



# Use and Care Guide

## Dishwasher



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*Convertible Model GSC820*



## HELP US HELP YOU...

### Before using your dishwasher, read this guide carefully.

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

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

### Save time and money. Before you request service . . .

Check the Problem Solver in the back of this guide. 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 fastened to the tub wall just inside the dishwasher door.

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

To obtain a Spanish language version of this book, call GE Answer Center® 800.626.2000 consumer information service.

Para obtener la versión en Español de este manual, name a GE Answer Center,® servicio de información para el consumidor, teléfono 800.626.2000.

## IF YOU NEED SERVICE...

To obtain service, see the Consumer Services page in the back of this guide.

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, KY 40225

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

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

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Read all instructions before using this appliance.



# A

**WARNING**-When using this appliance, always exercise basic safety precautions, including the following:

- Use this appliance only for its intended purpose, as you will find described in this Use and Care Guide.



• This dishwasher 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 dishwasher, you can obtain one by calling, toll free, the GE Answer Center®, 800.626.2000.

- This appliance must be connected to a grounded metal, permanent wiring system; or an equipment-grounding conductor must be run with the circuit conductors and connected to the equipment-grounding terminal or lead of the appliance.
- Connect to a properly rated, protected and sized power-supply circuit to avoid electrical overload.



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

- Use only powder or liquid detergents or wetting agents recommended for use in a dishwasher.
- Do not wash plastic items unless marked “dishwasher safe” or the equivalent. For plastic items not so marked, check the manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Load light plastic items so they will not become dislodged and drop to the bottom of the dishwasher—they might come into contact with the Calrod® heating element and be damaged.

## To minimize the possibility of injury.

- When loading items to be washed:
  - A. Locate sharp items so that they are not likely to damage the door seal, and
  - B. Load sharp knives with the handles up to reduce the risk of cut-type injuries.
- Do not tamper with controls,

- Do not touch the Calrod® heating element during or immediately after use.
- Do not operate your dishwasher unless all enclosure panels are properly in place.
- Do not abuse, sit on, or stand on the door or dish rack of the dishwasher.
- 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 material properly. Before discarding a dishwasher, remove the door of the washing compartment.
- Keep all washing detergents and wetting agents out of the reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet. Observe all warnings on container labels to avoid personal injury.



- To minimize the possibility of electric shock, disconnect this appliance from the power supply before attempting any maintenance. **NOTE:** Turning the control dial to the OFF position does not disconnect the appliance from the power supply. We recommend having a qualified technician service your appliance.

# A

**WARNING-HYDROGEN GAS** is produced by the chemical action within your water heater. It 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 IS EXPLOSIVE.** To prevent the possibility of damage or injury, if you have not used hot water for two weeks or more, or moved 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. Also, since the gas is flammable, do not smoke or use an open flame or appliance during this process.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



# HOW TO USE THE UNICOUPLE

## Before operating your dishwasher the first time...

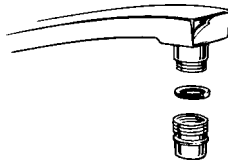
**Attach the Faucet Adapter.** The special faucet adapter supplied with your dishwasher must be assembled to the sink faucet before you can use your dishwasher.

The faucet adapter is designed to fit standard spouts having internal or external threads. You will find the adapter and two washers in the "Faucet Adapter" packet in your dishwasher.

**To install faucet adapter,** first remove the old aerator or trim ring on your faucet spout.

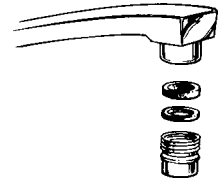
### If faucet has external threads:

Insert the thinner of the two washers into the faucet adapter and attach it to the faucet spout.



### If faucet has internal threads:

Insert both washers into the faucet adapter and attach it to the faucet spout.



### If the faucet adapter threads do not match your faucet spout,

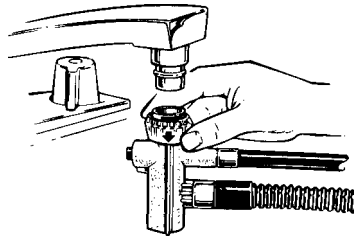
your local hardware or plumbing supply store normally has additional fittings to adapt your faucet spout to the special faucet adapter.

*NOTE: A sink spray attachment hose can burst if it is installed on the same sink with your dishwasher. We suggest that you disconnect the sink spray attachment if your sink has one and plug the hole.*

## How to connect the Unicouple

1. Pull Unicouple and its hoses completely out from storage compartment located at rear of dishwasher and attach it to the faucet adapter.

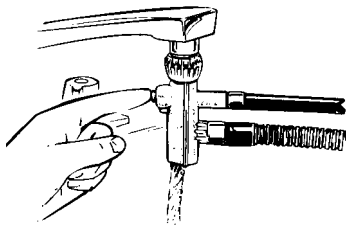
2. Attach the Unicouple connector to the faucet adapter by depressing collar at the top of the connector. When Unicouple is all the way **up onto** the adapter, release the collar. It will then snap into position to lock the Unicouple in place.



The Unicouple's small hose carries water from the faucet to the dishwasher. Its large hose carries drain water to the sink. Be sure Unicouple is pointing toward the sink bowl drain opening and the sink drain is open for water that will drain from your dishwasher. If your dishwasher drains into a disposer, operate the disposer until it is completely empty before starting the dishwasher.

3. Turn hot water fully on before starting the dishwasher.

## How to use the Faucet-Flo nozzle



The Faucet-Flo nozzle is part of the Unicouple connector. Operate the nozzle by depressing the pressure release button on the front of the Unicouple connector. You will find the Faucet-Flo nozzle useful for several reasons.

For example:

- It allows you to flush the cold water out of the hot water line so that you can better regulate your water temperature.
- It allows you to test the temperature of the water before starting your dishwasher.



### How to disconnect the Unicouple from faucet adapter

1. Turn off the hot water.
2. Release the water pressure by depressing the pressure release button. This relieves water pressure and protects you, and the room, from severe splashing.
3. Release Unicouple from faucet by depressing the collar at the top of the Unicouple connector.

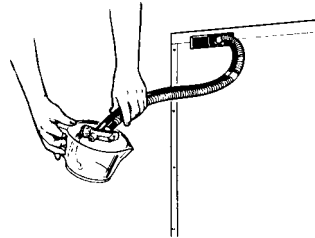
### How to disconnect your dishwasher

1. Remove the power cord plug from the wall receptacle.
2. Disconnect Unicouple from faucet adapter.

NOTE: When motor stops at the end of the final rinse, the Unicouple can be disconnected and returned to storage.

### How to drain excess water from Unicouple hoses

If the sink is 34" or higher from the floor, the excess water in Unicouple hoses cannot be drained directly into the sink. It will be necessary to drain excess water from hoses into a bowl or suitable container that is held outside and lower than the sink.



## HOW TO CONNECT ELECTRICITY

### Caution, for personal safety:

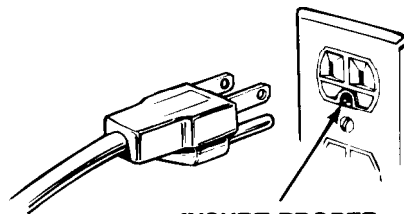
**DO NOT USE AN EXTENSION CORD OR AN ADAPTER PLUG WITH THIS APPLIANCE.**

**DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, CUT OR REMOVE THE THIRD GROUNDING PRONG FROM THE POWER CORD.**

**Dishwasher must be electrically grounded in accordance with local codes and ordinances, or in the absence of local codes, in accordance with the NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, ANSI/NFPA NO. 7&1987.**

### Electrical requirements

- This appliance must be supplied with 120V, 60 Hz, and connected to an individual, properly grounded branch circuit, protected by a 15 or 20 amp circuit breaker or time-delay fuse.
- If the electric supply provided does not meet the above specifications, it is recommended that a licensed electrician install an approved outlet.

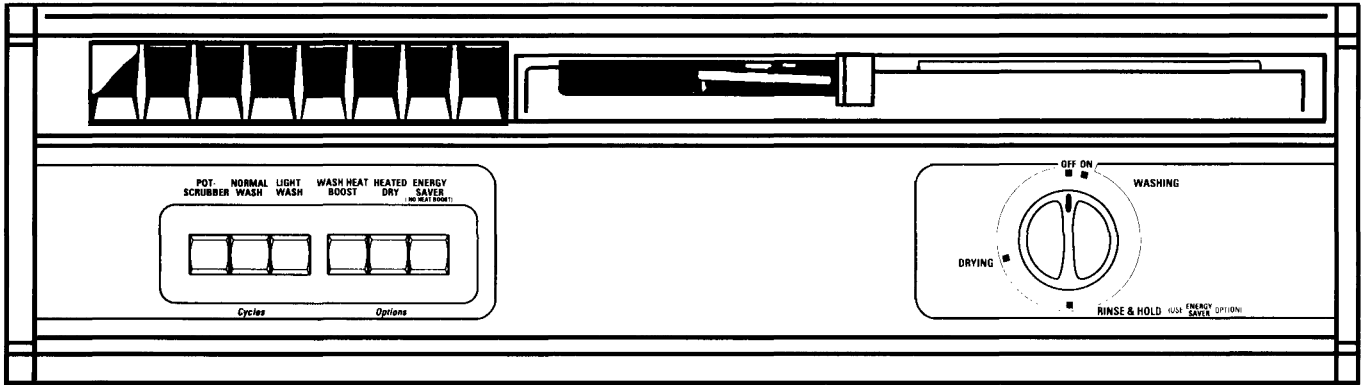


**INSURE PROPER GROUND EXISTS BEFORE USE**

- Your dishwasher circuit should not be used for any other appliance while the dishwasher is in operation as the dishwasher requires the full capacity of the circuit.
- If the wall receptacle you plug the dishwasher's power cord into is controlled by a switch, turn on the switch.



# HOW TO OPERATE YOUR DISHWASHER



**STEP 1.** Load your dishwasher with dishes, silverware, pots, pans, bowls, etc., according to the Loading section.

**STEP 2.** Add detergent to the detergent dispenser. Make sure the Cycle Indicator Dial is at OFF position before adding detergent. (See Detergent Guide).

Use rinse aid agent to help prevent spotting. Occasionally check to insure that rinse agent container is at least half full. (See How to Use a Rinse Agent section).

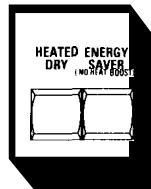
**STEP 3.** Select drying option.

**HEATED DRY.** Turns the drying heater on for fast drying.

**ENERGY SAVER (no heat boost).** Turns the drying heater off to save energy. The dishes will dry naturally over a longer period such as overnight.

If you need your dishes sooner, open the dishwasher after the cycle is complete to reduce natural drying time.

Use of this option reduces electrical energy used by this model approximately 10% for the NORMAL WASH cycle.



**STEP 4. WASH HEAT BOOST Option.**

To test water temperature, see “How To Test Water Temperature section.”

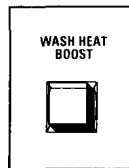
The entering water must be between 120°F and 140°F. Use the WASH HEAT BOOST option when water is less than 140°F.

When selected, the wash cycle will be extended for 21 minutes while the dishwasher heats the water for good washing and drying.

**STEP 5.** Select the wash cycle and start the dishwasher. (See Cycle Selection Hints).

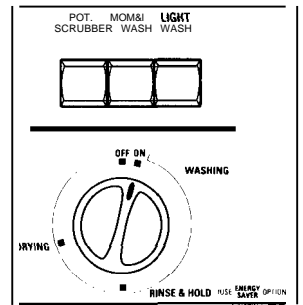
If your dishwasher drains into a food waste disposer, operate the disposer until it is empty before starting the dishwasher.

To obtain the benefits of a complete cycle, be careful that you **do not turn the dial any farther than necessary** to start the dishwasher.



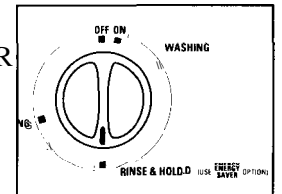
• **For POTSCRUBBER, NORMAL WASH and LIGHT WASH cycles:**

- Push selected cycle button.
- Latch the door.
- Slowly turn the Cycle Indicator Dial to ON position to start the cycle. You will hear the motor start. There is a time delay between the start-up and the water fill so you will not hear any wash action right away.



• **For RINSE & HOLD cycle:**

- Be sure door is unlatched.
- Select ENERGY SAVER drying option.
- Slowly turn the Cycle Indicator Dial to the RINSE & HOLD position.
- Latch the door to start the cycle.



## Cycle Selection Hints

It is important to follow the Loading instructions.

- **POTSCRUBBER**—For items such as pots, pans, cookware, dishes and glasses with heavy soil. Everyday dishes may be included.
- **NORMAL WASH**—For loads of everyday dishes, glasses and cookware with medium soils. Designed to yield high performance on normal soils.
- **LIGHT WASH**—For dishes with light soils that have not dried on, or that have extra preparation before loading. It saves water and energy.
- **RINSE & HOLD**—For rinsing partial loads which will be washed later. *Do not use detergent.*



## What Happens in Each Cycle

- You will hear occasional clicking sounds:
  - Soft food disposer shredding action.
  - Drain valve opening to pump water out.
  - Timer control as cycle progresses.
  - Detergent cup opening.
- During the drying period:
  - The motor stops.
  - Water vapor comes through the vent by the door latch during drying and when water is being pumped out.

Wash Cycles	Water Use Gallons (approx.)	Wash Cycle Time Minutes (approx.)	Cycle Sequence						
<b>POTSCRUBBER</b>	12.1	65*	Wash/Rinse	Rinse	Rinse	Main Wash	Rinse	Rinse	Rinse
<b>NORMAL WASH</b>	12.1	51*	Wash/Rinse	Rinse	Rinse	Main Wash	Rinse	Rinse	Rinse
<b>LIGHT WASH</b>	10.3	51*		Rinse	Rinse	Main Wash	Rinse	Rinse	Rinse
<b>RINSE &amp; HOLD</b>	4.9	14					Rinse	Rinse	Rinse

\* Unextended times. These cycle times will be increased approximately 21 minutes if Wash Heat Boost Option is selected.

### Drying Options:

**HEATED DRYING.** Available on all wash cycles except RINSE & HOLD. Add 25 minutes to wash cycle time.

**ENERGY SAVER.** Drying heater is turned off. Dishes dry naturally.

## Energy-Saving Tips

- **Operate dishwasher only when it's full.** Let the dishes accumulate in dishwasher. When you put in only a partial load, use the RINSE & HOLD cycle to rinse off heavy soils. Be sure to latch the door when waiting for a full load. This helps keep soils moist, easier to remove.
- Turn your water heater down to 120°F, and use the WASH HEAT BOOST Option. Make sure the entering water temperature is no less than 120°F. (See How to Operate Your Dishwasher section).
- If you don't need your dishes right away, use your **ENERGY SAVER no-heat boost drying feature** that turns the drying heater off automatically. Dishes dry naturally over a longer period such as overnight.
- **Always select the cycle that uses the least amount of water that will remove the soil from the load.** (See the Operating section.)

## Good Dishwashing Starts with HOT Water

To get dishes clean and dry, you need hot water. To help you get water of the proper temperature, your dishwasher has a WASH HEAT BOOST feature. When selected (see How to Operate Your Dishwasher section), this water heating feature allows you to turn down your household water heater and save energy if you're willing to let the dishwasher run a little longer while it heats water. For good washing and drying, the entering water must be between 120°F and 140°F. To prevent dish damage, inlet water should not exceed 150°F.



## How to Test Water Temperature

Higher water temperature is needed to dissolve grease and activate powder detergents. If the water temperature is less than 140°F., use the WASH HEAT BOOST option. See WASH HEAT BOOST section. Check water temperature with a candy or meat thermometer. Turn on the hot water faucet nearest dishwasher. Put the thermometer in a glass and let the water run continuously into the glass until the temperature stops rising. If the water temperature is below 120°F., adjust your water heater.

**Helpful hints:** If outside temperatures are unusually low, or if your water travels a long distance from water heater

to dishwasher, you may need to set your water heater's thermostat up. If you have not used hot water for some time, the water in the pipes will be cold. Turn on the hot water faucet at sink and allow it to run until water is hot. Then start dishwasher. If you've recently done laundry or run hot water for showers, give your water heater time to recover before operating the dishwasher.

To improve washability if water is less than 120°F. and you cannot adjust your water heater: Select a longer cycle and fill both detergent cups at least half-full with detergent.

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## How to Use a Rinse Agent

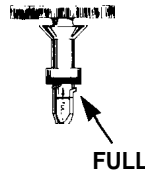
The rinse agent makes water flow off dishes quicker than usual. This lessens water spotting and makes drying faster, too.

For best dishwashing performance, use of a rinse agent such as JET-DRY brand is recommended.

Rinse agents come in either liquid or solid form. Your dishwasher uses the liquid form.

### How to fill the rinse agent dispenser.

Unscrew the caps. Note the FULL line on the tip of the cap. Add liquid rinse agent until it just reaches the top of the FULL line. Replace the cap. The dispenser automatically releases the rinse agent into the final rinse water.



Your dishwasher's rinse agent container holds approximately 4½ ounces. This should last about 3 months. Fill as needed. Do not overfill.

**If you accidentally spill:** Wipe up the rinse agent with a damp cloth. Don't leave the spill in the dishwasher. It can keep your detergent from working.

**If you can't find any rinse agent,** write:

BENCKISER CONSUMER PRODUCTS, INC.  
("JET-DRY")  
Corporate Centre 1  
55 Federal Road  
P.O. Box 1991  
Danbury, CT. 06813-1991

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## How to Choose and Use the Right Detergent

**First, use only powder or liquid detergent specifically made for use in dishwashers. Other types will cause oversudsing.**

**Second, check the phosphate content.** Phosphate helps prevent hard-water materials from forming spots or film on your dishes. If your water is hard (7 grains or more), your detergent has to work harder. Detergents with a higher phosphate level will probably work better. If the phosphate content is low (8.7% or less), you'll have to use extra detergent with hard water.

**Your water department can tell you how hard your water is.** So can your county extension agent or your area's water softener company. Just call and ask them how many "grains" of hardness there are in your water.

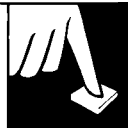
**How much detergent should you use?** That depends. Is your water "hard" or "soft"? With hard water, you need extra detergent to get dishes clean. With soft water, you need less detergent.

Too much detergent with soft water not only wastes money, it can be harmful. It can cause a permanent cloudiness of glassware, called "etching." An outside layer of glass is etched away! Of course, this takes some time. But why take a chance when it's easy to find out the hardness of your water.

**Keep your detergent fresh and dry.** Under the sink isn't a good place to store detergent because there is too much moisture. Don't put powder detergent into the dispenser until you're ready to wash dishes. (It won't be fresh OR dry).

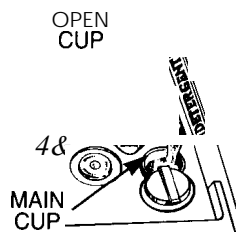
**If your powder detergent gets old or lumpy, throw it away.** Old detergent often won't dissolve. If you use a liquid dishwasher detergent, these precautions are not necessary because liquid detergents don't "lump" as they age or come in contact with moisture.





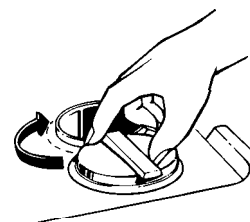
**You'll find two detergent dispensers on the inside door of your dishwasher.** Two, because some cycles use two washes.

See "Detergent Usage Guide" below. (Be sure the **CYCLE INDICATOR DIAL** is at **OFF** position before adding detergent, Otherwise, the detergent cup will not close and latch properly).



Close the main cup.

*NOTE: To open the detergent cup after it has been closed, unlatch the door and rotate the Cycle Indicator Dial a full turn to the* When the closed cup contains soap it is best that the door be in a partially open position before rotating the Cycle Indicator Dial. This will help reduce the amount of detergent and rinse aid agent spillage into the tub.



**GRASP HANDLE, ROTATE AND CLOSE TIGHTLY**

### Detergent Usage Guide (powder or liquid)

CYCLES	SOFT WATER (0-3 grains hardness)		MEDIUM WATER (3-7 grains)		HARD WATER (7-12 grains*)	
	Main Cup	Open Cup	Main Cup	Open Cup	Main Cup‡	Open Cup‡
POTSCRUBBER NORMAL WASH	Half Full	Half Full	Completely Full	Half Full	Completely Full	Completely Full
LIGHT WASH	Half Full	None	Half Full	None	Completely Full	None
RINSE & HOLD	Use no detergent		Use no detergent		Use no detergent	

\*12 grains and up is extremely hard water. A water softener is recommended. Without it, lime can build up in the water valve. The water valve may stick while open and cause flooding,

‡ Filled Main Cup holds 3 tablespoons; Filled Open Cup holds 2 tablespoons.

### How to Prepare the Dishes for Washing

If this is your first dishwasher, or if you're replacing a much older model, you may wonder how much preparation your dishes need. Actually very little. Prerinsing of normal food soils is not necessary. With common sense and a little practice you'll soon know what foods to remove. Here are some guidelines:

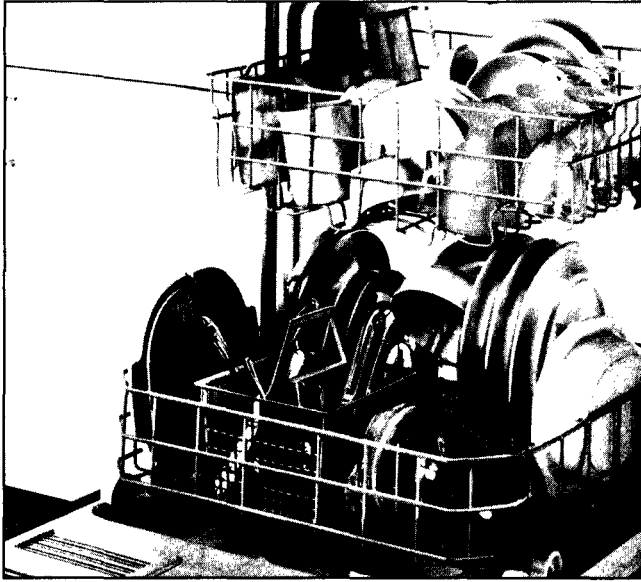
1. Scrape off bones, seeds, skins, toothpicks and other hard solids. It is also best to remove hard-shelled vegetables, meat trimmings, leafy vegetables and crusts. Remove excessive quantities of oil or grease.
2. Remove large quantities of any food. Your dishwasher has a built-in soft food disposer that pulverizes soft food bits and flushes them away. It can handle small amounts of soft foods, but large amounts will be difficult to handle.
3. Place dishes in dishwasher before soil has a chance to dry and become hard. Dishes with dried-on soil are more difficult to wash and may not come clean in the POTSCRUBBER cycle. Remember to use your RINSE & HOLD cycle for small "holding" loads.

**NOTE:** The foods mentioned are examples only. Other foods not mentioned may also need to be removed from your dishes. You may also want to consider removing foods such as mustard, mayonnaise, vinegar, lemon juice and other foods that can cause discoloration of stainless steel if allowed to remain on dishes for a long period of time.

**When using the POTSCRUBBER cycle,** less preparation is required before loading. The POTSCRUBBER cycle can wash heavily soiled dishes and remove dried-on and baked-on soils from pots, pans and casseroles. Items with burned-on soils may not come clean, and the dishwasher cannot remove burn marks or restore fading caused by overheating during cooking.

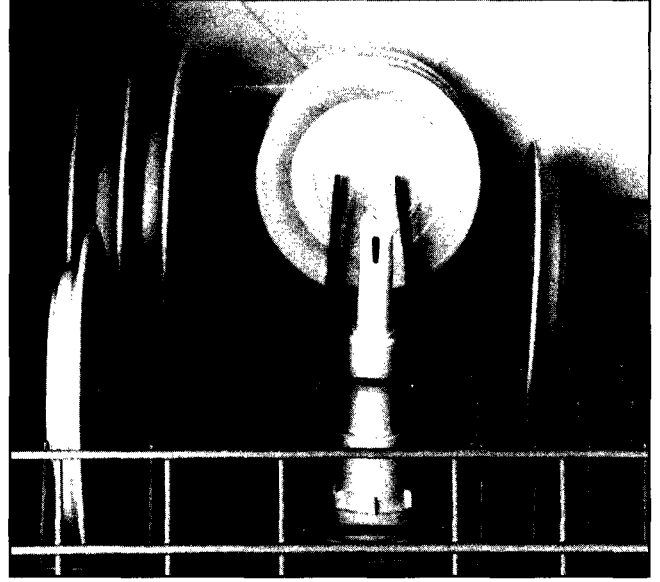


## HOW TO LOAD YOUR DISHWASHER



*This is a random mixed load, the most common type you will have.*

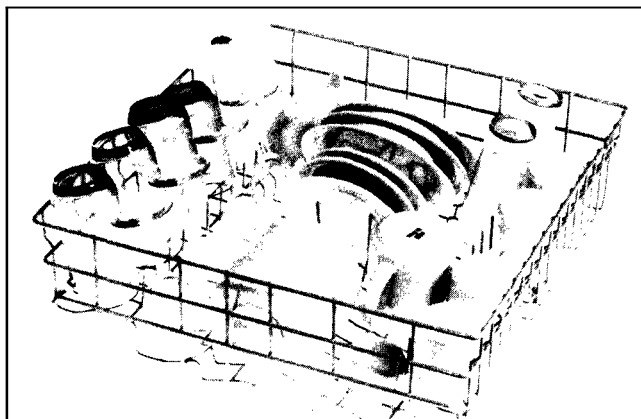
Make sure dishes are properly loaded to insure that water can reach the soiled surfaces. The wash arm in the bottom sprays water up. The tower that rises in the center sends water out over the dishes to wash the items in the upper rack. A spray arm in the top washes down also. Make sure to place tall items to the outside so the upper wash arm is not blocked.



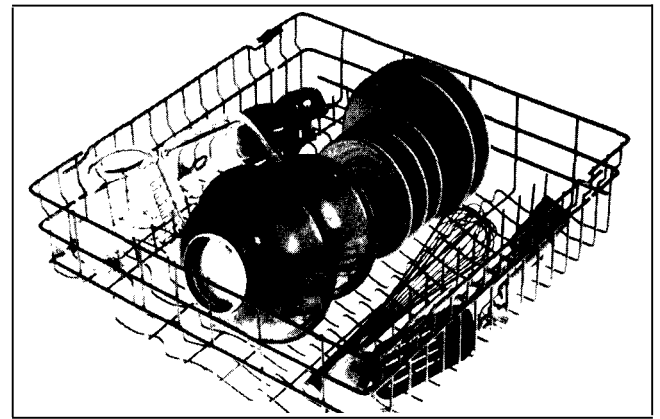
**WATCH OUT FOR THIS.**

The wash tower rises through the center of the bottom rack during the wash and rinse portions of the cycle. Don't block it or load tall things next to it. Also, be careful not to let a portion of an item such as a pot or dish handle extend through the bottom rack. This could block the wash arm and cause poor washing results.

## HOW TO LOAD THE TOP RACK

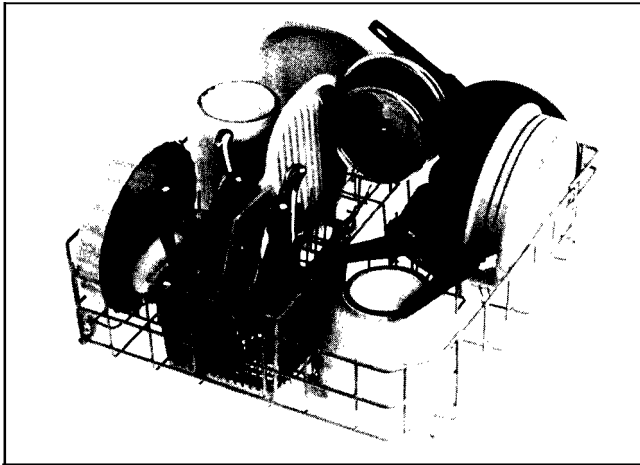


The top rack is best for glasses, cups and saucers. Cups and glasses fit best along the sides. This is the place for dishwasher-safe plastics, too. Make sure small plastic items are lodged in tightly so they can't fall onto the Calrod<sup>®</sup> heating element. Arrange stemware so that they cannot move easily. Don't let the glasses touch each other.

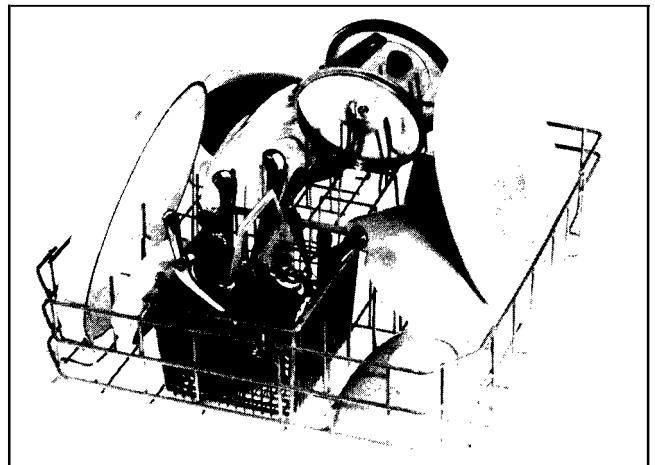


Sauce pans, mixing bowls and other small items may be placed—face down—in the top rack. The top rack is handy for all kinds of odd shapes. Be sure the force of water and detergent can reach soiled surfaces.

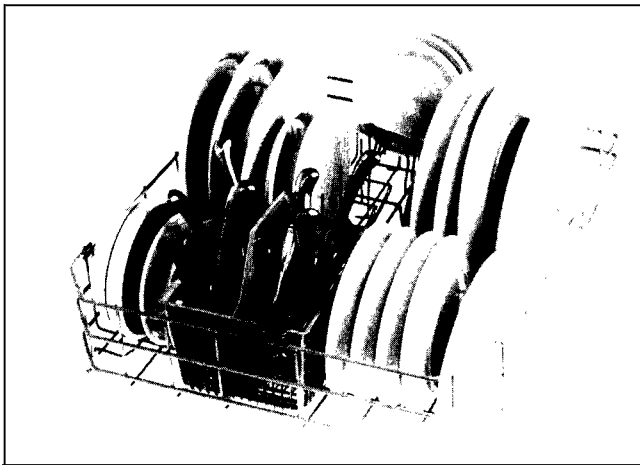
# HOW TO LOAD THE BOTTOM RACK



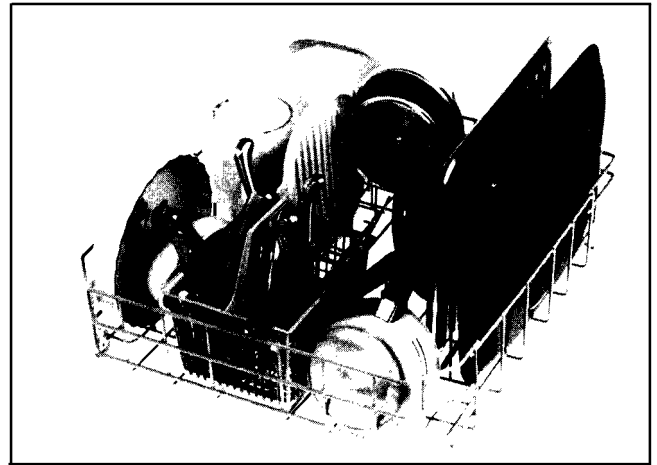
Pots, pans, casseroles, salad bowls, mixing bowls and lids must be loaded in the bottom rack, facing down.



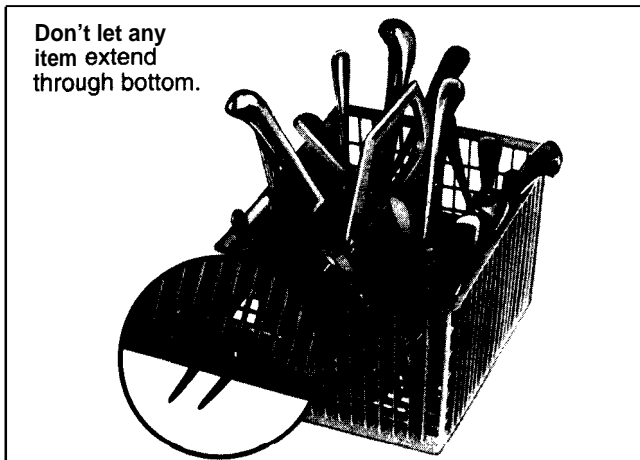
Load platters, pots, pans and bowls along the sides, in corners or in the back. All large items, such as pitchers, salad bowls and mixing bowls, should be washed in the lower rack.



Fit plates and saucers between the pins. Place items so that water and detergent from wash arm can reach soiled surfaces.



Heavily soiled pots, pans and casseroles **MUST** be loaded in the bottom rack, facing down. Prop broiler pans and racks along the edge.



**Don't let any item extend through bottom.**

Put flatware in the removable basket with handles up to protect your hands. Mix knives, forks and spoons so they can't nest together. Distribute evenly. Small plastic items, such as measuring spoons and lids from small containers are not recommended for automatic dishwashing. If placed in the dishwasher, they should go in the bottom of silverware basket with silverware on top.

### **Precaution!**

Take out anything that may fall or extend through the bottom of the basket



## WHAT YOU CAN USUALLY WASH SAFELY IN YOUR DISHWASHER.

Material	Usually Safe	Exceptions (not safe)	Special Instructions
Aluminum	YES	Some colored anodized aluminum can fade.	Some darkening or spotting possible. Remove by scouring with soap-filled steel wool pads.
China/ Stoneware	YES	Antique, metal-trimmed, hand-painted or over-the-glaze patterns fade. Gold leaf will discolor.	If in doubt, check with the manufacturer. Or test wash one piece daily for at least a month. Compare with the rest of the set.
Crystal	YES	Antique, metal-trimmed or hand-painted patterns fade. Gold leaf will discolor,	Load securely to prevent movement. Check your manufacturer's instructions for your crystal.
Non-dishwasher items—such as electronic air cleaner filters, furnace filters, paint brushes, etc.	NO		Do not wash in dishwasher, Damage to dishwasher and discoloration or staining of dishwasher may result.
Glass	YES	Milk glass may yellow.	
Iron	NO	Iron will rust	
Pewter	NO	Pewter tarnishes.	
Plastics	YES		If it doesn't say DISHWASHER SAFE, test one piece in the top rack before dishwashing an entire set,
Stainless steel	YES		Rinse if not washing immediately. Salty or acid foods can stain if left on.
Sterling Silver and Silver plate	YES	Don't put in same silverware basket with stainless steel. Contact between metals can damage silver. Don't wash copper utensils in the same load. Silver may get a brown film. Adhesive used to attach some hollow-handle knives can loosen.	Rinse if not washing immediately. Salty or acid foods can stain if left on. Dry detergent can cause difficult-to-remove black spots. Place in back section of silverware basket to avoid exposure to detergent from the detergent cup.
Non-stick coatings	YES		After washing, wipe the non-stick coating area with vegetable oil to keep it from losing its non-stick quality.
Tin	NO	Tin can rust.	
Wood	NO	Wood can warp, crack or lose its finish with any type of washing.	

### Forget a dish? Here's when you can add it.

Add dishes any time during the RINSE & HOLD cycle. With other wash cycles, you can add dishes at any time BEFORE the main detergent wash portion of the cycle.

However, opening the door during any cycle lessens cleaning power. So try to load everything at the beginning.

Here's how to add a forgotten dish:

1. Push the door latch to the left. Washing will stop.
2. Wait a few seconds until the water calms. Then open the door. **WARNING:** Hot vapor may rise from opened door.
3. Add dishes you've forgotten.
4. Close the door and push the latch to the far right. When the door is locked, washing will continue.

# CARE AND CLEANING



## USER MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Clean the control panel with a lightly dampened cloth. Dry thoroughly. Do not use abrasives or sharp objects on the panel. They can damage it.

Clean the outside with a good appliance polish wax. The outside cabinet finish is durable, but it can scratch. So use no scouring pads, or harsh or gritty cleaners.

Appliance Polish Wax & Cleaner (Cat. No. WR97X0216) is available from GE Appliance Parts Marts.

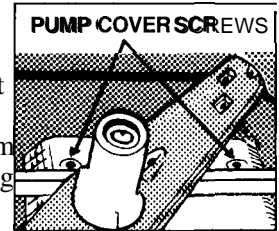
The inside usually takes care of itself. If it should ever need cleaning, use a mild cleansing powder. Scouring pads and harsh cleaners can mar the finish.

## Not Using Your Dishwasher in Winter? Protect Against Freezing. (On built-in models only)

If your dishwasher is left in an unheated place during the winter, ask a service technician to:

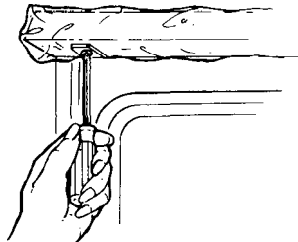
- Cut off electrical power to the dishwasher. Remove fuses or trip circuit breaker.
- Turn off the water supply.
- Disconnect the water inlet line from the water valve.
- Drain water from the inlet line and water valve. (Use a pan to catch the water.)

- Reconnect the water inlet line to the water valve.
- Drain collection chamber at rear of unit below filter by disconnecting hose to pump. Reconnect after draining.
- Remove the plastic pump cover in the tub bottom and use a sponge to soak up water in the rubber boot.



## Removing the wood top

Remove the mounting screws under the front of the top. Pull top forward and upward.



To remove the protective cover, use scissors to cut the bag from the underside. To reinstall the top align screws in bottom of top with slotted holes in panel flange. Slide top to rear of unit. Reinstall front screws.

**DO NOT** operate the dishwasher without the wood top in place.

## Care of the wood top

Before using, wipe well with a dry cloth to remove surface dust. Wood top is treated with a preservative at the factory. However, if a high gloss is desired, or finish dulls - use a commercially available wood treatment (non-toxic) according to the manufacturers instructions.

Wood tops should not be used as a place for thawing frozen foods, even when protected by a sheet of aluminum foil. Never let water stand on wood top.

To remove water stains, rub with a cloth saturated with non-toxic mineral oil (available at most drug stores). Wipe off excess oil immediately with a soft, dry cloth.

Should your top become too stained or cut, sand with #000( 150) or #000(220) sandpaper and then wipe with a non-toxic mineral oil. Wipe off any excess oil immediately with a soft, dry cloth.

## Conversion Kit

A special kit (Cat No. WD35X0193) for changing a convertible dishwasher to a permanent built-in installation is available from your dealer or service organization.



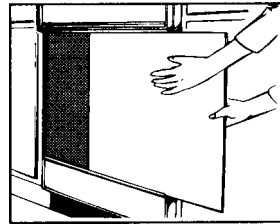
# HOW TO CHANGE COLOR PANELS

If you are redecorating, you can change your dishwasher's front panels to match or blend with your new colors.

The panel is held in place by the door trim and the trim on the panel below the door. Each side of each panel is a different color. Or you can paint a panel with the color of your own choice.

## How to change door panel insert:

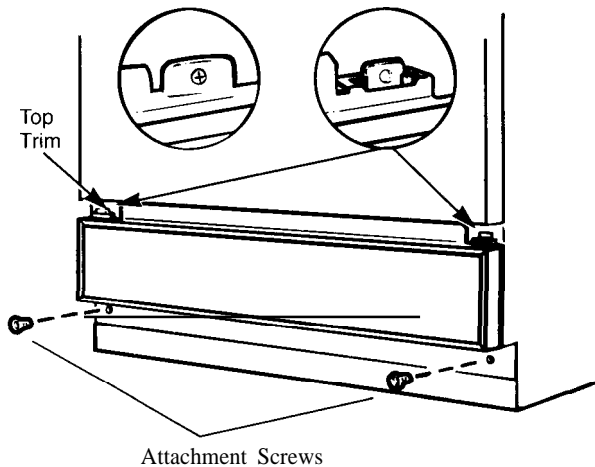
1. Take out trim screws on either side of the dishwasher door. Remove the side trim.
2. Slide the door panel out.  
(Careful—edges may be sharp.)
3. Turn the door panel around and put the color you want in front.
4. Replace the door panel, side trim and screws.



**NOTE: Do not operate dishwasher while changing panels or when lower access panel is removed.**

## How to change the lower panel:

1. Remove the panel attachment screws.



2. Remove the entire access assembly by lifting it up and over the retaining tabs.
3. Take out the top trim screws and remove the top trim.
4. Slide the color panel (s) up and out and put the color you want in front.
5. Replace the top trim and screws.
6. Replace the entire access assembly by hanging it back on the retaining tabs and replace the attachment screws.

## Wood panels

A **wood panel trim kit, GPF 40**, contains trim and instructions for adding a decorative wood door panel and lower access panel no thicker than 1/4" to match kitchen cabinets. The kit is available at no extra cost. (Specify GPF40).

Use the order form on the next page to order, without charge, a color panel not supplied with your dishwasher or a wood panel trim kit GPF40.

# ORDER FORM FOR COLOR PANELS



## ORDER FORM

Use this form to order, without charge, your choice of a **color panel not supplied with your dishwasher or a wood panel trim kit.**

Please mark only one box.

**Harvest/Black**  
Door and Access Panel GPF 26

**Kit GPF 40**  
Wood Panel Trim Kit

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# QUESTIONS? USE THIS PROBLEM SOLVER



PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
DISHWASHER WON'T RUN	A fuse in your home maybe blown, or the circuit breaker tripped. Replace fuse or reset circuit breaker. Remove any other appliances from the circuit.
UNUSUAL NOISE	Utensils may not be secure on rack pins, or something <b>small</b> may have dropped from the rack. Water is causing utensils to rattle. Make sure everything is securely placed in dishwasher.
DISHES DON'T DRY	<p>Make sure inlet water temperature is correct. (See How to Test Water Temperature section).</p> <p>Unload the bottom rack first. Water from dishes in the top rack maybe spilling into the bottom rack.</p> <p>Check for improper loading. Dishes shouldn't nest together. Avoid overloading.</p> <p>Check the rinse agent dispenser to see that it's not empty.</p>
UNCLEAN DISHES AND FLATWARE	<p>Check inlet water temperature. It should be at least 120°F. (To test, see How to Test Water Temperature section).</p> <p>Water pressure may be temporarily low. Turn on a faucet. Is water coming out slower than usual? If so, wait until pressure is normal before using your dishwasher.</p> <p>Plugged air gap. (See Care and Cleaning section).</p> <p>Improper rack loading. (See Loading section).</p>
DETERGENT LEFT IN DISPENSER CUPS	<p>Water may not be reaching the detergent cups. Move dishes that maybe blocking detergent cup.</p> <p>The dispenser cover may not be opening or may be blocked by improperly loaded items. If you used a powder detergent, open the cup and remove any caked-on detergent. If the cup still doesn't open automatically, call for service.</p> <p>Detergent may be old. If the powder detergent is hard or caked in the box, throw it away. The detergent may not be working well. Try another brand.</p>
DETERGENT CUP LID WON'T LATCH AFTER ADDING DETERGENT	Cycle Indicator Dial must be <b>OFF</b> for cup lid to close and latch properly, If you unlatch the door and open it to dry your dishes, the Cycle Indicator Dial does not advance by itself.
YELLOW OR BROWN FILM	<p>Tea or coffee can stain cups. Remove the stain by hand, using a solution of 1/2 cup bleach and 3 cups warm water.</p> <p>An overall yellow or brown film on dishes or glassware can be caused by iron deposits in water. A special filter in the water <b>supply</b> line is <b>the only</b> way to correct this problem. Your water softener company can tell you about the filter.</p> <p>Yellow film on sterling silver results when you wash copper utensils in the same load. Silver polish will usually remove this stain,</p>

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# THE PROBLEM SOLVER

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PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
SPOTS AND FILMING ON GLASSES AND FLATWARE	<p>Spotting can be caused by <b>all</b> these things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Extremely hard water. (See How to Choose and Use Detergent section).</li><li>•Low inlet water temperature. (See How to Test Water Temperature section).</li><li>•Overloading the dishwasher.</li><li>•Improper loading. (See Loading section).</li><li>•Old or damp powder detergent.</li><li>•Phosphate level in detergent too low. (See How to Choose and Use Detergent section).</li><li>•Rinse agent dispenser empty. (See How to Use a Rinse Agent section).</li><li>•Too little detergent, (See How to Choose and Use Detergent section),</li></ul> <p>Local water conditions and personal preferences vary. Try several brands of detergents to find one that gives the best results for you. A liquid dishwasher detergent may help reduce filming.</p> <p><b>To remove stubborn spots and film from glassware:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Remove all metal utensils from the dishwasher.</li><li>2. Do not add detergent.</li><li>3. Select POTSCRUBBER cycle.</li><li>4. Start the dishwasher and allow to run for 18 to 22 minutes. The dishwasher will now be in the main wash.</li><li>5. Then open the door and pour 2 cups (500 ml) of white vinegar into the bottom of the dishwasher.</li><li>6. Close the door and allow to complete the cycle.</li></ol> <p><b>If vinegar rinse doesn't work:</b> Repeat as above, except use 1/4 cup (60 ml) of citric acid crystals instead of vinegar. (Most drugstores carry citric acid crystals. If yours doesn't, call GE Factory Service).</p> <p>Using a vinegar or citric acid crystal rinse more than twice a month? Consider a home water <b>softener</b>.</p>
CLOUDINESS ON GLASSWARE	<p>If vinegar or citric acid crystal rinse doesn't work, the cloudiness is "etching." The film cannot be removed.</p> <p><b>It can be prevented:</b> Use less detergent if you have soft water. Wash glassware in the shortest cycle that will get them clean.</p> <p>Water temperature entering dishwasher exceeds 150°F.</p>
CHIPPING OF CHINA	<p>Rough handling can cause chipping. Load with care. Make sure glassware and china are secure and can't jar loose. (See Loading section). Make sure <b>tall</b> glasses and stemware will clear the top of the tub when you push the rack into the dishwasher.</p> <p>Always use the top rack for delicate items.</p>



PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
BLACK OR GRAY MARKS ON DISHES	Aluminum utensils often leave marks when they rub against dishes. <b>Remove</b> marks with a mild abrasive cleanser.
SMALL AMOUNT OF WATER STANDING IN THE BOTTOM OF THE TUB	Water around the outlet on the tub bottom at the back of the tub is normal. It is clean water. It's there to keep the water seal lubricated.
WATER WON'T PUMP OUT OF TUB	If the entire bottom of the tub has water, you may have a drain problem. Clean the air gap, if you have one. (See Care and Cleaning section). Check the kitchen sink. Is it draining well? You may need a plumber. If dishwasher drains into disposer, run disposer to <b>clear</b> . Be sure disposer is not clogged.
SUDS IN THE TUB	<b>Sudsing</b> detergents are not meant for dishwashers. <b>USE ONLY AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER DETERGENTS TO AVOID SUDSING.</b> <b>To remove suds from the tub:</b> Open the dishwasher. Let suds evaporate, Add 1 gallon of cold water to the tub, Close and latch the dishwasher. Pump out water by slowly turning the control dial until a drain period is reached. Repeat if necessary.
DISHWASHER LEAKS	Suds can cause unit to <b>overflow</b> . That's why it's so important to use a detergent that's designed for automatic dishwashers. Spilling the rinse agent can cause foam during washing. This can lead to <b>overflowing</b> . Wipe up <b>accidental</b> spill of rinse agent with a damp cloth.
MOTOR HUMS	Dishwasher has not been <b>used</b> on a regular basis. If you do not use your dishwasher often, set it to fill and pump out once every week. This will help keep the <b>seal</b> moist, and the garbage disposer clear.
STAINING OF TUB INTERIOR	Some detergents contain colorant (pigment or dyes) that will discolor the tub interior with extended use. Check the detergent cup for signs of any discoloration. If cup is discolored, change to detergent without any colorant,

**If you need more help. ..call, toll free:**  
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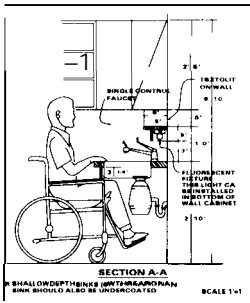
With the purchase of your new GE appliance, receive the assurance that if you ever need information or assistance from GE, we'll be there. All you have to do is call—toll-free!

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## ***For Customers With Special Needs...*** ***800.626.2000***

Upon request, GE will provide Braille controls for a variety of GE appliances, and a brochure to assist in planning a barrier-free kitchen for persons with limited mobility. To obtain these items, free of charge, call 800.626.2000.

Consumers with impaired hearing or speech who have access to a TDD or a conventional teletypewriter may call 800-TDD-GEAC (800-833-4322) to request information or service.

## ***Service Contracts*** ***800-626-2224***

You can have the secure feeling that GE Consumer Service will still be there after your warranty expires. Purchase a GE contract while your warranty is still in effect and you'll receive a substantial discount. With a multiple-year contract, you're assured of future service at today's prices.

## ***Parts and Accessories*** ***800-626-2002***

Individuals qualified to service their own appliances can have needed parts or accessories sent directly to their home. The GE parts system provides access to over 47,000 parts...and all GE Genuine Renewal Parts are fully warranted. VISA, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted.

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

# YOUR GE DISHWASHER WITH PERMATUF® INTERIOR WARRANTY

**Staple sales slip or cancelled check here. Proof of original purchase date is needed to obtain service under warranty.**

## WHAT IS COVERED

### FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

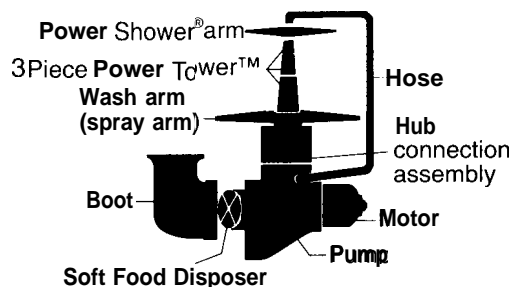
For one year from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, parts and service labor in your home to repair or replace **any part of the dishwasher that** fails because of a manufacturing defect.

### FULL TEN-YEAR WARRANTY

For ten years from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, parts and service labor in your home to repair or replace **the PermaTuf® tub or door liner** if it fails to contain water because of a manufacturing defect such as cracking, chipping, peeling or rusting.

### LIMITED SECOND-YEAR WARRANTY

For the second year from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, replacement parts for **any part of the Water Distribution System** (as illustrated below) that fails because of a manufacturing defect. Associated inlet and drain plumbing parts are not covered by this warranty. You pay for the service trip to your home and service labor charges.



**Water Distribution System**

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.

Should your appliance need service, during warranty period or beyond, call 800-GE-CARES (800-432-2737).

## 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: **GE Answer Center® 800.626.2000 consumer information service**
- **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.
- Cleaning or servicing of air gap device in drain line.
- 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.

**Warrantor: General Electric Company**

**If further help is needed concerning this warranty, write:  
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