# GIGNATURE Operating Manual Model No. 6010 Washer

# Congratulations! You Are Now Part of the Signature Family.

Welcome to the Signature family. We're proud of our quality products and we are committed to providing dependable service. You'll see it in this easy-to-use Owner's Manual and you'll hear it in the friendly voices of our customer service department.

Best of all, you'll experience these values each time you use your washer. That's important, because your new washer will be part of your family for many years. And we hope you will be part of ours for a long time to come.

We thank you for buying Signature. We appreciate your purchase, and hope you will continue to rely on us whenever you need quality appliances for your home.



## Important!

Staple sales slip or cancelled check here.

Proof of the original purchase date is needed to obtain service under the warranty.



Write the model and serial numbers here.

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You can find them behind the top edge of the control panel.

# Signature & You, A Service Partnership.

Ask any Signature appliance owner and they will tell you we stand behind our products with unmatched quality service. However, did you know that most questions result from simple problems that you can easily fix yourself in just a few minutes? This Owner's Manual can tell you how.



#### Read this Manual

Inside you will find many helpful hints on how to use and maintain your washer properly. Just a little preventive care on your part can save you a great deal of time and money over the life of your washer.



# Review the Section on Troubleshooting Tips

You'll find many answers to common problems here. If you review our chart of Troubleshooting Tips first, you may not need to call for service at all.



#### If You Need Service

If you do need service, you can relax knowing help is only a phone call away. For location of nearest Product Service Center, if purchased from a Montgomery Ward store, call 800-905-9505, if purchased from a Lechmere store, call 800-733-4666.

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.

# A WARNING!

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



#### WATER HEATER SAFETY

Under certain conditions hydrogen gas may be produced in a water heater that has not been used for two weeks or more. Hydrogen gas can be explosive under these circumstances.

If the hot water has not been used for two weeks or more, prevent the possibility of damage or injury by turning on all hot water faucets and allowing them to run for several minutes. Do this before using any electrical appliance which is connected to the hot water system. This simple procedure will allow any built-up hydrogen gas to escape. Since the gas is flammable, do not smoke or use an open flame or appliance during this process.



#### PROPER INSTALLATION

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, you can receive one by contacting your local Product Service Center.

- Install or store where it will not be exposed to temperatures below freezing or exposed to the weather.
- Properly ground washer to conform with all governing codes and ordinances. Follow details in Installation Instructions.



#### YOUR LAUNDRY AREA

- Keep the area underneath and around your appliances free of combustible materials such as lint, paper, rags, chemicals, etc.
- Close supervision is necessary if this appliance is used by or near children. Do not allow children to play on, with, or inside this or any other appliance.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS. READ ALL INFORMATION BEFORE USING.

# **▲** WARNING!

Use this appliance only for its intended purpose as described in this Owner's Manual.



#### WHEN USING THE WASHER

- Never reach into washer while it is moving. Wait until the machine has completely stopped before opening the lid.
- Do not mix chlorine bleach with ammonia or acids such as vinegar and/or rust remover. Mixing different chemicals 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 wax, oil, paint, gasoline, degreasers, dry-cleaning solvents, kerosene, cooking oil, etc.) which may ignite or explode. Do not add these substances to the wash water. Do not use or place these substances around your washer or dryer during operation.

- The laundry process can reduce the flame retardancy of fabrics. To avoid such a result, carefully follow the garment manufacturer's wash and care instructions.
- To minimize the possibility of electric shock, unplug this appliance from the power supply or disconnect the washer at the household distribution panel by removing the fuse or switching off the circuit breaker before attempting any maintenance or cleaning. *NOTE:* Turning the Cycle Selector knob to an off position does *NOT* disconnect the appliance from the power supply.
- Never attempt to operate this appliance if it is damaged, malfunctioning, partially disassembled, or has missing or broken parts, including a damaged cord or plug.



#### WHEN NOT IN USE

- Turn off water faucets to relieve pressure on hoses and valves and to minimize leakage if a break or rupture should occur. Check the condition of the fill hoses; they may need replacement after 5 years.
- Before discarding a washer, or removing it from service, remove the washer lid to prevent children from hiding inside.
- Do not attempt to repair or replace any part of this appliance unless specifically recommended in this Owner's Manual, or in published user-repair instructions that you understand and have the skills to carry out.
- Do not tamper with controls.



#### REMEMBER...

Your continued health and safety are important to us. Please read and follow this Safety Information carefully. We want you to remain a happy and healthy part of our family.

#### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

#### About the washer control panel.

You can locate your model number behind the top edge of the control panel.





# Control Settings

#### Wash Temperature

Push in the Cycle knob and select the wash temperature. Always follow the fabric manufacturer's care label or instructions when laundering.

# Loading and using the washer.



# Care and Cleaning of the Washer

**Wash Basket:** Leave the lid open after washing to allow moisture to evaporate. If you want to clean the basket use a clean soft cloth dampened with liquid detergent, then rinse. (Do not use harsh or gritty cleaners.)

*Fill Hoses:* Hoses connecting washer to faucet should be replaced every 5 years.

*Lint Filter:* It is self-cleaning, requires no maintenance, and is located under the agitator.

**Exterior:** Immediately wipe off any spills. Wipe with damp cloth. Try not to hit surface with sharp objects.

**Moving and Storage:** Ask the service technician to remove water from drain pump and hoses. Do not store the washer where it will be exposed to the weather.

**Long Vacations:** Be sure water supply is shut off at faucets. Drain all water from hoses if weather will be below freezing.

Always follow fabric manufacturer's care label when laundering.



## Sorting Wash Loads

Colors	Whites	Lights	Darks
Soil	Heavy	Normal	Light
Fabric	Delicates	Easy Care	Sturdy Cottons
Lint	Lint Produc	cers Lint C	ollectors



#### Proper Use of Detergent

Always add detergent before adding clothes so that the detergent can work effectively. Follow the detergent package directions. Using too little detergent is a common cause of laundry problems. Use more detergent if you have hard water, large loads, greasy or oily soils or lower water temperature.



## Loading the Washer

Load dry items loosely, no higher than the top row of holes in the washer tub. To add items after washer has started, push in Cycle knob and submerge additional items next to the agitator. Close the lid and pull Cycle knob out to restart.

Do not wrap large items like sheets around the agitator.

Do not wash fabrics containing flammable materials (waxes, cleaning fluids, etc.).

Washer will not start with the lid up.

# Before you call for service...



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

Problem	Possible Causes	What To Do
Washer won't operate	Washer is unplugged	<ul> <li>Make sure cord is plugged securely into a working outlet.</li> </ul>
	Water supply is turned off	<ul> <li>Turn both hot and cold faucets fully on.</li> </ul>
	Controls are not set properly	<ul> <li>Check controls and make sure Cycle knob is pulled out to ON position.</li> </ul>
	Lid is open	<ul> <li>Close lid and pull Cycle knob out to <i>ON</i> position.</li> </ul>
	Circuit breaker/fuse is tripped/blown	• Check house circuit breakers /fuses. Replace fuses or reset breaker. Washer should have separate outlet.
Water temperature is incorrect	Control is not set properly	Check water temperature control and adjust.
	Water supply is turned off or improperly connected	<ul> <li>Turn both hot and cold faucets fully on and make sure hoses are connected to correct faucets.</li> </ul>
	Water valve screens are stopped up	• Turn off the water source and remove the water connection hoses from the upper back of the washer. Use a brush or toothpick to clean the screens in the machine. Reconnect the hoses and turn the water back on.
	House water heater is not set properly	<ul> <li>Make sure house water heater is delivering water at 120°F.–140°F. (48°C.–60°C.).</li> </ul>

Problem	Possible Causes	What To Do
Water won't drain	Drain hose is kinked or improperly connected	Straighten drain hose and make sure washer is not sitting on it.
		<ul> <li>Top of drain outlet should be less than 8 ft. above floor.</li> </ul>
Water leaks	Fill hoses or drain hose is improperly connected	<ul> <li>Make sure hose connections are tight at faucets and make sure end of drain hose is correctly inserted in and secured to drain facility.</li> </ul>
	Household drain may be clogged	<ul> <li>Check household plumbing. You may need to call a plumber.</li> </ul>
	Constant water pressure to the fill hoses at the water source	• Tighten hoses at the faucets and turn the water off after each use.
		<ul> <li>Check condition of the fill hoses; they may need replacement after 5 years.</li> </ul>
Washer is noisy	Washer is uneven	<ul> <li>Make sure washer is level and firm to the floor.</li> </ul>
	Washer load is unbalanced	<ul> <li>Push the Cycle knob in to stop the washer, open the lid and redistribute the load evenly. Close the lid and restart.</li> </ul>
Washer pauses in cycle	The washer normally pause between washing steps	es
Clothes too wet	Incorrect cycle selected	<ul> <li>Make sure the cycle selected matches the load you are washing.</li> </ul>
Colored spots	Incorrect use of fabric softener	Check fabric softener     package for instructions     and follow directions for     using dispenser.
		Pretreat stain and rewash.
	Dye transfer	<ul> <li>Sort whites or lightly colored items from dark colors.</li> </ul>

# Before you call for service...



Troubleshooting Tips

Problem	Possible Causes	What To Do
Wrinkling	Improper sorting	<ul> <li>Avoid mixing heavy items (like work clothes) with light items (like blouses).</li> </ul>
		• Try a fabric softener.
	Overloading or incorrect water level	<ul> <li>Load your washer so clothes have enough room to move freely.</li> </ul>
	Incorrect wash and dry cycles	<ul> <li>Match Cycle selection to the type of fabric you are washing (especially for eas care loads).</li> </ul>
	Repeated washing in water that is too hot	<ul> <li>Wash in warm or cold water with plenty of detergent.</li> </ul>
Too many suds	Type of detergent	<ul> <li>Switch to a lower sudsing detergent brand and follow instructions on package.</li> </ul>
	Very soft water	• Try less detergent.
Snags, holes, tears, rips or excessive wear	Pins, snaps, hooks, sharp buttons, belt buckles, zippers, and sharp objects left in pockets	<ul> <li>Fasten snaps, hooks, buttons, and zippers.</li> <li>Remove loose items like pins, objects in pockets and sharp buttons.</li> <li>Turn knits (which snag easily) inside out.</li> </ul>
	Undiluted chlorine bleach	<ul> <li>Check bleach package instructions for proper amount.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Never add undiluted bleach to wash or allow clothes to come in contact with undiluted bleach.</li> </ul>
	Chemicals like hair bleach or dye, permanent wave solution	<ul> <li>Rinse items that may have chemicals on them before washing.</li> </ul>

Problem	Possible Causes	What To Do
Pilling	Result of normal wear on poly-cotton blends and fuzzy fabrics	<ul> <li>While this is not caused by the washer, you can slow the pilling process by washing garments inside out.</li> </ul>
Grayed or yellowed clothes	Not enough detergent	Use more detergent (especially with larger loads).
	Hard water	<ul> <li>Use a water conditioner like Calgon brand or install a water softener.</li> </ul>
	Water is not hot enough	• Make sure water heater is delivering water at 120°F.–140°F. (48°C.–60°C.).
	Washer is overloaded	<ul> <li>Do not overload the tub.</li> </ul>
	Detergent is not dissolving	<ul> <li>Add detergent as wash basket fills with water before you load clothes.</li> </ul>
	Dye transfer	<ul> <li>Sort clothes by color. If fabric label states wash separately, unstable dyes may be indicated.</li> </ul>
Lint or residue on clothes	Incorrect sorting	<ul> <li>Separate lint producers from lint collectors.</li> </ul>
	Washing too long	<ul> <li>Wash small loads for a shorter time than larger loads.</li> </ul>
	Detergent not dissolving	<ul> <li>Add detergent as wash basket fills with water, before you load clothes.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Try a liquid detergent.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Use warmer water temperature.</li> </ul>
	Overloading	<ul> <li>Load clothes no higher than the top row of holes in the washer tub.</li> </ul>
	Incorrect use of fabric softener	<ul> <li>Check fabric softener package for instructions and follow directions for using dispenser.</li> </ul>

#### Service Nationwide

#### How to Obtain Replacement Parts and Service

The merchandise you have purchased from us has been carefully engineered and manufactured and should give you satisfactory and dependable operation. However, like all mechanical merchandise, it may occasionally require adjustment, replacement parts or maintenance. Should you ever need technical assistance or parts, please contact or write your nearest company Store or Product Service Center.

#### Provide the Following:

- Model, serial number and all of the other data shown on the model plate.
- The date and the company store from which you purchased your merchandise.
- State briefly the trouble you are having.
- Replacement parts will be made available at current prices. If requested, prices will be quoted in advance when not listed.
- If you order parts by mail, you will pay the transportation charges from the shipping point.
- When you need a replacement part or accessory for a major appliance, home electronic item or lawn and garden product that is not under warranty or covered by a service contract, call our Parts Sales Center Toll Free 1-800-323-1965.

#### To Obtain Service

For service during the warranty period or beyond contact any of our Product Service Centers or any of our stores. For location of nearest Product Service Center if purchased from a Montgomery Ward store call Toll Free 1-800-905-9505. If purchased from a Lechmere store call Toll Free 1-800-733-4666.

#### 12 Months of Extra Service with a Company Service Contract

Now, you can enjoy an additional twelve months' protection after your original warranty expires. For just pennies a day, you are guaranteed unlimited parts and labor for a full year. Call or write your nearest company store for complete information. No obligation, of course.

## Signature Washer Warranty

For The Period Of:	We Will Replace, At No Charge To You:
One Year From the date of the original purchase	Any part of the washer which fails due to a defect in materials or workmanship. During this full one-year warranty, we will also provide, free of charge, all labor and in-home service to replace the defective part.
Five Years From the date of the original purchase	The transmission, if it should fail due to a defect in materials or workmanship. During this five-year limited warranty, you will be responsible for any labor or inhome service costs.
Twenty Years From the date of the original purchase	The washer basket, if it should fail due to a defect in materials or workmanship. During this twenty-year limited warranty, you will be responsible for any labor or in-home service costs.

#### What Is Not Covered:

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

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

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

