

# WASHER/DRYER



## user guide



AG-006

*Your model may or may not have all the features shown in this guide.*

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.

### **▲ 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 visiting [ge.com](http://ge.com) or by calling **800.GE.CARES** (800.432.2737).

- Install or store where it will not be exposed to temperatures below freezing or exposed to the weather, which could cause permanent damage and invalidate the warranty.
- 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.



## WHEN USING THE WASHER

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

- 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, etc.). These substances give off vapors that 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 building's 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, or pressing PAUSE 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

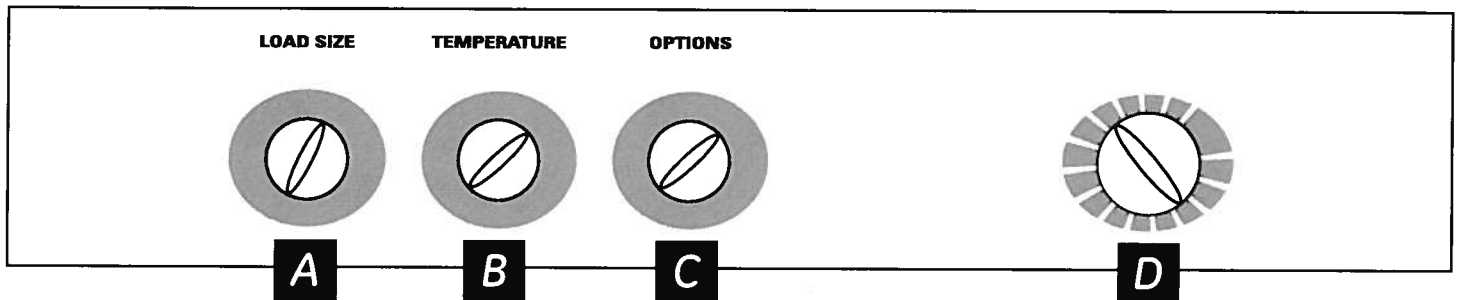
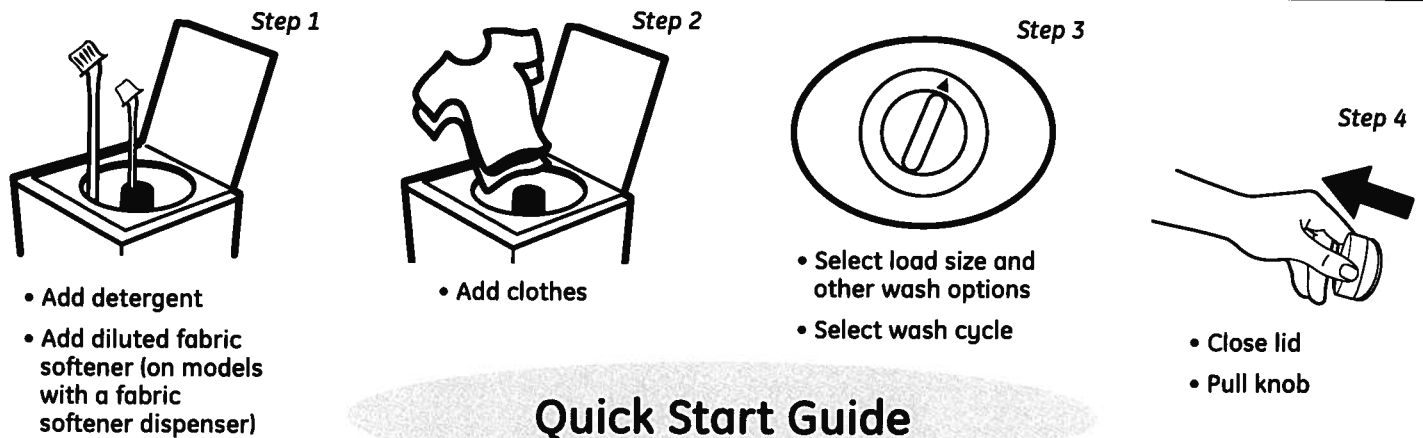
- Turn off water faucets to relieve pressure on hoses and valves and to minimize leakage if a break or rupture should occur. Check the condition of the fill hoses; GE recommends changing the hoses every 5 years.
- Before discarding a washer, or removing it from service, remove the washer lid to prevent 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.



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**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

## About the control panel—for models with “pull knob” start.



### Controls

- A** **Load Size**  
Loosely load clothes no higher than the top row of holes in the washer basket. The water level should just cover the clothes. Adjust the load size accordingly.
- B** **Temperature** (on some models)  
Select the water temperature for the wash and rinse cycles. Always follow fabric manufacturer's care label or instructions when laundering.
- C** **Options** (on some models)  
**2nd Rinse Option**  
When you use extra detergent or bleach to clean heavily soiled clothes, you may want to use the 2nd Rinse option. It provides a second deep cold rinse.

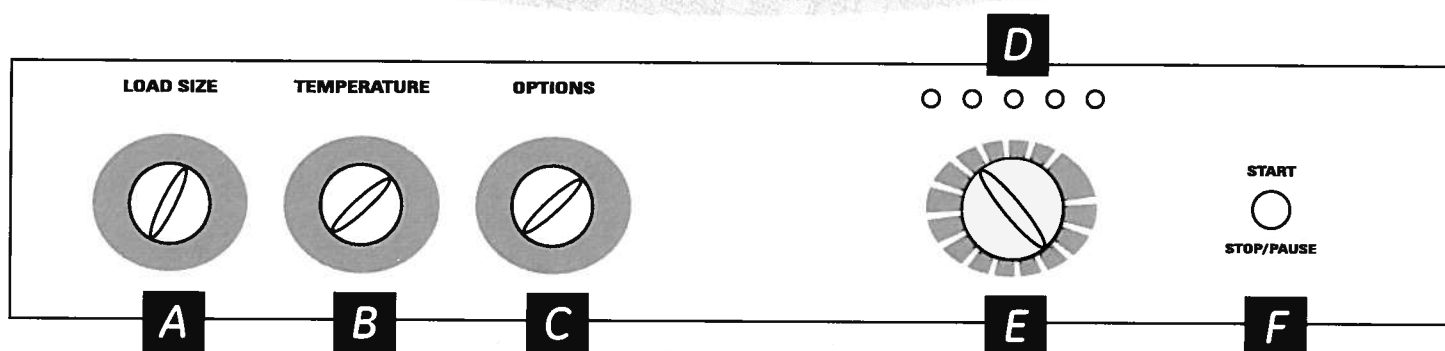
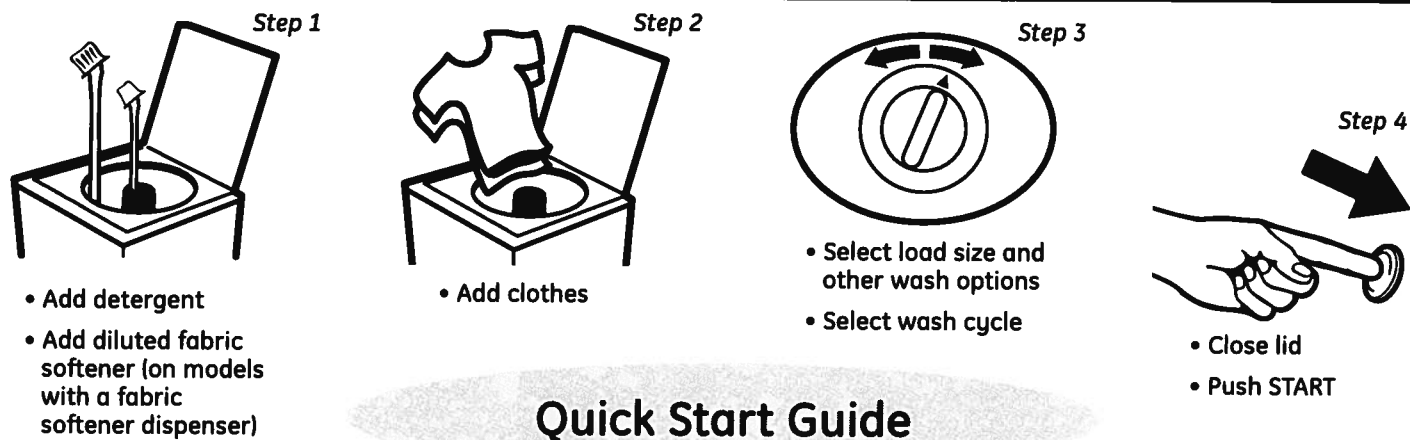
**D Wash Cycle—Cycle Selector Knob**

The chart below will help you match the wash cycle setting with your clothing. The chart is ranked from longest to shortest cycle time and wash intensity.

Your washer may not have all these cycles. (Cycles vary by model.)

<b>PREWASH</b>	For removing surface dirt from heavily soiled clothes. Make sure to follow with a regular wash cycle.
<b>CASUALS</b>	For wrinkle-free and permanent press items, and knits.
<b>COTTONS or WHITES</b>	For heavy to lightly soiled cottons, household linens, work and play clothes.
<b>EASY CARE</b>	For wrinkle-free and permanent press items, and knits.
<b>DELICATES</b>	For lingerie and special-care fabrics with light to normal soil.
<b>HAND WASH</b>	For items labeled handwashable with light soils. Provides periods of agitation and soak during wash and rinse.
<b>SPEED WASH</b>	For lightly soiled items that are needed in a hurry.
<b>SPIN</b>	For draining the tub and spinning water out of the clothes.
<b>DARK COLORS</b>	For non-colorfast cottons and blends and items that are labeled cold wash by the fabric manufacturer.
<b>COLORS</b>	For wrinkle-free and permanent press items, knits and cottons.
<b>RINSE SPIN</b>	For quickly rinsing chlorine, perspiration, stains, etc., out of clothes.
<b>15 MIN/30 MIN AUTO SOAK</b>	For very soiled clothes. Begins with agitation, soaks for a specified period of time, then moves through the rest of the cycle automatically.
<b>2nd RINSE</b>	Provides an automatic, second deep rinse to thoroughly remove detergent or bleach from your clothes.

## About the control panel—for models with START button.



## Controls

### **A** Load Size

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### **B** Temperature

Select the water temperature for the wash and rinse cycles. Always follow fabric manufacturer's care label or instructions when laundering.

**PerfectTemp** senses the incoming water temperature and adjusts the fill water to obtain a more precise temperature range for all wash temperatures. For example, in a COLD wash selection, some warm water may be added to reach a temperature needed to better dissolve detergents. Often, detergents are not completely dissolved in very cold water, especially in cooler climates.

During winter months, when the water entering your home is colder, or for locations with very cold water year round, use the **PerfectTemp** plus COLD to help dissolve powdered detergents and to improve the cleaning of your clothes.

The **TAP COLD** feature turns the **PerfectTemp** feature on your washer off, and uses your household tap water temperature for a COLD wash. This can provide energy savings by reducing the amount of hot water used in your wash.

### **C** Options

#### **Autosoak Option** (on some models)

This option begins with a brief agitation, soaks for a specified period of time, then moves through the rest of the cycle automatically. On some models, this option is located on the Cycle Selector knob.

#### **2nd Rinse Option** (on some models)

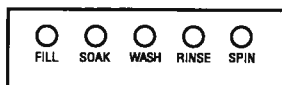
When you use extra detergent or bleach to clean heavily soiled clothes, you may want to use the 2nd Rinse option. It provides a second deep cold rinse.

#### **Extended Spin Option** (on some models)

Use this option to extract more water from your clothes. Clothes will be drier when this option is selected and will dry more quickly in your dryer.

## D Status Indicator Lights

The Cycle Indicator Lights show what stage the washer is in. When the Selector knob is set to a new cycle, the Indicator Lights will flash momentarily, showing what stages the cycle will go through. On models without an **AUTO SOAK** option, the SOAK light will not light up.



## E Wash Cycle—Cycle Selector Knob

The wash cycle controls the length and intensity of the washing process. The knob can be turned in either direction. Turning the Cycle Selector knob after starting a cycle will stop the washer and reset the cycle to the new selection. Press **START** to begin the new cycle selection.

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<b>SPEED WASH</b>	For lightly soiled items that are needed in a hurry.
<b>DRAIN &amp; SPIN</b> OR <b>SPIN ONLY</b>	For draining the tub and spinning water out of the clothes.
<b>AUTO SOAK</b>	For very soiled clothes. Begins with a brief agitation, soaks for a specified period of time, then moves through the rest of the cycle automatically.

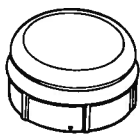
## F START

Press **START** to begin the cycle. Pressing **START** again or raising the lid will **PAUSE** the cycle and the Cycle indicator light will blink.

To continue the cycle, press **START** again or close the lid. If machine is paused more than 24 hours, the cycle will be cancelled. To stop the cycle, hold the button for 3 seconds. If water remains in the machine, select the **DRAIN & SPIN** OR **SPIN ONLY** cycle to drain tub and spin water out of the washer tub.

Raising the lid will stop agitation or spin action, but does not pause the cycle.

## About washer features.



### **The Agitator Cap or Fabric Softener Dispenser** (depending on model)

**The agitator cap** fits into the top of the agitator. If it accidentally comes off, simply put it back on.

**The fabric softener dispenser** automatically releases liquid fabric softener at the proper time during the cycle.

**Do not stop the washer during the first spin. This will cause the dispenser to empty too soon.**

To use, follow these steps:

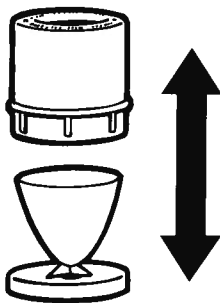
- 1** Make sure dispenser is securely attached to agitator.
- 2** Use only liquid fabric softener. Pour into dispenser, using amount recommended on package.

**Never pour fabric softener directly on clothes. It may stain them.**

- 3** Add water to dispenser until it reaches the maximum fill line.



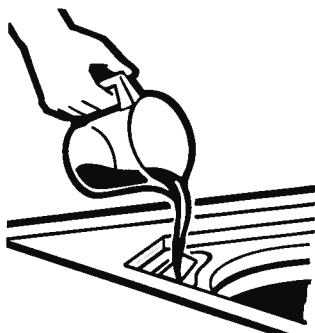
*Do not pour anything into the agitator if the agitator cap or dispenser is removed.*



Separate for cleaning

### **Cleaning the Fabric Softener Dispenser** (on some models)

- 1** Remove the dispenser from the top of the agitator.
- 2** Separate the dispenser cup from the cover by grasping the top and pushing down on the inside of the cup with your fingers. Dispenser cup will pop free from the cover.
- 3** To clean the dispenser, soak both the dispenser cup and the dispenser cover in the following solution:
  - 1 US gallon (3.8 liters) warm water
  - 1/4 cup (60 ml) heavy-duty liquid detergent
  - 1 cup (240 ml) bleach
- 4** If necessary, loosen buildup with a clean, soft cloth after soaking. Do not use a stiff brush; you may roughen the surface of the dispenser.
- 5** Rinse and reassemble dispenser. Place dispenser back on the agitator.



### **Liquid Bleach Funnel**

The water fill dilutes liquid chlorine bleach as the washer fills for the wash cycle.

- 1** Check clothing care labels for special instructions.
- 2** Measure liquid bleach carefully, following instructions on the bottle.
  - Never pour undiluted liquid chlorine bleach directly onto clothes or into the wash basket.
  - Do not pour powdered bleach into bleach funnel.
- 3** Before starting the washer, pour measured amount of bleach directly into bleach funnel. Avoid splashing or over-filling dispenser. If you prefer to use powdered bleach, add it into the wash basket with your detergent.
  - 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.



## Loading and using the washer.

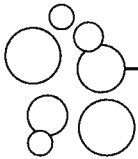
Always follow fabric manufacturer's care label when laundering.

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### Sorting Wash Loads

Sort by color (whites, lights, colors), soil level, fabric type (sturdy cottons, easy care, delicates) and whether the fabric produces lint (terry cloth, chenille) or collects lint (velveteen, corduroy).



### Proper Use of Detergent

Add detergent and start the washer before adding clothes so that the detergent can work effectively. Using too little or too much detergent is a common cause of laundry problems.

You can use less detergent if you have soft water, a smaller load or a lightly soiled load.



### Loading the Washer

Load dry items loosely, no higher than the top row of holes in the washer basket. When loading wet items, make sure you set the load/water level high enough to allow the items to move freely. Water level should just cover the clothes. To add items after washer has started, lift the lid and submerge additional items next to the agitator.

- Do not wrap long items like sheets or pants around the agitator.
- Do not wash fabrics containing flammable materials (waxes, cleaning fluids, etc.).
- Agitation will not start with the lid up.

## 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:** GE recommends changing the hoses every 5 years.

**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. See the Installation Instructions packed with product for information on how to reinstall the shipping rod to keep the tub stationary when moving the washer. For more information, visit [ge.com](http://ge.com) or call **800.GE.CARES** (800.432.2737). 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.

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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 death.

- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS:

- 1 Do not try to light a match, or cigarette, or turn on any gas or electrical appliance.
- 2 Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in your building.
- 3 Clear the room, building or area of all occupants.
- 4 Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions carefully.
- 5 If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.

### California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

This act requires the governor of California to publish a list of substances known to the state to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm and requires businesses to warn customers of potential exposure to such substances.

Gas appliances can cause minor exposure to four of these substances, namely benzene, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde and soot, caused primarily by the incomplete combustion of natural gas or LP fuels.

Properly adjusted dryers will minimize incomplete combustion. Exposure to these substances can be minimized further by properly venting the dryer to the outdoors.



## PROPER INSTALLATION

This dryer 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 visiting [ge.com](http://ge.com) or by calling **800.GE.CARES** (800.432.2737).

- Properly ground dryer 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, which could cause permanent damage and invalidate the warranty.
- Connect to a properly rated, protected and sized power supply circuit to avoid electrical overload.
- Remove all sharp packing items and dispose of all shipping materials properly.

### Exhaust/Ducting

- 1 Gas dryers **MUST** be exhausted to the outside.
- 2 Use only rigid metal 4" diameter ductwork inside the dryer cabinet. Use only rigid metal or flexible metal 4" diameter ductwork for exhausting to the outside. **USE OF PLASTIC OR OTHER COMBUSTIBLE DUCTWORK CAN CAUSE A FIRE. PUNCTURED DUCTWORK CAN CAUSE A FIRE IF IT COLLAPSES OR BECOMES OTHERWISE RESTRICTED IN USE OR DURING INSTALLATION.**

For complete details, follow the Installation Instructions.

## ⚠ WARNING!



### YOUR LAUNDRY AREA

- Keep the area underneath and around your appliances free of combustible materials, (lint, paper, rags, etc.), gasoline, chemicals and other flammable vapors and liquids.
- Keep the floor around your appliances clean and dry to reduce the possibility of slipping.
- 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.
- Keep all laundry aids (such as detergents, bleaches, etc.) out of the reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet. Observe all warnings on container labels to avoid injury.
- Never climb on or stand on the dryer top.



### WHEN USING YOUR DRYER

- Never reach into the dryer while the drum is moving. Before loading, unloading or adding clothes, wait until the drum has completely stopped.
- Clean the lint filter before each load to prevent lint accumulation inside the dryer or in the room. **DO NOT OPERATE THE DRYER WITHOUT THE LINT FILTER IN PLACE.**
- 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, etc.). These substances give off vapors that 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.
- Do not place items exposed to cooking oils in your dryer. Items contaminated with cooking oils may contribute to a chemical reaction that could cause a clothes load to catch fire.
- Any article on which you have used a cleaning solvent or that contains flammable materials (such as cleaning cloths, mops, towels used in beauty salons, restaurants or barber shops, etc.) must not be placed in or near the dryer until solvents or flammable materials have been removed. There are many highly flammable items used in homes such as acetone, denatured alcohol, gasoline, kerosene, some household cleaners, some spot removers, turpentine, waxes, wax removers and products containing petroleum distillates.
- The laundry process can reduce the flame retardancy of fabrics. To avoid such a result, carefully follow the garment manufacturer's care instructions.
- Do not dry articles containing rubber, plastic or similar materials such as padded bras, tennis shoes, galoshes, bath mats, rugs, bibs, baby pants, plastic bags, pillows, etc. that may melt or burn. Some rubber materials, when heated, can under certain circumstances produce fire by spontaneous combustion.
- Do not store plastic, paper or clothing that may burn or melt on top of the dryer during operation.
- Garments labeled *Dry Away from Heat* or *Do Not Tumble Dry* (such as life jackets containing Kapok) must not be put in your dryer.
- Do not dry fiberglass articles in your dryer. Skin irritation could result from the remaining particles that may be picked up by clothing during subsequent dryer uses.
- To minimize the possibility of electric shock, unplug this appliance from the power supply or disconnect the dryer at the household distribution panel by removing the fuse or switching off the circuit breaker 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 or pressing PAUSE does **NOT** disconnect the appliance from the power supply.

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## ⚠ WARNING!



### WHEN USING YOUR DRYER (cont.)

- 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.
- The interior of the machine and the exhaust duct connection inside the dryer should be cleaned at least once a year by a qualified technician. See the *Loading and Using the Dryer* section.
- If yours is a gas dryer, it is equipped with an automatic electric ignition and does not have a pilot light. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LIGHT WITH A MATCH.** Burns may result from having your hand in the vicinity of the burner when the automatic ignition turns on.
- You may wish to soften your laundered fabrics or reduce the static electricity in them by using a dryer-applied fabric softener or an anti-static conditioner. We recommend you use either a fabric softener in the wash cycle, according to the manufacturer's instructions for those products, or try a dryer-added product for which the manufacturer gives written assurance on the package that their product can be safely used in your dryer. Service or performance problems caused by use of these products are the responsibility of the manufacturers of those products and are not covered under the warranty to this appliance.



### WHEN NOT USING YOUR DRYER

- Grasp the plug firmly when disconnecting this appliance to avoid damage to the cord while pulling. Place the cord away from traffic areas so it will not be stepped on, tripped over or subjected to damage.
- Do not attempt to repair or replace any part of this appliance or attempt any servicing unless specifically recommended in this Owner's Manual or in published user-repair instructions that you understand and have the skills to carry out.
- Before discarding a dryer, or removing it from service, remove the dryer door to prevent children from hiding inside.
- Do not tamper with controls.



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**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

## Loading and using the dryer.

Always follow the fabric manufacturer's care label when laundering.



### Sorting and Loading Hints

As a general rule, if clothes are sorted properly for the washer, they are sorted properly for the dryer.

Do not add fabric softener sheets once the load has become warm. They may cause fabric softener stains. Bounce® Fabric Conditioner Dryer Sheets have been approved for use in all GE Dryers when used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**Do not overload.** This wastes energy and causes wrinkling.

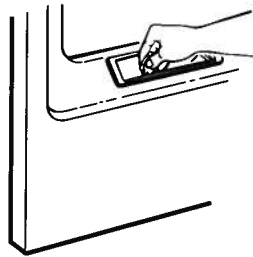
**Do not dry the following items:** fiberglass items, woolens, rubber-coated items, plastics, items with plastic trim and foam-filled items.



### Care and Cleaning of the Dryer

**The Exterior:** Wipe or dust any spills or washing compounds with a damp cloth. Dryer control panel and finishes may be damaged by some laundry pretreatment soil and stain remover products. Apply these products away from the dryer. The fabric may then be washed and dried normally. Damage to your dryer caused by these products is not covered by your warranty.

**The Lint Filter:** Clean the lint filter before each use. Moisten your fingers and reach into the filter opening. Run your fingers across the filter. Have a qualified technician vacuum the lint from the dryer once a year.



**Stainless Steel:** To clean stainless steel surfaces, use a damp cloth with a mild, non-abrasive cleaner suitable for stainless steel surfaces. Remove the cleaner residue, and then dry with a clean cloth.

**The Exhaust Duct:** Inspect and clean the exhaust ducting at least once a year to prevent clogging. A partially clogged exhaust can lengthen the drying time.

Follow these steps:

- 1 Turn off electrical supply by disconnecting the plug from the wall socket.
- 2 Disconnect the duct from the dryer.
- 3 Vacuum the duct with the hose attachment and reconnect the duct.

**The Exhaust Hood:** Check from the outside that the flaps of the hood move freely when operating. Make sure that there is not wildlife (birds, insects, etc.) nesting inside the duct or hood.