

This leaflet contains specific operating information for your model. Save this leaflet with the Use and Care Book which also came with your dishwasher.

FOR BEST RESULTS,  
READ AND BECOME  
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## Automatic Built-in Dishwasher

Model  
**GSD551W**

### Operating Instructions for your dishwasher

#### Special Features

★ **POTSCRUBBER CYCLE**  
combined with the dishwasher's high performance wash system may not do everything (such as remove burned-on soils), but will remove dried on and baked-on soils from pots, pans, casseroles.

● **SIX CYCLE OPTIONS**

Potscrubber, Normal Soil, and Short Wash on dial—each with Energy Saver (No Heat) Drying or Heated Drying.

★ **PUSH-TO-START CONTROL DIAL**

★ **RINSE-AID DISPENSER**  
automatically injects wetting agent into final rinse to reduce water spotting.

★ **2-LEVEL WASH SYSTEM**  
directs water action from the bottom and the middle to clean the dishes.

★ **SOFT FOOD DISPOSER**  
Load your dirty dishes without pre-rinsing... just tip off large amounts of food and hard scraps. The soft food disposer pulverizes soft food scraps and flushes them away.

★ **TUFF-TUB® INTERIOR**  
A beautiful interior coated with vinyl and designed to protect the surface from the effects of chemicals and acids in detergents and foods.

★ **SOUND INSULATED**  
for quiet operation.

#### Additional Quality Features

● **ISOLATION MECHANISM MOUNTING**

● **DUAL DETERGENT DISPENSER**



● **CYCLE-INDICATOR CONTROL DIAL**

● **CUSHIONED FULL-EXTENSION RACKS**

● **REMOVABLE SILVERWARE BASKET**

● **WASH-WATER TEMPERATURE MAINTENANCE**

● **CALROD® HEATING UNIT**

● **AUTOMATIC WATER LEVEL CONTROL**

● **FRONT PANEL KIT GPF-10 IS AVAILABLE IN COLORS OR WOOD FRAME (optional, extra cost)**

Samples of these dishwashers were investigated by the Good Housekeeping Institute and earned the Good Housekeeping Consumer's Guaranty Seal.

● **Dimensions**  
Height 34½" (adjusts to 35½")  
Width 24"  
Depth 25" including handle  
Door swings out 21½"

● **Total cycle time:**  
69 minutes (normal cycle)

● **Water consumption:**  
11.4 gallons (normal cycle)

● **Electrical requirements:**

Volts: 115

Amps: 15 amp circuit breaker or regular house fuse.

Hertz: 60

2-Wire service with a separate ground wire is required. This appliance must be grounded for safe operation.

● **Machine electrical energy:**  
0.78 Kwh. (normal cycle)

● **Tuff-Tub® vinyl-coated interior.**

● **Inlet water pressure required:**  
15 to 120 lbs. per square inch.

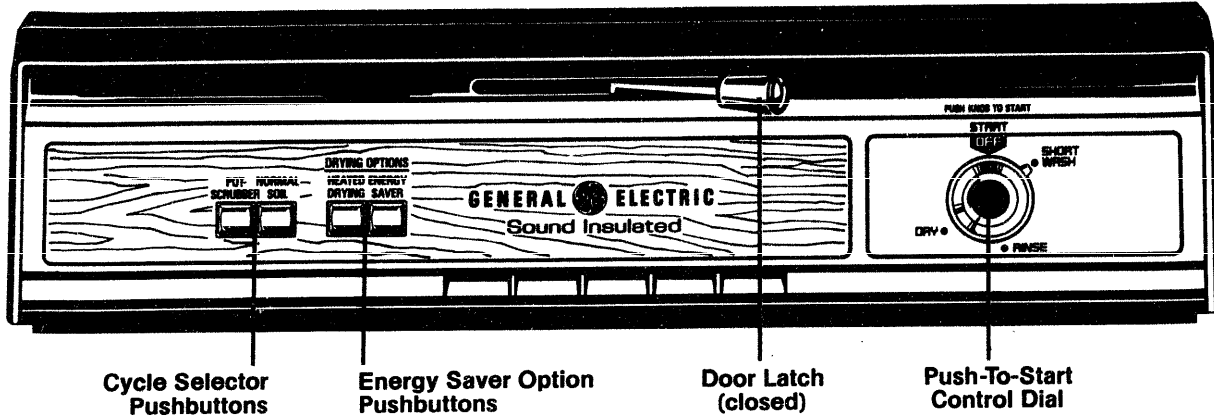
● **Inlet water temperature recommended:** 140°F.

● **Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. listed.**

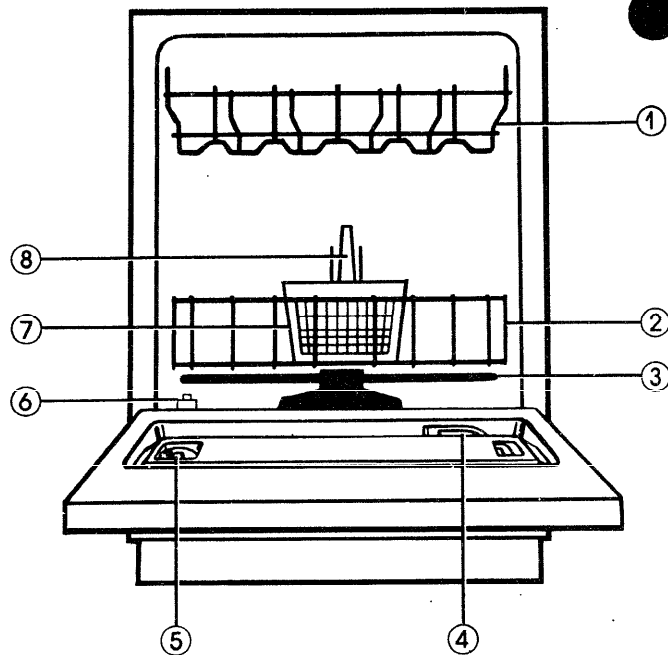
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# Get to know your dishwasher.



- ① Upper Rack
- ② Lower Rack
- ③ Power Wash™ Arm
- ④ Dual-Detergent Dispenser
- ⑤ Rinse-Aid Dispenser
- ⑥ Water Level Control
- ⑦ Six-Section Silverware Basket
- ⑧ Telescoping Power Tower

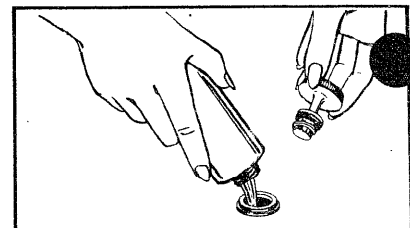


## Before operating your dishwasher the first time...

**CHECK WATER TEMPERATURE**  
FOR BEST RESULTS, WATER TEMPERATURE SHOULD BE 140°F.

Instructions for measuring water temperature are in your Use & Care Book.

**FILL RINSE-AID DISPENSER**  
See your Use & Care Book for instructions.



## How to operate your dishwasher

### 1 PREPARE YOUR TABLEWARE, POTS & PANS, AND LOAD THE DISHWASHER PROPERLY

See your Use & Care Book for loading help.

### 2 ADD DETERGENT

Proper detergents are very important to good dishwashing. Use only fresh detergents designed for automatic dishwashers. Be sure to read the section on detergents in your Use & Care Book.

**Make sure the control dial is set at the OFF position before you add detergent.**

### 3 SELECT THE CYCLE

*When selecting a cycle, you should consider the soil condition of the load. Then use the cycle most suited to that soil condition.*

● **POTSCRUBBER cycle**—When using this cycle, less preparation is required before loading. The Potscrubber cycle can wash heavily-soiled dishes and remove many dried-on and baked-on soils from pots, pans and casseroles. Burned-on soils may not come clean, especially if the surface of the utensil is old or damaged. And the dishwasher cannot remove burn marks or restore fading caused by overheating during cooking.

● **Important to follow the loading instructions in your Use and Care Book.**

● **NORMAL SOIL cycle** is for most loads of everyday dishes, glasses and cookware.

● **SHORT WASH cycle** is for dishes that are mildly soiled with soils that have not dried on. Also everyday dishes that have had extra preparation before loading. Use this cycle to save water and energy.

### ● DRYING OPTIONS

**HEATED DRYING**—Turns the drying heater on for fast drying.

**ENERGY SAVER (no-heat drying)**—Turns the drying heater off automatically to save energy. Dishes dry naturally over a longer period such as overnight.

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

Use of this option reduces the electrical energy used by this model approximately 8%.

Estimated yearly savings, depending on your local electrical rates, are as follows:

Electric Rate (per Kwh)	\$ .05	\$ .08	\$ .11
Estimated Yearly Savings	\$5.62	\$8.99	\$12.36

### 4 START YOUR DISHWASHER

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

To start dishwasher, close door and move latch to the right to the

locked position. Then push the control dial in.

● **For SHORT WASH cycle**, slowly rotate dial clockwise to SHORT WASH position. Then push the control dial in.

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

Add dishes 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.
3. Add dishes you've forgotten. (Also, you can remove something.)
4. Close the door and push the latch to the far right. When the door is locked, washing continues.

## What happens during the cycle

- Dishwasher will complete the cycle sequence automatically and the control dial will advance to OFF position.
- You'll hear occasional clicking sounds:
  - soft food disposer shredding action.
  - drain valve opening to pump water out.
  - timer control as the cycle progresses.
  - detergent cup opening.
- The motor stops during drying.
- Water vapor comes through the vent under the door handle during drying and when water is being pumped out.

CYCLE SEQUENCE (minutes—approx.)	Pot- scrubber	Normal Soil	Short Wash
Wash/Rinse	4	4	—
Rinse	6	6	—
Rinse	3	3	3
Main Detergent Wash	44	18	18
Rinse	4	4	4
Rinse	9	9	9
*Electric Dry	25	25	25
<b>Total Time (approx.)</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>59</b>

\*This portion of the cycle is eliminated when ENERGY SAVER drying button is depressed.

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**BEFORE OPERATING YOUR DISHWASHER**  
 Read your Use and Care Book. It contains **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** for the **PERSONAL SAFETY** of those using the appliance.

**BEFORE YOU CALL FOR SERVICE**  
 Check the Problem Solver in your Use and Care Book. It lists many minor causes of operating problems that you can correct yourself and may save you an unnecessary service call.

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