinse in Cold Water. The temperature of the rinse does not affect cleaning.
- Try to wash less often. Save articles of the same type of fabric until you have a full load.
- If you must wash smaller loads, adjust the amount of water. Small loads should have lower water levels.
- Wash in off-peak utility hours. Your local utility can tell you which are the off-peak hours.
- Use your washer's Normal Spin. This will remove more water during spin, which will shorten drying cycle to save more energy. You can use the Normal Spin in place of the Gentle Spin usually recommended for Permanent Press items. Switch to any of the Fabric Care Programs that indicate a Normal Spin. (See page 4.) The drying will remove any wrinkles which may result from the Normal Spin.
- Use your Mini-Basket™ tub for very small loads. It uses less water than the small water level in the big tub on this washer. You will also save on detergent and energy.

**Spotscrubber Cycle**  
See pages 10-11.

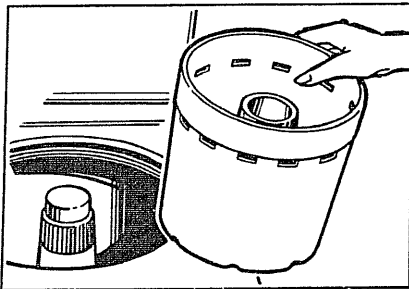
# How to use the Mini-Basket™ tub for hand washables

## Typical Mini-Basket™ tub wash loads

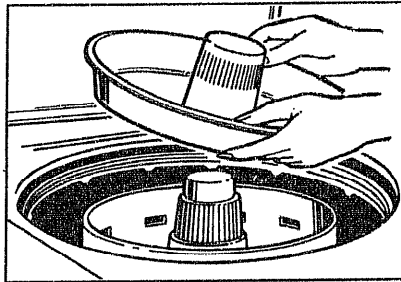
- Small loads of regular fabrics (up to 2½ pounds)
- Delicate loads such as lingerie, panty hose, girdles, blouses, sweaters, socks, shirts, baby clothes and other small delicate hand washables
- Stuffed toys
- Tennis shoes

## How to wash a small load of regular fabrics or delicate hand washables

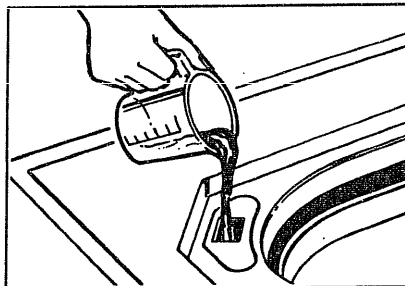
1. Remove Filter-Flo pan.



2. Place Mini-Basket tub on agitator. Pull the agitator toward the front of the machine for easier installation and removal of Mini-Basket tub.
3. Put detergent in the bottom of the Mini-Basket tub before loading clothes. See page 18.
4. Load clothes in Mini-Basket tub. See page 14 for sorting help.



5. After loading clothes in the Mini-Basket tub, be sure to replace the Filter-Flo pan. The pan serves as a lid to keep the clothes in the Mini-Basket tub.

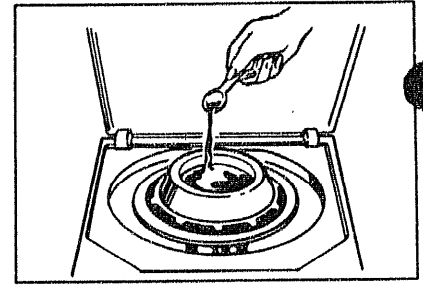


6. Add bleach, if desired. Measure carefully and pour recommended amount of liquid bleach—1/4 cup (60 ml)—directly into the bleach dispenser.

—Do not overfill or allow dispenser to overflow. Avoid splashing. Undiluted bleach can cause fabric damage.

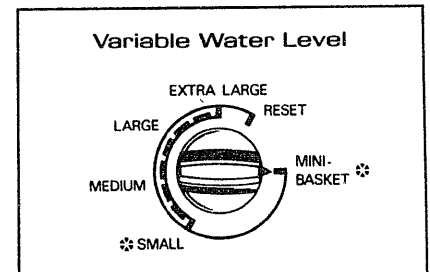
—Never pour undiluted liquid bleach directly onto clothes or into the Mini-Basket tub.

—If you prefer to use powdered bleach, pour it into the Mini-Basket tub along with your detergent. Do not put powdered bleach into the bleach dispenser.



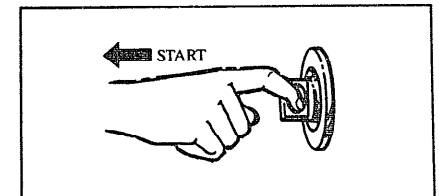
7. Add fabric softener, if desired (but not in the Mini-Quick Cycle described on page 9). Pour 1 teaspoon (5 ml) of concentrated softener or 1 tablespoon (15 ml) of diluted softener into the Fabric Softener Dispenser on the Filter-Flo pan.

8. Close lid. Set controls as follows:



—Set Water Level to the MINI-BASKET position.

—Select desired Fabric Care program and cycle. See page 4.



—Pull Cycle Selector knob to start washer.

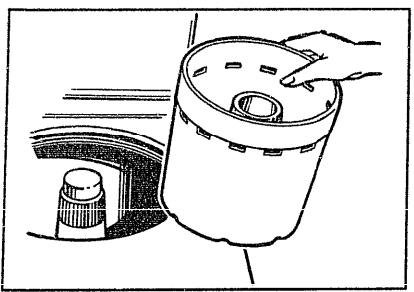
## Special instructions for use of the Mini-Basket™ tub

- Do not wash clothes in the regular wash basket when using the Mini-Basket tub.
- Shake sand and/or loose dirt out of clothes before loading; otherwise some may remain in the tub and on the clothes after the cycle is completed.

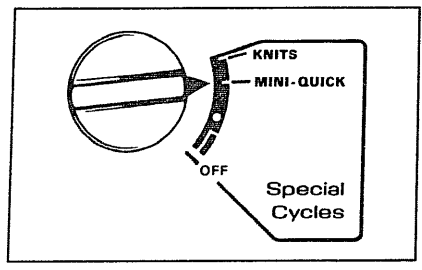
- When washing stockings, panty hose and other easily tangled items, always handle separately. To minimize tangling, the use of a net laundry bag is recommended.

# How to use the Mini-Basket™ tub for items you need in a hurry

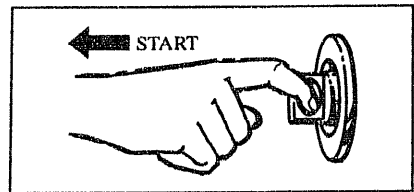
## How to wash a small load of lightly soiled clothes that you need in a hurry



1. Follow all the steps given on page 8 except for cycle selection.



2. Push the Cycle Selector knob in and turn it clockwise to the MINI-QUICK Cycle.



3. Pull Cycle Sector knob to start washer. Cycle will be completed automatically.

### What happens during the Mini-Quick Cycle

Wash . . . . .	3 minutes
Spin . . . . .	2½ minutes
Rinse . . . . .	2½ minutes
Spin . . . . .	4½ minutes
Total Time . . . . .	17½ minutes

- Total time includes pauses between each phase of the cycle.
- Total time does not include water fill times. Fill times vary depending on household water pressure.

**Special instructions for use of the Mini-Basket™ tub**

- Do not wash clothes in the regular basket when using the Mini-Basket tub.
- Do not use the Fabric Softener Dispenser with the MINI-QUICK cycle.
- Shake sand and/or loose dirt out of clothes before loading; otherwise some may remain in the tub and on the clothes after the cycle is completed.
- You *must* use the Mini-Basket tub with the MINI-QUICK cycle.
- When washing stockings, panty hose and other easily tangled items, always handle separately. To minimize tangling, the use of a net laundry bag is recommended.

# How to use the Spotscrubber Cycle for removing stains

## **SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle removes stains and heavy soil automatically**

The *SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle* uses a high concentration of detergent in about two gallons of water and is designed to remove stains automatically. Two rinses remove the concentrated detergent solution.

## **SPOTSCRUBBER Stain Removal Shortcut**

Many stains that have not set into the fabric can be automatically removed in your washer's *SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle*.

**Step 1.** Launder any stained washable fabric with the *SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle*, using the hottest water the fabric can stand and the recommended amount of detergent.

**Step 2.** If the stain remains—and if the stained article is white or bleachable—wash it again with the *SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle*, using warm water and bleach (see page 13) plus the recommended amount of detergent.

Chances are Step 1 will remove the following stains:

- Fresh Blood
- Perspiration
- Cosmetics, Grease, Oil
- Chocolate, Cream, Ice Cream, Milk
- Most Common Food Stains

Odds are good that Step 2 will remove these stains:

- Grass, Foliage, Flowers
- Aged Blood
- Antiperspirants, Deodorants
- Coffee and Tea
- Fresh Fruit, Fruit Juices, Wine, Food Coloring, Vegetables

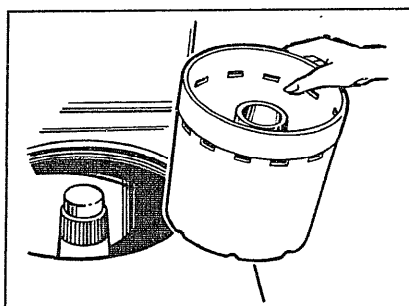
If the stain remains after you have tried both steps...  
or  
if the stain is caused by rust, adhesives (chewing gum, etc.), paint, varnish or tar...  
or  
if the item is too big to be laundered in the Mini-Basket tub...  
follow the recommendations in the Stain Removal Guide on page 22.

## **How to use the SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle**

### **Typical SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle Wash Load**

- 1 average size tablecloth, or
- 3 shirts or blouses, or
- 1 shirt and 1 pair of slacks, or
- 1 full size bedsheet, or
- 3-5 baby garments, or
- 5-6 undergarments

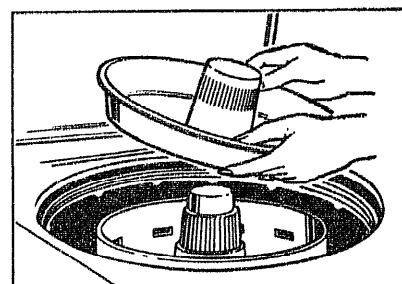
1. Remove Filter-Flo pan.



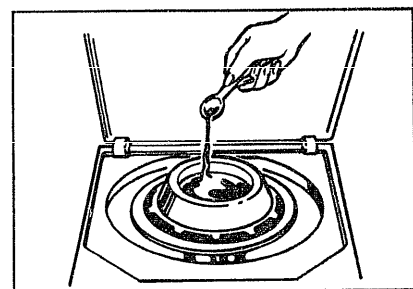
2. Place Mini-Basket tub on agitator. Pull the agitator toward the front of the machine for easier installation and removal of Mini-Basket tub.

3. Put detergent in the bottom of the Mini-Basket tub before loading the clothes (about the same amount you would use for a small load in the regular wash basket. See page 18.) Do not use detergents with a built-in fabric softener. If you do, some soil may be redeposited on the wash load.

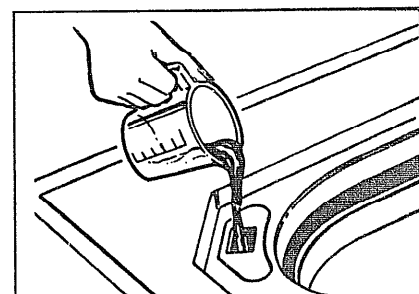
4. Load clothes in Mini-Basket tub. See page 14 for sorting help.



5. Replace the Filter-Flo pan. The pan serves as a lid to keep the clothes in the Mini-Basket tub.



6. Add fabric softener, if desired. Position the Fabric Softener Dispenser on the Filter-Flo pan, and put 1 teaspoon (5 ml) of concentrated softener or 1 tablespoon (15 ml) of diluted softener into the dispenser.



7. Add Bleach, if desired. Measure carefully and pour recommended amount of liquid bleach—1/4 cup (60 ml) directly into the bleach dispenser.

—Be sure to add bleach before starting the washer.

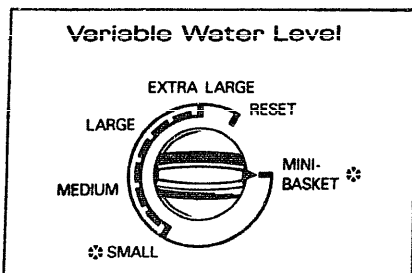
—Do not overfill or allow dispenser to overflow. Avoid splashing. Undiluted bleach can cause fabric damage.

—Never pour undiluted liquid bleach directly onto clothes or into the Mini-Basket tub.

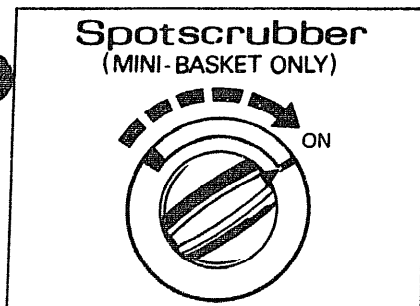
—If you prefer to use powdered bleach, pour it into the Mini-Basket tub along with your detergent. Do not put powdered bleach into the bleach dispenser.

8. Close the washer lid and set the controls as follows:

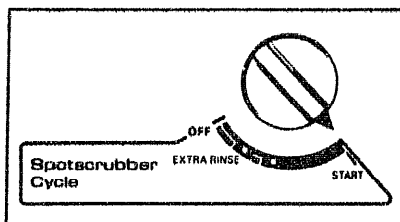
- Select desired Wash/Spin Speed.
- Select desired Wash/Rinse Temperatures. *Proper wash water temperature is important. Refer to the Controls Setting Guide, page 12 and Stain Removal Guide, page 22.*



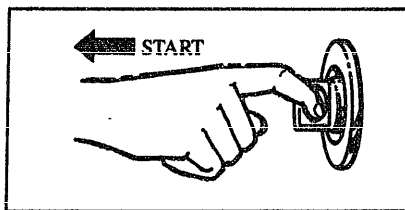
—Set Water Level control to MINI-BASKET position.



—Set SPOTSCRUBBER control to ON position. This fills the Mini-Basket tub half full of water which is normal\*.



—Push Cycle Selector knob in and turn it to START setting in the SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle.

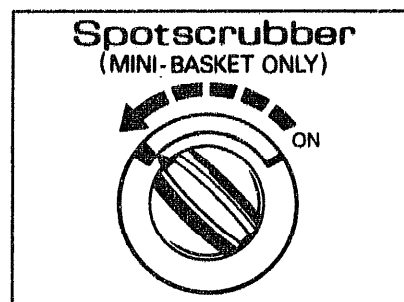


—Pull Cycle Selector knob to start washer.

*\*Think you need more water when adding a large item such as a tablecloth? Wait about a minute after agitation begins, then check. To add water, stop washer, reset SPOTSCRUBBER control to ON and restart washer. Leave Water Level control at MINI-BASKET.*

*For best results, don't overload the Mini-Basket tub. It's better to do two loads so laundry can move freely in the water.*

## What happens during the SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle



When agitation begins, the SPOTSCRUBBER control moves counterclockwise for about half a minute. A sharp distinctive sound will be heard soon after agitation begins. This is the sound of the water recirculation system cutting off to keep the concentrated detergent solution in the Mini-Basket tub. When agitation stops, the SPOTSCRUBBER control moves the remaining distance to the left and rinsing begins.

Cycle sequence:

Wash . . . . .	15 minutes
Spin . . . . .	3 ½ minutes
Rinse . . . . .	3 minutes
Spin . . . . .	3 minutes
2nd Rinse . . . . .	3 minutes
Spin . . . . .	7 minutes
Total Time* . . . . .	43 ½ minutes

\*Includes pauses between each phase of the cycle. Does not include water fill times which vary depending on household water pressure.

## Special instructions for use of the Mini-Basket™ tub

- Do not wash clothes in the regular wash basket when using the Mini-Basket tub.
- You must use the Mini-Basket tub with the SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle.
- Shake sand and/or loose dirt out of clothes before loading;
- otherwise some may remain in the tub and on the clothes after the cycle is completed.
- When washing stockings, panty hose and other easily tangled items, always handle separately. To minimize tangling, the use of a net laundry bag is recommended.

# Controls Setting Guide for different fabrics and loads

Load	Fabric Care Program— see page 4	Cycle	Cycle Setting
Cottons and Linens White/Colorfast Bright/Non-colorfast	Cottons Colorfast Cottons Non-colorfast	Regular Cycle Regular Cycle	Normal or Light Soil Setting Normal or Light Soil Setting
Work Clothes Heavy soil  Average soil	Cottons Colorfast  Cottons Colorfast	Regular Cycle <i>Spotscrubber Cycle**</i> Regular Cycle	Normal Soil Setting Set at Start Normal Setting
Permanent Press, Treated Cottons, Blends with Cottons Heavy or oily soil  Average or light soil	Perm Press  Perm Press	Perm Press Cycle <i>Spotscrubber Cycle**</i> Perm Press Cycle	Set at Start Set at Start Set at Start
Synthetics—Polyester, Nylon, Acrylic Knits and Woven Fabrics Sturdy Delicates	Perm Press Knits or Delicates	Perm Press Cycle Special Cycle	Set at Start Set at Knits
Silks, Wools; Blends of Silk and Wool	Washable Woolens	Special Cycle	Set at Knits
Rayon and Acetate	Washable Woolens	Special Cycle	Set at Knits
Down-filled garments, if machine washing is recommended	Knits or Delicates	Special Cycle	Set at Knits
Baby Clothes—Sturdy, such as Diapers, Nightgowns, Shirts, Pads, Sheets, Receiving Blankets, Coveralls	Cottons Colorfast	Regular Cycle  <i>Spotscrubber Cycle**</i>	Normal or Light Soil Setting, depending on amount of soil
Baby Clothes—Delicate	Knits or Delicates	Special Cycle <i>Spotscrubber Cycle**</i>	Set at Knits
Blankets—Wool, Part-wool	Washable Woolens	Regular Cycle	Light Soil Setting
Blankets—Synthetic, Electric, Cotton	Cottons Non-colorfast or with 5 min. soak	Regular Cycle	Light Soil Setting
Curtains—DO NOT MACHINE WASH FIBERGLASS	Cottons Non-colorfast or Cottons Colorfast	Perm Press Cycle	Set at Start
Chenille Bedspreads, Robes*	Knits or Delicates	Special Cycle	Set at Knits
Slipcovers, Draperies, Bathmats and Rugs*	Cottons Colorfast or Cottons Non-colorfast	Regular Cycle	Normal Setting
Denims (especially Indigo Blue Jeans) and other fabrics that bleed	Cottons Non-colorfast	Regular Cycle	Normal Setting
Rubber-coated Items, Laminated Fabrics, Vinyl, Plastics and Articles with Plastic Trim	Knits or Delicates	Special Cycle	Set at Knits
Pillows	Knits or Delicates	Special Cycle	Set at Knits

\*Check size. Some slipcovers, draperies and bedspreads may be too large for automatic home-size washer.

\*\*For small loads.

## Refer to Garment Manufacturers' Care Labels

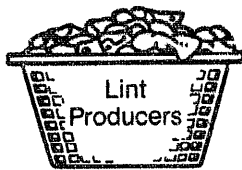
Bleach	Special Instructions
Liquid chlorine type. Only non-chlorine bleach when needed.	If colorfast is unusually soiled, use hot water. Use detergent recommended on page 18.
White or colorfast, liquid chlorine type. Non-colorfast, only non-chlorine bleach when needed.	Use detergent recommended in guide on page 18. For heavily soiled loads, use extra detergent and longer wash time.
White or colorfast, liquid chlorine type. Non-colorfast, only non-chlorine bleach when needed.	Use detergent recommended in guide on page 18. For heavily soiled loads, use extra detergent and longer wash time.
White or colorfast, liquid chlorine type. Non-colorfast, only non-chlorine bleach when needed.	If unusually soiled, use hot water. Use detergent recommended in guide on page 18. For heavy or oily soil, use <i>Spotscrubber Cycle</i> . See page 10. Synthetics and blends usually require slightly more detergent than cottons for cleaning and to help prevent loosened soil from collecting on the fabric.
No bleach	Wash <i>only</i> if recommended by the garment manufacturer. Follow instructions carefully.
Seldom needed. If needed, use only non-chlorine bleach.	Wash in your washer only if recommended by the garment manufacturer.
No bleach	Wash frequently to fluff up the down and retain the garment's warmth. Wash separately. Wet down gives off an odor which may be absorbed by other garments. Odor disappears when garment is dry. Treat heavily soiled areas with liquid detergent or paste made of water and granular detergent. Close zippers. Wash 2 or 3 at a time or add towels to balance. <b>GARMENT MUST BE TUMBLE DRIED.</b>
White or colorfast, liquid chlorine type.	You may prefer to use a mild type detergent. Do baby clothes separately. Pretreat spots. Rinse diapers, nightgowns, pads and sheets after use. Keep diapers in a covered pail of cold water and conditioning agent like Borateem brand.
Only non-chlorine bleach when needed.	You may prefer to use a mild type detergent. Do hand-knit garments by hand or in Mini-Basket tub—see page 8.
No bleach	Fill washer, add detergent, allow to dissolve before adding blanket. Do one blanket at a time. Pretreat heavily soiled spots with liquid detergent.
No bleach	On electric blanket, sew a strong piece of cloth over plug to protect blanket and washer from damage. Do one blanket at a time. Pretreat heavily soiled spots with liquid detergent.
White or colorfast, liquid chlorine type.	Vacuum out loose dirt before washing.
White or colorfast, liquid chlorine type.	If unusually soiled, use Perm Press Cycle.
White or colorfast, liquid chlorine type.	Wash only 2 or 3 rugs or mats at one time. Shake before washing to remove excess dirt.
No bleach	For new "indigo blue" jeans, wash at least 3 times in very small loads with full-water fill. Jeans need ample room to move to avoid white lines at creases. May discolor plastic washer parts. Subsequent washings will reduce discolorations, but will probably never eliminate it. The stained parts will not discolor subsequent washing loads.
No bleach	Tumble on FLUFF (No Heat).
No bleach	Pillows are made of different materials—dacron, fiber, foam, polyester, natural feathers and down. Many pillows can be machine washed, but <i>manufacturers' care labels must be followed carefully</i> . If washing is recommended, check pillows for weak seams or holes and mend to prevent escape of feathers or filling. Fill washer, add detergent and agitate for several minutes to dissolve detergent. Add two pillows at a time to balance load, use extra large water level.

For more information on care labeling, send for "What's New About CARE LABELS!"  
For sale by the Superintendent of Documents,  
U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

# Good sorting means better washing

## Sort by surface texture

Separate



from



**LINT PRODUCERS**— Such as terry toweling and chenille—give up lint.

**LINT COLLECTORS**— such as man-made fibers and napped fabrics like velveteen and corduroy—attract lint. These must be washed separately.

For more information on lint control, see page 23.

## Sort by fabric

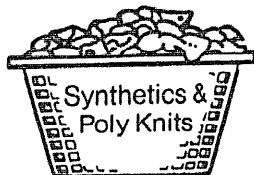
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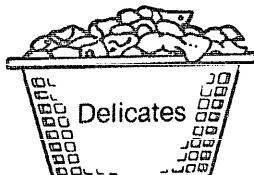
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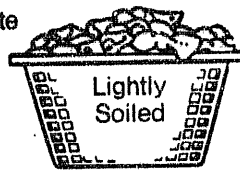
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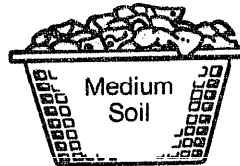
In addition to sorting to reduce lint collection, it is recommended that fabrics of similar construction be washed together whenever possible.

## Sort by soil

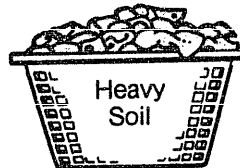
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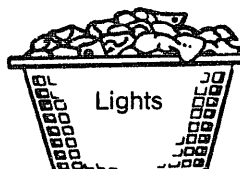


## Sort by color

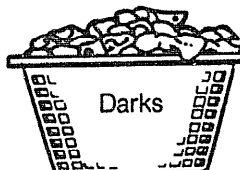
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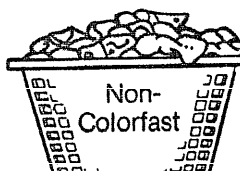
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For instructions on different fabrics and loads, see pages 12 and 13.

It pays to check and prepare clothes for washing.

- Empty pockets, brush out cuffs, zip zippers, snap snaps, hooks and buttons.
- Do any necessary mending—rips, hems, tears.

Check all items for areas of heavy soil or stain.

- Remove stains. Use the *Spotscrubber Cycle* that's designed to remove stains and stubborn soil automatically (see page 10), and refer to the Stain Removal chart on page 22 when you elect to pre-treat and scrub stains by hand.

Turn Poly Knits inside-out to minimize fabric surface damage.

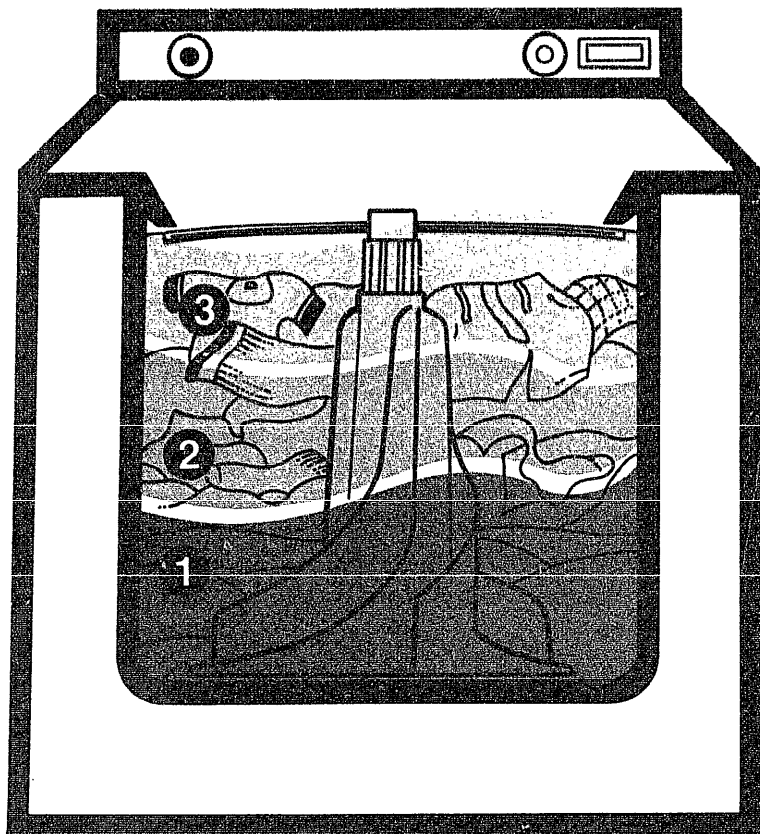
**Soaking loosens deep soils and stains.**

A thorough soaking with detergent or special soaking agent is another way to remove heavy soils, embedded dirt and even some stains.

Soaking can be either a completely separate washing step or a preliminary step to a complete wash cycle. For detailed information on how to soak in your washer, see page 6.

- Pre-treat heavy soil by rubbing in a small amount of liquid detergent or a paste made of water and powdered detergent or soap. For best results, wait ½ hour before washing. Or wash small, extremely soiled loads in the Mini-Basket™ tub using the *Spotscrubber Cycle*. See page 10.

# How to load your washer



- Load clothes dry.
- Take a properly sorted group of clothes and drop them loosely in the wash basket in this order:

**1**

Large Items—like sheets. Do not wrap around the agitator.

**2**

Small Items—like washcloths.

**3**

Medium Size Items—like towels.

Here is a typical full load:

- 3 Double Sheets
- 6 Long Sleeve Shirts
- 3 Boxer Shorts
- 6 Standard Pillow Cases
- 5 T-shirts
- 4 Pair Trousers
- 6 Handkerchiefs

This illustration, with clothes just reaching the Clothes Retaining Ring, shows a proper load. Clothes have ample room to move because they are not packed down, nor wrapped around the agitator. Clothes are loaded dry since wet items are apt to pack down which encourages overloading. This size load requires a full water fill.

**What is the best size load of clothes—large, medium, or small? Save time, energy and detergent by avoiding extra use of the washer. Try to wash a full load of clothes. If you can it is better to save clothes until you have a full load. If you must wash smaller loads, save water, energy and detergent by adjusting the water level for the size of the load. See page 4.**

## Special recommendations for washing permanent press if you do not have a dryer.

If you are machine-washing Permanent Press clothes that you plan to hang or drip-dry, use extra care to minimize wrinkling in the wash process:

- Be careful not to overload washer. Permanent Press clothes must have ample room to move freely. A Medium size Permanent Press load is the largest that should be washed.
- Use more water than you would for a regular load. Use a Medium Water Level for a Small Load; an Extra Large Water Level for a Medium Load.
- Remove clothes as soon as washer stops and hang immediately.
- To minimize wrinkling, use a Fabric Care Program with a Gentle Spin. See page 4.

## To add items after the washer has started.

- Turn off the washer.
- Carefully remove the Filter-Flo pan.
- Add any additional articles by submerging next to the agitator.
- Replace the Filter-Flo pan and restart the washer.

**NOTE:** Do not use the Filter-Flo pan as a wash basket. Do not put any items to be washed in the Filter-Flo pan.

**NOTE:** When washing stockings, panty hose and other easily tangled items, always handle separately. To minimize tangling, the use of a net laundry bag is recommended.

## Factors to consider in selecting detergents and soap

Products	Advantages	Disadvantages
<p><b>Phosphate— Powdered Detergents</b></p>	<p>Perform well in hard or soft water</p> <p>Wash all types of fabrics well. Can be used in hot, warm, or cold water.</p>	<p>Are not available in some areas.</p>
<p><b>Non-Phosphate— Powdered Detergents</b></p>	<p>Perform satisfactorily in soft or moderately hard water.</p> <p>In some areas only non-phosphate products are available.</p>	<p>Generally do not clean well in hard water.</p> <p>May be difficult to dissolve, especially in cold water.</p> <p>Should <i>not</i> be used in cold water.</p> <p>Those containing sodium carbonate as an ingredient may cause harmful limestone deposits on clothes and washer when combined with hard water. (See page 17.)</p>
<p><b>Liquid Detergents</b></p>	<p>Perform well in soft water.</p> <p>Offer better performance in hard water than powdered non-phosphate types.</p> <p>Cleans synthetics and fabric blends well.</p> <p>Are excellent as concentrates for removing spots.</p> <p>Completely dissolve even in cold water.</p>	<p>May not perform as well as powdered phosphate products when diluted in wash water.</p>
<p><b>Detergents with Built-In Fabric Softeners</b></p>	<p>Help make clothes fluffy and soft.</p> <p>Reduce static electricity.</p>	<p>Generally do not clean well. Loosened soil is likely to be redeposited on clothes.</p>
<p><b>Soaps</b></p>	<p>Perform well in soft water.</p>	<p>Generally do not clean well in medium-hard or hard water.</p> <p>May combine with water hardness minerals to form sticky soap curd.</p>

# The results of continued use of carbonate detergents

Is your water hard? If it is, and if you use a carbonate type non-phosphate detergent, you will most probably notice limestone\* deposits on your clothes and

washer surfaces. The hardness of your water and your washing frequency will determine how rapidly the limestone will build up. If your water is VERY HARD

(11 or more grains) and if you wash just a few loads a week, you may see limestone build-ups in just a few months.

## Effects on clothes

Although limestone build-up occurs more rapidly on cotton, it will eventually affect various fabrics in the following ways:

- Gives a stiff, harsh, rough feel to fabrics such as toweling.
- Causes colors to fade and become dull and dingy.
- Causes graying of fabrics.
- Leaves a white, powdery residue on dark-colored items.
- Causes spot-fading of bright colors as a result of direct contact with detergent.
- Reduces wrinkle-resistance of permanent-press fabrics.
- Destroys effectiveness of flame-retardant finishes on cottons such as children's sleepwear.
- Increases fabric wear because of the scrubbing action between limestone deposits on the fabrics during washer agitation.

## Effects on washer

- Unsightly build-up on all washer surfaces exposed to the wash solution.
- Mat-like crusty formations caused by lint adhering to the sticky limestone deposits.
- Increased service calls because of limestone deposits in the pump, recirculation water hoses, filters and other washer parts.
- Reduced useful life of washer.

## Recommended methods to reduce limestone build-ups

- Use a powdered phosphate detergent or a liquid detergent if these are available in your area.
- Install a home water softener. This will significantly reduce limestone build-up.
- Use a packaged non precipitating water softener, such as Calgon brand with phosphate.

## Good washing practices may delay limestone damage to clothes

The following recommendations will temporarily delay the effects of limestone on your clothes. These are generally good washing practices and will give better soil removal whether or not you have hard water or use carbonate detergent.

- Use hotter wash water, for example up to 150° for cottons. This also improves oily-soil removal.
- If you wash in cooler water to save energy, use more detergent to promote better washing. Also be sure to use bleach on bleachable fabrics. Use hot water whenever possible.
- Add detergent and allow washer to fill and agitate for three or four minutes to dissolve detergent before adding clothes.
- Increase amount of detergent. See chart on page 18 for recommended detergent amounts in relation to water hardness.

- Increase use of bleaches, pre-soaks, packaged water conditioners, prewash soil and stain removers to help in removing stubborn soils and stains.
- Use greater care in sorting loads. Wash very dirty loads separately and increase detergent to help keep dirt from redepositing on less soiled items. Wash delicate items separately to prevent damage from heavy sturdy clothes.
- Wash smaller loads to increase cleaning action of washer.
- Use fabric softener to counteract stiffness or harshness in clothes.

## How to partially restore clothes

Once clothes have developed deposits, they may be partially restored by soaking in a solution of two cups of vinegar in one gallon of hot tap-water for 15 minutes. **USE A PLASTIC CONTAINER.** Then wash clothes in the washer using detergent.

### CAUTIONS:

- Do not use vinegar soak solution in washer. The acidic action of the vinegar may damage the porcelain.
- Vinegar soak solution may reduce the wrinkle-resistance of permanent-press fabrics.
- Vinegar soak may damage the dyes in some fabrics.

\* LIMESTONE—technically called CALCIUM CARBONATE—is caused by the reaction of the calcium in the hard water with the sodium carbonate in the detergent.

# How much detergent should you use?

The use of a sufficient amount of detergent is one of the most important things you can do to make sure your wash comes out clean.

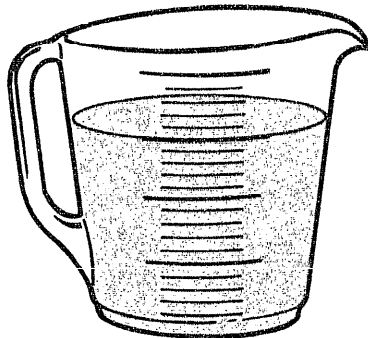
**Amount required varies according to:**

1. Water hardness
2. Amount of soil
3. Size of load
4. Type of detergent
5. Wash temperature

**Use more detergent if you have. . .**

1. Hard water
2. Large loads
3. Greasy or oily soils
4. Lower wash temperature
5. Low phosphate detergent

If the recommended amount of detergent produces too many suds, switch to a low sudsing detergent brand, and follow instructions on package.



Using too little detergent is a common cause of laundry problems. Always measure detergent in a standard measuring cup.

**How to use detergent—granular or powdered:**

For best results, add detergent to the wash basket before loading clothes. If you load your clothes first, add detergent next to the agitator.

If your detergent doesn't dissolve well, pre-dissolve the detergent in hot water then pour directly into the wash basket.

**To use granular or powdered detergent in the Mini-Basket tub, put detergent in the bottom of Mini-Basket tub before loading clothes.**

**To use liquid detergent in regular clothes basket or Mini-Basket tub, follow package directions.**

## Recommended amount of detergent for average soil load

	Water Hardness	Water Level Setting					
		Regular Wash Basket				Mini Basket Tub	
		Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small	Hand Washables	SPOTSCRUBBER
<b>High Sudsing Powder Type</b>	VERY HARD 10-20 Gr.	2 cups	1 3/4 cups	1 1/2 cups	1 1/4 cups	1/2 cup	1 1/4 cups
	HARD 4-10 Gr.	1 3/4 cups	1 1/2 cups	1 1/4 cups	3/4 cup	1/4 cup	3/4 cup
	SOFT 0-4 Gr.	1 cup	1 cup	3/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/8 cup	1/2 cup
<b>Low Sudsing Concentrated Powder Type</b>	0-10 Grains	1 cup	3/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
<b>LIQUID</b>	0-10 Grains	<b>FOLLOW PACKAGE DIRECTIONS</b>					

1. Use recommended amount of detergent for your load and water hardness as shown in chart.

2. For other detergent types—low and normal suds, powders, liquids, non-phosphate powders—follow recommendations on package.

3. For hard water treatment, see page 19.

## Hard water—do you have it?

Before you can decide what to do about hard water, you need to know if you have it and, if so, how hard it is.

- If you live in a municipal area, contact your water company.
- If you live in a rural area, or in some suburban areas, contact your county agent.

The answer will be “you have ‘so many grains’ per gallon” and means this:

0 to 3 grains per gallon—SOFT  
 4 to 10 grains—HARD  
 11 to 19 grains—VERY HARD  
 20 grains and over—  
 EXTREMELY HARD

If your water is SOFT, you have no problem. You can use soap or detergent as you prefer and forget all about hard water. If you have HARD water—less than 10 grains—and you use phosphate detergent, you also have no problem.

But, if you have more than 10 grains, you will need to soften your water with either . . .

1. An installed water softener in your home, or
2. The use of a packaged water softener.

**For information on water softeners, see chart below.**

### Add this much water softener with a full water level

Grains of hardness	0—10	10—15	15—20	20—25	25—30	over 30
When using with detergent	0	¼ cup (60 ml)	½ cup (120 ml)	¾ cup (160 ml)	1 cup (240 ml)	1 cup plus 1 tbs. for every 5 grains above 30 (240 ml plus 15 ml for each extra 5 grains)
When using with soap	½ cup (80 ml)	¾ cup (160 ml)	¾ cup (180 ml)	1 cup (240 ml)	1½ cup (360 ml)	1¼ cup plus 1 tbs. for every 5 grains above 30 (300 ml plus 15 ml for each extra 5 grains)

## Other laundry products—

Laundry Product & Type	How to use it	Special Instructions
BLEACH Chlorine Liquid such as Clorox brand	Use your Bleach Dispenser according to instructions on page 6.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Do not pour undiluted liquid chlorine bleach directly into washer or on dry clothes.</li> <li>2) Some of today's washable fabrics should not be chlorine bleached such as: 100% cotton flame-retardant children's sleepwear, silk, wool, mohair, spandex, leather, or non-fast colors. Dilute bleach before using on any fabric.</li> <li>3) Check manufacturer's hang tags for special instructions.</li> </ol>
Oxygen Powdered such as Clorox 2 brand	Follow package directions. Put bleach into washer with detergent.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) May be used on all kinds of fabrics.</li> <li>2) Is most effective in hot water.</li> </ol>
FABRIC SOFTENERS Rinse additive such as Downy brand	Use your Fabric Softener Dispenser according to instructions on page 6.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Helps make clothes fluffy and soft.</li> <li>2) Reduces static electricity.</li> <li>3) Use carefully. Too much may cause staining on some clothes.</li> </ol>
Wash Additive such as Rain Barrel brand	Follow Package directions. Add during wash cycle.	Use carefully. Too much may cause staining on some clothes.
SANITIZER Chlorine Bleach, such as Clorox brand	Use in case of infection and contagious disease. See under Bleach above.	Guards against infection by killing most bacteria and viruses.*
WATER SOFTENER Non-Precipitating such as Calgon brand	Follow package directions. Add at start of wash cycle.	Suspends hardness minerals in solution, keeping water clear.
Precipitating such as Borax brand	Follow package directions. Use with detergent or soap in wash cycle.	Combines with water hardness minerals to form precipitate which gives cloudy or milky appearance to water.
SOAK AGENT Such as Biz brand	Follow package directions.	
PRE-TREATING STAIN AND SPOT REMOVERS Such as Spray 'n Wash and K2R brands	Follow package directions. Treat only heavily soiled areas. Check garment's hang tag for instructions.	CAUTION: Washer control panels and finishes may be damaged by some laundry pre-treatment soil and stain remover products if such products are sprayed on or have direct contact with the washer. Apply these pre-treatment products away from washer. The fabric may then be washed normally. Damage to your washer caused by pre-treatment products is not covered by your warranty.
TINTS AND DYES Powdered such as Rit and Tintex brands	Follow package directions. NOTE: Tinted garments may not be color-fast. Wash separately.	Clean washer to avoid discoloration of next load. Go through complete cycle (5-min. wash) using hot water, ½ cup (120 ml) detergent, 1 cup (240 ml) bleach. Wipe exterior parts. Caution: Tinting may discolor plastic in washer. Subsequent washings will reduce discoloration but may never eliminate it.

\*For more information on sanitizers, send for Government Bulletin #57B, "Sanitation in Home Laundering." Write to Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. Available at low cost.

# How to remove stains

## **SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle shortcut**

Many stains that have not set into the fabric can be automatically removed in your washer's *SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle*. (See page 10.)

Getting stains out of items that are too big to be laundered in the Mini-Basket tub is more difficult. The Stain Removal Guide on the next page suggests ways of treating stains by hand.

Whether you use the *SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle* shortcut or apply stain removal products by hand:

- Try to remove stains as soon as possible. The fresher the stain, the easier it is to remove.
- Before attempting to remove any stain, check the care label instructions that came with the garment.
- Some detergents are more effective in removing certain stains than others. If the stain remains after you have tried the *SPOTSCRUBBER* stain removal shortcut, try another brand.

## **If you elect to apply stain removal products by hand:**

- Find the fabric and the finish in the guide on the next page, and use only recommended methods.
- Test stain removal product on a hidden inside seam or on a sample of the material.
- Follow stain removal with a thorough rinsing.
- Wash with recommended amount of soap or detergent.

## **Stain Removal Hint—Using Chlorine Bleach for White and Bleachable Fabrics.**

Mix 1/4 cup (60 ml) chlorine bleach with one gallon (3.8 liter) of cool water—approximately 80°F (27°C)—in a sink or pan. Soak stained area for 5 minutes and launder in washer.

## **The Case of the “Invisible” Stain**

Food or cooking oils on your synthetic garments may cause stains which are virtually invisible and which you may not notice as you put your clothes into the washer.

If these stains are not completely removed in the wash, the oily spots may pick up dirt from the wash water. Then they will become very visible and you may think they were caused by the wash cycle itself.

### **Once these spots become visible, how can you remove them?**

- Wash spotted fabrics in the Mini-Basket tub using the *SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle* and hottest water the fabric can stand.
- Another way to remove these spots is to rub them in undiluted liquid detergent and let stand 30 minutes, then re-wash using hottest water the fabric can stand.

### **How can you prevent these “After-You-Wash” stains?**

- Increase the amount of detergent normally used.
- Increase water temperature where fabric will permit.
- Wash synthetic garments more often.

See next page for  
Stain Removal Guide.

For more complete information on stain removal, request government bulletin, “Removing Stains From Fabrics,” 054D. To obtain a copy write to: Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. Available at low cost.

# Stain removal guide

Many stains that have not set into the fabric can be automatically removed in your washer's *SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle*.

Stain	Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresh Blood</li> <li>• Perspiration</li> <li>• Cosmetics, Grease, Oil</li> <li>• Chocolate, Cream, Ice Cream, Milk</li> <li>• Most Common Food Stains</li> </ul>	<p>Launder with the <i>SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle</i>, using the hottest water the fabric can stand and the recommended amount of detergent.</p> <p>If the stain remains—and if the stained article is white or bleachable—wash it again with the <i>SPOTSCRUBBER Cycle</i>, using warm water and bleach (see page 13) plus the recommended amount of detergent.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass, Foliage, Flowers</li> <li>• Aged Blood</li> <li>• Antiperspirants, Deodorants</li> <li>• Coffee and Tea</li> <li>• Fresh Fruit, Fruit Juices, Wine, Food Coloring, Vegetables</li> </ul>	<p>If the stained article is white or bleachable, use warm water and chlorine bleach (see page 13) plus the recommended amount of detergent. For other washable fabrics, use an oxygen bleach.</p>

## Stains that need pretreatment

Stain	White and Bleachable Fabrics	Other Washable Fabrics
Rust	Wash with hot water and 1/2 cup of citric or oxalic acid †; or apply commercial rust remover using manufacturer's directions, rinse and launder.	Same as white and bleachable fabrics.
Adhesives (chewing gum, etc.)	Rub with ice or immerse in very cold water. <i>Use dull tool to carefully scrape off as much adhesive or gum as possible.</i> Sponge with a safe dry cleaning fluid,* then launder.	Same as white and bleachable fabrics.
Ink, Ballpoint	Fresh stains: Place stain face down on an absorbent towel and sponge with dry cleaning fluid,* or use spray cleaner. Apply undiluted liquid detergent. Old stains; bleach per Stain Removal Hint on page 21.	Same as white and bleachable fabrics except launder using oxygen bleach.
Paint and Varnish	Soften with oil, lard or petroleum jelly, then sponge with turpentine or banana oil. Launder in warm water.	Same as white and bleachable fabrics.
Tar	Treat stain with commercial spot remover such as texize K2r® brand, following manufacturer's directions. Repeat if necessary. Launder and dry.	Same as white and bleachable fabrics.

\*Caution: Because cleaning fluids tend to be toxic, be sure you are in a well-ventilated room when using them. No cleaning fluid should be used unless user is familiar with the limitations and required cautions (usually printed on label). Use extreme caution with flammable compounds.

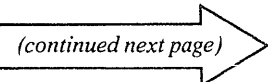
\*\*Do not mix chlorine bleach with ammonia or acids such as vinegar and/or rust remover. Mixing can produce a toxic gas which may cause death. Under no circumstances should fabrics containing flammable materials (waxes, cleaning fluids, etc.) be washed in washer.

† Oxalic acid is toxic. Take care not to ingest it accidentally.



## Questions? Use This Problem Solver

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE AND REMEDY
<b>LINT OR RESIDUE ON CLOTHES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Incorrect sorting of clothes. Separate lint-producers (such as terry towels and chenille) from lint-receivers (such as man-made fabrics, velveteen, corduroy).</li><li>• Washing too long, especially for smaller loads. For normal soil, wash one minute per pound of dry clothes.</li><li>• Use of non-phosphate detergents which combine with hardness minerals to form a precipitate which can be mistaken for lint. Use a phosphate or liquid detergent; use warmer wash water or soften water with an installed mechanical softener or a packaged water softener.</li><li>• Powdery residue from granular detergent may appear to be lint. Predissolve granular detergent in hot water before adding to washer; make sure detergent is completely dissolved before adding clothes; switch to liquid or cold water detergent or use warmer wash water. See page 18.</li><li>• Overloading will cause abrasion which creates excessive lint. Wash fewer items with correct water level.</li><li>• Too much bleach. Use correct amount of bleach according to package directions.</li><li>• Not enough detergent to hold lint in suspension during wash cycle. Increase amount of detergent. See page 18.</li><li>• Incorrect use of fabric softener. If used in wash cycle, softeners may react with detergent to create a white deposit. Use softeners in rinse cycle only unless package specifies adding to wash cycle. Use Fabric Softener Dispenser. See page 6.</li><li>• Pilling usually on polyester-cotton blends is caused by normal wear and may look like lint. Turning clothes inside-out may help.</li><li>• Static electricity caused by overdrying will cause attraction. Use fabric softener in rinse cycle.</li></ul>
<b>GREASY OR OILY STAINS ON LAUNDERED GARMENTS</b>	<p>These are sometimes called "Invisible Stains" because you may not notice them before washing clothes. However, if oily soils are not completely removed in wash cycle, the oily spots may pick up dirt from the wash water. The spots will then be very visible. They are <i>not</i> caused by the washer. Wash synthetic garments as soon as possible after wearing. Use more detergent than normal and hottest water fabric can stand. If spots appear, rub in undiluted liquid detergent, let stand 30 minutes and rewash using hottest water fabric can stand. Or launder with <i>Spotscrubber Cycle</i>—see page 10.</p>

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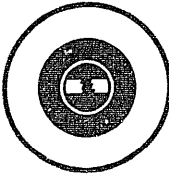

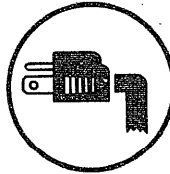
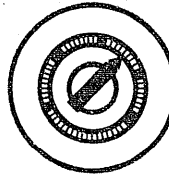
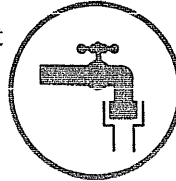
PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE AND REMEDY
<p><b>GRAYED CLOTHES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient detergent. You may need to increase amount of detergent used if load is larger than normal, if soils are oily or heavier than average, if water level is large or if water is Hard to Extremely Hard.</li> <li>• Water not hot enough for type of load. Be sure water heater is set to deliver hot water at the washer at 140°-150°F. Do not wash when other hot water needs—such as dishwashing or family baths—are heavy.</li> <li>• Poor or inferior detergent. Change to phosphate detergent, if possible. Follow these steps:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use water conditioner, (such as Calgon brand)</li> <li>2. Pre-treat stains</li> <li>3. Use hottest water possible</li> <li>4. Use bleach where possible</li> <li>5. Use pre-soak aids</li> <li>6. Install water softener</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Washer overloaded. Clothes cannot move freely to loosen and remove soil, causing gray appearance. Follow correct loading procedures for size of load.</li> <li>• Improper soaking with insufficient detergent. Usually a 30-minute soak is sufficient. However, when using extended soaks for heavily soiled garments you may need to use twice the recommended amount of detergent.</li> <li>• Use of soap in hard water. Switch to a phosphate detergent, or follow six steps described above.</li> <li>• Washing too long may result in increased soil deposition. Use shorter wash times for smaller loads.</li> <li>• Detergent dissolves too slowly. Detergent must be present in the wash solution at the start of agitation. See page 18.</li> <li>• To restore grayed clothes, follow one of these procedures:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Put clothes in washer. Fill with HOT water. Check Manufacturers' Care Labels to determine if hot water is suitable for garment.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add a non-precipitating type of water softener such as Calgon with phosphate—use 2½ times as much as you need for normal water softening.</li> <li>• Do not use detergent or soap.</li> <li>• Allow clothes to go through complete cycle.</li> <li>• Repeat, if necessary.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. If you prefer to use the Soak Setting, see page 6. Use the water softener in place of soak agent or prewash detergent and allow clothes to soak for about 20 minutes.</li> <li>3. Use the Mini-Basket tub. See page 8. Increase detergent.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p><b>YELLOWED CLOTHES</b></p>	<p>Incomplete removal of body soil due to constant use of insufficient detergent. Check hem of T-shirt or pillow case. If they are white and center is yellow, it contains body oil. Restore whiteness following procedures on "Grayed Clothes."</p>

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE AND REMEDY
<p><b>YELLOWED CLOTHES</b> (continued)</p>	<p>Chlorine bleach may yellow some fabrics with resin finishes. Use oxygen bleach (such as Clorox 2 brand). Refer to Garment Manufacturers' Care Instructions. Restore color using color remover (such as Rit or Tintex brands), follow package directions.</p> <p>Iron or manganese in water may cause overall yellowing or yellow spots.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use extra detergent plus a non-precipitating water softener dissolved in water before adding clothes. Use non-chlorine bleach.</li> <li>2. Have a special filter or chemical feeder installed in your home to remove iron and manganese from water.</li> <li>3. Run hot water for a few minutes to clean iron residue buildup in lines; drain water heater occasionally.</li> <li>4. <b>To remove spots:</b> wash in Mini-Basket tub using <i>Spotscrubber Cycle</i>. (See page 10.) Or spread stained portion over pan of boiling water and squeeze lemon juice through stain. <b>To remove overall yellow,</b> wash in Mini-Basket tub using <i>Spotscrubber Cycle</i>. (See page 10.) Or use a commercially available rust scale remover, following package instructions. If porcelain damage can occur, do not use in the washer; use a plastic container.</li> </ol>
<p><b>BLUE OR GRAY COLOR STAINS</b></p>	<p>Improper use of fabric softener. Never pour fabric softener directly on clothes; always dilute before adding to rinse water. Dilute softener before filling your Fabric Softener Dispenser. (See page 6.) Also, do not lift lid during spin. This may cause improper dispensing, resulting in stains. <b>To remove stains:</b> wash in Mini-Basket tub using <i>Spotscrubber Cycle</i>. (See page 10.) Or dampen stained area and rub with undiluted liquid detergent. Re-wash, using chlorine bleach if safe for fabric.</p>
<p><b>SHRINKAGE, GENERAL</b></p>	<p>Some fabrics will shrink whether washed in a washer or by hand; others may be safely washed but will shrink in a dryer. Follow Garment Manufacturers Care Instructions exactly. If in doubt, do not machine wash or dry.</p>
<p><b>SHRINKAGE, KNITS</b></p>	<p><b>Relaxation shrinkage</b> can occur in knit fabrics that have been improperly stretched and elongated by the manufacturer. When this occurs, garment may be pressed back into shape after each wash and dry cycle.</p> <p><b>Progressive or delayed shrinkage</b> is caused when starch or sizing (in some fabrics) is gradually removed by laundering. May be noticed in older garments washed many times without previous shrinkage. Treat as for Relaxation Shrinkage above.</p> <p><b>Shrinkage caused by overheating</b> occurs in certain knit fabrics that have been heat-shaped. When washing, drying or ironing temperatures exceed the temperatures used to shape set, shrinkage may occur. This cannot be corrected, but it can be prevented by washing in cool or warm water; drying on Low or Delicate heat.</p>

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PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE AND REMEDY
<p><b>WRINKLING IN PERMANENT PRESS AND "NO-IRON" ITEMS</b></p>	<p>Leaving clothes in dryer after tumbling stops. Remove and hang clothes immediately.</p> <p>Too many clothes in dryer. Dry only one washer load at a time. Do not combine loads.</p> <p>Improper loads. Avoid laundering heavy Permanent Press items, such as work clothes, with lighter Permanent Press items such as shirts or blouses. Do not wash Permanent Press with regular laundry.</p> <p>Too many clothes in washer. Permanent Press loads should always be smaller than regular loads. . . no more than medium loads to give clothes room to move freely.</p> <p>Incorrect wash and dry cycles. Use Permanent Press Wash cycle which provides a cooldown rinse to minimize wrinkling. Also use Permanent Press Dry cycle.</p> <p>Incorrect water level. Use Extra Large Water Level for Medium Load, Medium Level for Small Load.</p> <p>Repeated washing in too hot water. Select Fabric Care Program with warm or cold water temperature. See page 4. Use with plenty of detergent.</p> <p>Accumulation of lime scale due to use of carbonate detergents. If you must use a non-phosphate detergent, avoid the use of high-carbonate-built detergent.</p> <p>Failure to use fabric softener. Proper use will minimize wrinkling.</p> <p><b>To remove wrinkles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retumble on "Permanent Press" setting.</li> <li>• Rinse and dry on "Permanent Press" setting.</li> <li>• If unsuccessful, retumble on high heat for 10-12 minutes and hang immediately.</li> <li>• Iron carefully.</li> <li>• Send to Drycleaners for pressing.</li> <li>• Some wrinkles may remain which cannot be removed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SNAGS, HOLES, TEARS, RIPS OR EXCESSIVE WEAR</b></p>	<p>Pins on garments or sharp objects left in pockets. Check to make sure all such objects are removed. Also check wash tub.</p> <p>Snaps, hooks, sharp buttons, belt buckles, zippers. Fasten hooks, zippers and buttons. Remove sharp buttons and belt buckles. This is especially important in washing knits which snag easily. Turn knits inside-out.</p> <p>Holes with random square shapes with yellow discoloration may be caused by improper use of chlorine bleach. Use only correct amount of bleach, using Bleach Dispenser. Never add undiluted bleach to wash tub or allow clothes to come into contact with undiluted bleach. Do not wipe up bleach spills with clothes.</p> <p>Chemicals such as hair bleach, dye, permanent wave solutions, battery acids and toilet bowl cleaners may cause fabric holes. Rinse all towels and other articles that came in contact with these chemicals before putting them in wash. Do not contaminate clothing articles with these chemicals.</p> <p>Small, unnoticed tears may enlarge during washing process. Check garments before washing and mend all rips and tears.</p>

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE AND REMEDY
<p>SNAGS, HOLES, TEARS, RIPS OR EXCESSIVE WEAR (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As Permanent Press garments age they may show fraying at collars and cuffs. This is normal due to weakening of fibers by the Permanent Press process. It is not caused by washer. You can slow this process by washing small Permanent Press loads with a Large Water Level. Do not wash heavy items such as towels with Permanent Press. Remove collar stays, when possible.</li> <li>• Roughness or burrs on agitator may cause rips or tears. Check agitator and file rough spots if necessary.</li> <li>• May be caused by use of Cottons Fabric Care Programs for delicate articles. Use Knits or Delicates Fabric Care Programs. Refer to Garment Manufacturers' Care Labels.</li> <li>• Garments weakened by age, sun or atmosphere. This is inevitable and is not caused by washer. Slow process by washing on any Fabric Care Program which has a Gentle Spin. See page 4.</li> <li>• Too large loads, or too little water. Load washer only with number of items that will move freely. Select correct water level.</li> </ul>
<p>HEAVILY SOILED AREAS such as collars and cuffs</p>	<p>Use <i>Spotscrubber Cycle</i>. See page 10. Or pretreat with liquid detergent and wash in Regular Cycle.</p>
<p>WASHER WON'T OPERATE</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">     </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure cord is plugged into outlet.</li> <li>• Make sure both hot and cold faucets are turned on.</li> <li>• Make sure controls are set and cycle selector knob is pulled out to an ON position.</li> <li>• Make sure lid is closed. Washer will not fill, spin or agitate with lid open.</li> <li>• Check house fuses or circuit breakers. If another appliance is sharing the electrical outlet, remove it. Washer should have separate outlet.</li> </ul>
<p>WATER TEMPERATURE IS INCORRECT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure you have selected correct Fabric Care Programs for your load. See page 4.</li> <li>• Make sure hot and cold faucets are turned on and regulated correctly.</li> <li>• Make sure hoses are connected to correct faucets. . . hot to hot, cold to cold.</li> <li>• Water valve screens may be stopped up. Remove inlet hoses from water valve. Clean the screens and reinstall hoses.</li> <li>• Check household water heater to make sure it is delivering water at 140° to 150°F.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

## The Problem Solver (continued)

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE AND REMEDY
WATER WON'T DRAIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure drain hose is not kinked.</li> <li>• Top of drain outlet should be less than 8 ft. above floor.</li> </ul>
WATER LEAKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure hose connections are tight at faucets.</li> <li>• Make sure end of drain hose is correctly inserted in and secured to drain facility.</li> </ul>
WASHER IS NOISY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure washer is level and firm to the floor with rubber foot pads in place and front jam nuts tight. See your Installation Instructions.</li> <li>• A sharp distinctive sound will be heard at the end of each spin period as the motor stops and the spin brake inside the transmission "locks in." This sound is normal.</li> <li>• When using the <i>Spotscrubber Cycle</i>, a sharp distinctive sound will be heard soon after agitation begins. This is the sound of the water recirculation system cutting off to keep the concentrated detergent solution in the Mini-Basket tub.</li> <li>• Heavily unbalanced loads can cause the washer to vibrate excessively during spin, and may cause it to move from its original position. In extreme cases, (usually occurs when washing a single, heavy item or a small load when water level is set higher than necessary) the spin basket may strike the outer tub, creating a loud but harmless noise. To correct, open the lid and redistribute the load evenly about the wash basket. Close the lid and restart.</li> </ul>
WASHER PAUSES IN CYCLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washer normally pauses between washing steps . . . such as between wash and spin or between spin and rinse.</li> </ul>

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# Care and Cleaning

## USER MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

**The tub.** The porcelain is self-cleaning. Leave lid open after washing to allow moisture to evaporate. Do not use harsh or gritty cleansers.

**The exterior.** Wipe off any spills of washing compounds. Wipe or dust with damp cloth. Try not to hit surface with sharp objects.

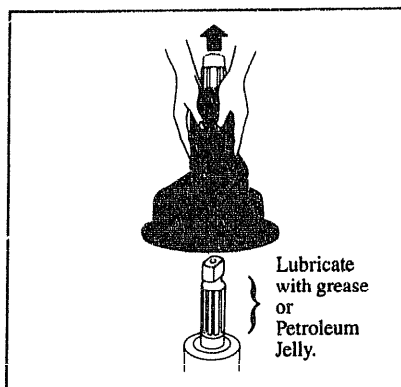
### To store washer:

Ask service technician to remove water from drain pump and hoses to prevent freezing.

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

### For long vacations:

Be sure water supply is shut off at faucets and drain all water from hoses if weather will be below freezing.



**The Activator® agitator.** Remove at regular intervals—about 4 to 6 months—and remove any lint that may have accumulated. No tools are needed, simply grasp agitator with both hands and pull straight up sharply. The slotted section at the top of the metal shaft has a light coating of lubricant to prevent parts sticking together. If this area appears to be dry, apply a light coat of grease or petroleum jelly around the slotted section of the shaft before replacing the agitator. Do not overgrease. Excess grease may get into clothes load.

When replacing the agitator, carefully lower straight down onto the shaft so that it fits into the slots. Then apply downward pressure until agitator snaps into its normal position.

## How to remove limestone deposits from clogged Filter Flo® pan

- Soak filter pan in a preheated 160°F. (71°C.) solution of half vinegar and half water for 15 minutes. Then brush each side of pan with a stiff bristle brush while flushing with running water.

### CAUTIONS:

- Do not soak in porcelain container. Vinegar can damage porcelain.
- Do not exceed 180°F. (82°C.) or filter pan may warp.

## If You Need Service

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

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

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

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

Manager, Consumer Relations  
GE Appliances  
Appliance Park  
Louisville, Kentucky 40225

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

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

# YOUR GENERAL ELECTRIC AUTOMATIC CLOTHES WASHER WARRANTY

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

## WHAT IS COVERED

### FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

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

### LIMITED ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR WARRANTY

For the second through fifth year from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, replacement parts for **any part of the transmission** that fails because of a manufacturing defect. You pay for the service trip to your home and service labor charges. Or, if you desire, we will provide a **completely reconditioned transmission**. You pay for the shop reconditioning labor, the service trip to your home and service labor charges.

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

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

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

## WHAT IS NOT COVERED

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

### Read your Use and Care material.

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

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- Improper installation.

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

- Replacement of house fuses or resetting of circuit breakers.

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

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

WARRANTOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. To know what your legal rights are in your state, consult your local or state consumer affairs office or your state's Attorney General.

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If further help is needed concerning this warranty, write:  
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