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VVSR1070
VBXR1090
VBSR3100
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VLXR1020

Write the model and serial numbers here:

Model #\_\_\_\_\_

Serial #\_\_\_\_\_

You can find them behind the control panel on the back of your washer.

## 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 visiting **Hotpoint.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.
- Properly ground washer to conform with all governing codes and ordinances. Follow details in Installation Instructions.

Use this

appliance

only for its

purpose as

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# YOUR LAUNDRY AREA

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

## 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, 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.

Turn off water faucets to relieve pressure on hoses

and valves and to minimize leakage if a break or

fill hoses; they should be replaced every 5 years.

Before discarding a washer, or removing it from

rupture should occur. Check the condition of the

WHEN NOT IN USE

from hiding inside.

- 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.
  - 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 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.
  - 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.
- service, remove the washer lid to prevent children **Do not tamper with controls**.

READ AND FOLLOW THIS SAFETY INFORMATION CAREFULLY.
 SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

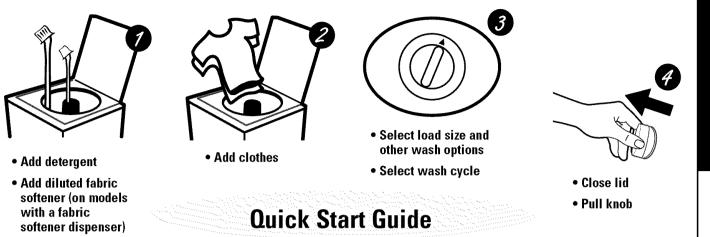
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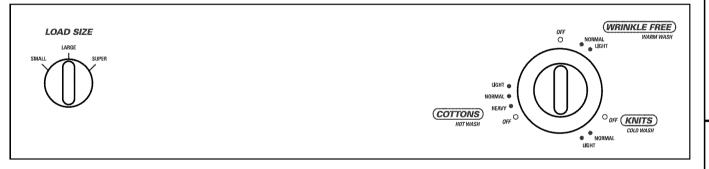
## About the washer control panel.

(models VVSR1070, VBXR1090, VBSR3100, and VLXR1020)

You can locate your model number on the back of your washer, behind the control panel.



#### Model VVSR1070



#### Model VBXR1090



#### Model VBSR3100



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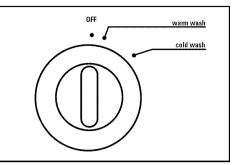
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## About the washer control panel (cont.)

#### Model VLXR1020



## Control settings.



#### **Load Size**

Loosely load clothes no higher than the top row of holes in the washer tub. The water level should just cover the clothes. Adjust the load size accordingly.



#### Temperature

Select the water temperature for the wash and rinse cycles. On some models, the temperature is controlled by the wash cycle knob. Always follow fabric manufacturer's care label or instructions when laundering.

#### Wash Cycle (on some models)

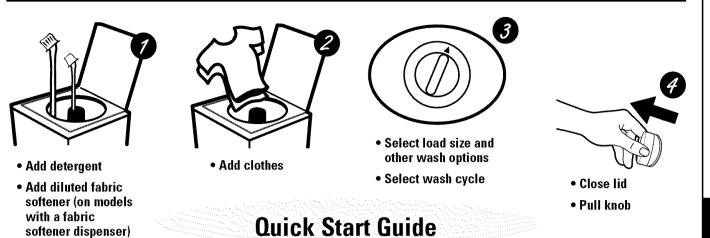
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**COTTONS** For heavy to lightly soiled cottons, household linens, work and play clothes.

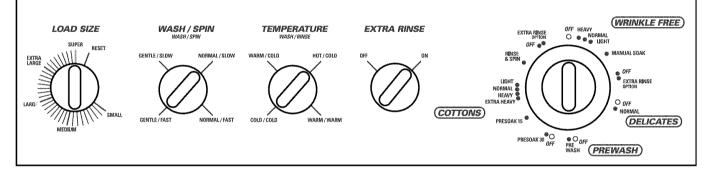
WRINKLE FREE For easy care, wrinkle-free and permanent press items.				
KNITS Specially designed for normally soiled knits.				
DELICATES	For lingerie and special-care fabrics with light to normal soil.			

## About the washer control panel.

(model VWSR4150)



#### Model VWSR4150



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The agitator moves clothes around for a cleaner wash; the basket spins later in the cycle to release water from the load. The Wash/Spin Speed dial sets the speed of both the agitator and the basket.

#### Wash Speeds

With Normal wash speed, the agitator will move at a higher speed. Use for cottons, denims and play clothes.

With Gentle wash speed, the agitator moves slower. Use for delicate and knit items.

#### Spin Speeds

The Fast spin speed is for normal items. Use it to remove more water from your clothes to allow them to dry faster in the dryer.

**The Slow spin speed** is for delicate items like sweaters and lingerie. When using Slow spin speed, clothes will be less dry than when using Fast spin speed.



#### Wash Cycle

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WRINKLE FREE	For easy care, wrinkle-free and permanent press items.			
DELICATES	<b>DELICATES</b> For lingerie and special-care fabrics with light to normal soil.			
PREWASH	For heavily soiled clothes or for clothes with a care label that recommends prewashing before washing.			

#### Extra Rinse

When you use extra detergent or bleach to clean heavily soiled clothes, you may want to use the Extra Rinse option. This option provides a second deep cold rinse in the **COTTONS** and **WRINKLE** FREE cycles. Turn the Extra Rinse knob to ON. The washer will pause for a few minutes before the Extra Rinse option begins.

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#### 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:

Make sure dispenser is securely attached to agitator.

Use only liquid fabric softener. Pour into dispenser, using amount recommended on package.

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

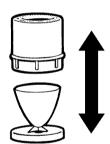
Add water to dispenser until it reaches the maximum fill line.



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

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

Remove the dispenser from the top of the agitator.



Separate for cleaning.

the cover. To clean the dispenser, soak both the dispenser cup and the dispenser cover in the following solution:

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

- 1 US gallon (3.8 liters) warm water
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) heavy duty liquid detergent
- 1 cup (240 ml) bleach

If necessary, loosen build-up 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 Dispenser (on some models)

The dispenser dilutes liquid chlorine bleach before it reaches into your wash load.

- Check clothing care labels for special instructions.
- 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 dispenser.

3 Before starting the washer, pour measured amount of bleach directly into bleach dispenser. 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.



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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).



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

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



# Loading the Washer

cause of laundry problems.

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, 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 long items like sheets or pants around the agitator.
- Do not wash fabrics containing flammable materials (waxes, cleaning fluids, etc.).
- Water will fill and pump out of the washer and the timer will advance with the lid up, but as a safety precaution the washer will not agitate or spin.

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# 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:* The lint filter is located under the agitator. It is self-cleaning and requires no maintenance.

**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 *Hotpoint.com*, or call *800.GE.CARES* (800.432.2737). Do not store the washer where it will be exposed to the weather.

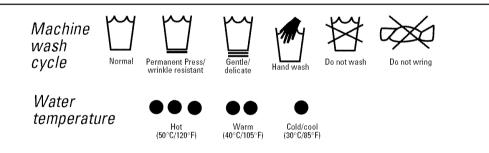
*Long Vacations:* Be sure water supply is shut off at faucets. Drain all water from hoses if weather will be below freezing.



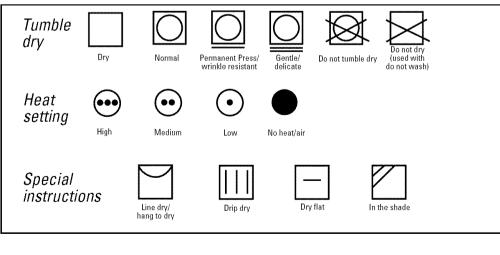
# Fabric Care Labels

Below are fabric care label "symbols" that affect the clothing you will be laundering.

### WASH LABELS



#### DRY LABELS



#### **BLEACH LABELS**



# Before you call for service...



Troubleshooting Tips Save time and money! Review the charts on the following pages, or visit **Hotpoint.com**. You may not need to call for service.

VATER	Possible Causes	What To Do	
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.	
	Too much detergent	• Measure your detergent carefully. Use less soap if you have soft water, a smaller load, or a lightly soiled load.	
Water leaks	Fill hoses or drain hose is improperly connected	• Make sure hose connections are tight at faucets and rubber washers are installed. Make sure end of drain hose is correctly inserted in and secured to drain facility	
	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 should be replaced every 5 years.</li> </ul>	
	Using too much detergent in washer	• Use less detergent. Use less soap if you have soft water, a smaller load, or a lightly soiled load.	
Water temperature is incorrect	Control is not set properly	• Check water temperature control (on some models) or Cycle knob and adjust.	
	Water supply is turned off or improperly connected	• Turn both hot and cold faucets fully on and make sure hoses are connected to correct faucets.	
	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 o	
	House water heater is not set properly	• Make sure house water heater is delivering water at 120°F–140°F (48°C–60°C).	
Water won't drain	Drain hose is kinked or improperly connected	• Straighten drain hose and make sure washer is not sittin on it.	
		• Top of drain outlet should be less than 8 ft. (2.5 m) above floor.	

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DPERATION	Possible Causes	What To Do	
Washer pauses in cycle	The washer normally pauses between washing steps.		
Washer won't operate	Washer is unplugged	• Make sure cord is plugged securely into a working outlet	
	Water supply is turned off	• Turn both hot and cold faucets fully on.	
	Controls are not set properly	• Check controls and make sure Cycle knob is pulled out to <b>0N</b> position.	
	Lid is open – safety feature prevents agitation and spinning when lid is up	• Close lid and reset cycle, to the beginning if necessary.	
	Circuit breaker/fuse is tripped/blown	• Check house circuit breakers/fuses. Replace fuses or reset breaker. Washer should have separate outlet.	

PERFORMANCE	Possible Causes	What To Do	
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	• Sort whites or lightly colored items from dark colors.	
Grayed or yellowed	Not enough detergent	• Use more detergent (especially with larger loads).	
clothes	Hard water	• Use a water conditioner like Calgon brand or install a water softener.	
	Water is not hot enough	• Make sure water heater is delivering water at 120°F–140°F (48°C–60°C).	
	Washer is overloaded	• Select load size to match clothes load.	
	Detergent is not dissolving	• Add detergent as wash basket fills with water before you load clothes.	
	Dye transfer	• Sort clothes by color. If fabric label states <i>wash separatel</i> unstable dyes may be indicated.	
Lint or residue on clothes	Clothes are air or line dried	• If you do not dry your clothes with a clothes dryer, your clothes may retain more lint.	
	Incorrect sorting	• Separate lint producers from lint collectors.	
	Washing too long	• Wash small loads for a shorter time than larger loads.	
	Detergent not dissolving	• Add detergent as wash basket fills with water, before you load clothes.	
		• Try a liquid detergent.	
		• Use warmer water temperature.	
	Overloading	• Load clothes no higher than the top row of holes in the washer tub.	
		• Make sure load size selector matches clothes load size.	
	Incorrect use of fabric softener	• Check fabric softener package for instructions and follow directions for using dispenser.	

# Before you call for service...

PERFORMANCE (cont.)	Possible Causes	What To Do	
Pilling	Result of normal wear on poly-cotton blends and fuzzy fabrics	• While this is not caused by the washer, you can slow the pilling process by washing garments inside out.	
Snags, holes, tears, rips	buttons, belt buckles, zippers and sharp objects	• Fasten snaps, hooks, buttons and zippers.	
or excessive wear		<ul> <li>Remove loose items like pins, objects in pockets and sharp buttons.</li> </ul>	
	left in pockets	• Turn knits (which snag easily) inside out.	
	Undiluted chlorine bleach	• Check bleach package instructions for proper amount.	
		<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	• Rinse items that may have chemicals on them before washing.	
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 easy care loads).</li> </ul>	
	Repeated washing in water that is too hot	• Wash in warm or cold water.	

NOISE	Possible Causes	What To Do	
Washer is noisy	Washer is uneven	• To level the front of the washer, adjust the front leveling legs by rotating the individual leg in the proper direction for up or down. To level back of washer, lift back of machine 4" (11 cm) and set down.	
	Washer load is unbalanced	• Push the Cycle knob in to stop the washer, open the lid and redistribute the load evenly. Close the lid and restart.	
	Shipping rod is still assembled in unit	• To remove shipping rod from washer, pull yellow tag and attached rod from the bottom right hand side of washer.	
	Washer is sitting too close to wall (causes knocking during cycle)	• Pull washer away from the wall; about 4" (11 cm) is needed.	

*****	OTHER	Possible Causes	What To Do
	Labels on the exterior of the washer will not peel off cleanly	Occasionally the adhesive used on the labels does not release cleanly	• Use a hair dryer set at the lowest heat setting, directing the air at the label for a short amount of time. This will release the adhesive easily, without damaging the surface of the washer.

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Thank you for purchasing our product and thank you for placing your confidence in us. We are proud to have you as a customer!

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Complete and mail your Consumer Product Ownership Registration today. Have the peace of mind of knowing we can contact you in the unlikely event of a safety modification.	After mailing the registration below, store this document in a safe place. It contains information you will need should you require service. Our service number is 800.GE.CARES (800.432.2737).	Read your Owner's Manual carefully. It will help you operate your new appliance properly.		
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Important: If you did not get a registration card with your product, detach and return the form below to ensure that your product is registered, or register online at Hotpoint.com.				
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## Hotpoint Washer Warranty.



All warranty service provided by our Factory Service Centers, or an authorized Customer Care<sup>®</sup> technician. To schedule service, on-line, 24 hours a day, visit us at www.Hotpoint.com, or call 800.GE.CARES (800.432.2737). Staple your receipt here. Proof of the original purchase date is needed to obtain service under the warranty.

For The Period Of:	We Will Replace:
<b>One Year</b> From the date of the original purchase	<b>Any part</b> of the washer which fails due to a defect in materials or workmanship. During this <b>full one-year warranty</b> , we will also provide, <b>free of charge</b> , all labor and in-home service to replace the defective part.
<i>Five Years</i> From the date of the original purchase	<i>The transmission</i> , if it should fail due to a defect in materials or workmanship. During this <i>additional four-year limited warranty</i> , you will be responsible for any labor or in-home service costs.
<i>Twenty Years</i> From the date of the original purchase	<b>The washer basket,</b> if it should fail due to a defect in materials or workmanship. During this <b>additional nineteen-year limited warranty</b> , 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.
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- 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 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.

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