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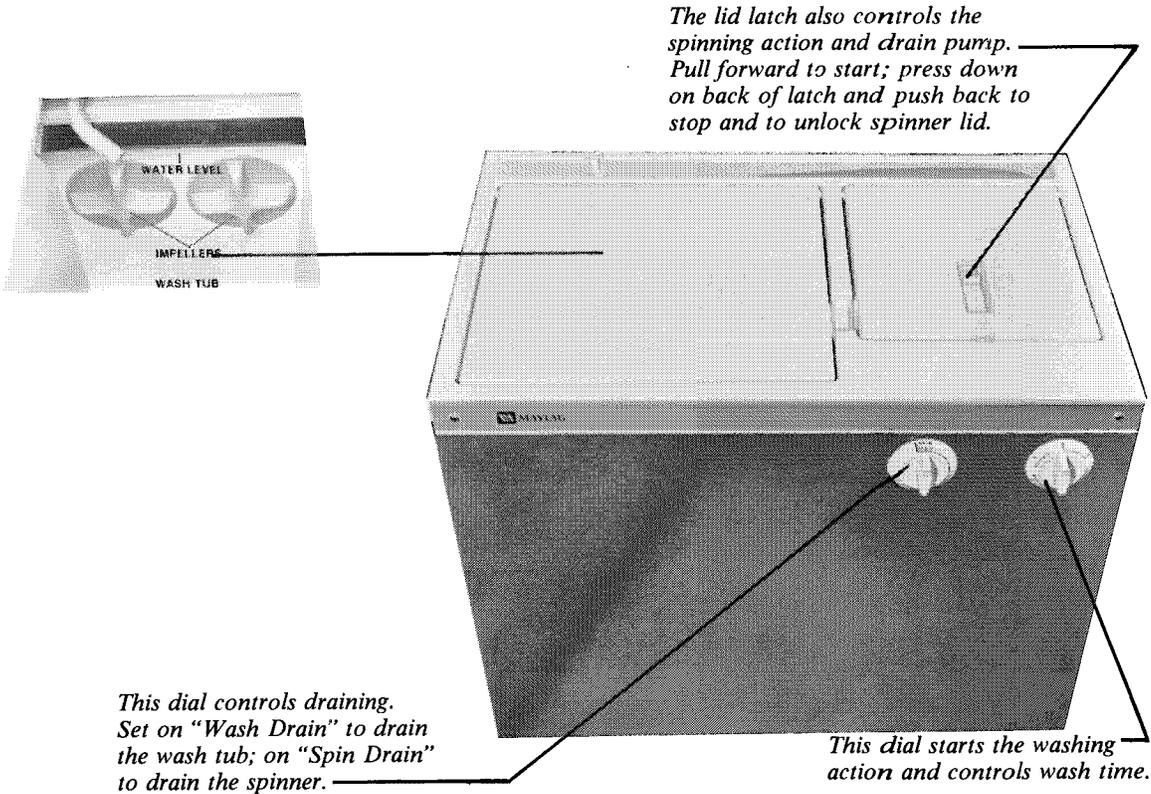
# Operating Instructions for **MAYTAG** Porta-Washer®, Model A50

For future reference we suggest you record the model number, series number, and serial number (six numbers and two letters) of this portable washer in the spaces provided below.

This information can be found on the data plate located on the upper left-hand corner of the back.

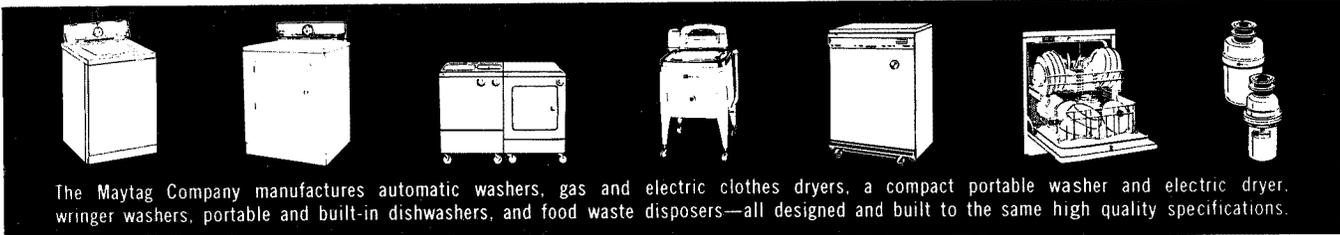
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## THE CONTROLS



**Be sure to read the PERSONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS on page 8 before you start to use this washer.**

Service manuals and parts catalogs are available from the Service Dept., The Maytag Company, Newton, Iowa, 50208, at a nominal charge.



## *BEFORE WASHING*

### *SORT CLOTHES INTO LOADS.*

1. The garments should be properly sorted according to color—white, light or dark; construction—regular or delicate; fabric—regular or permanent press; and amount of soil—heavy or light.
2. When washing more than one load in the same water, the least soiled, lightest colored load should be washed first. For best results, additional detergent may be necessary to maintain a good blanket of suds.
3. The size of the load is very important. The garments should move freely during washing.

To determine load size: Fill the tub with water, start washing action, add clothing a piece at a time only as long as there is free movement of the clothes through

the water. Some typical full loads are:

- 1 Double sheet, 1 pillowcase, 2 towels, 1 T-shirt, 2 shorts and 2 washcloths.
  - 3 Slacks, 1 sweatshirt, 2 pair socks, 1 dress.
  - 1 Bedspread.
  - 3 Bath towels, 2 hand towels, 2 washcloths, 1 nightgown, 1 pair socks.
  - 2 Work pants, 4 knit shirts, 2 pair socks.
  - 2 Twin sheets, 1 T-shirt, 2 pillowcases, 4 washcloths, 1 tea towel, and 1 pair crew socks.
4. Wash only one very large item, such as a double sheet, with a number of smaller items per load. Put in larger items first.

### *GET EACH LOAD READY TO WASH.*

1. Empty all pockets. Shake out any loose dirt. Brush dirt and lint out of cuffs.
2. Sew up any rips, tears or pulled seams before washing. If you do not do this, the washing process may make them worse.
3. Close zippers and hooks; tie loose apron or pajama strings together; remove loose belts. Remove pins, ornaments, or trim which you know or suspect will not wash well.

4. Remove spots and stains. Pre-treat by briskly rubbing heavily soiled areas with liquid laundry detergent or a paste made of granular laundry detergent and water; or, pre-soak using a laundry additive containing enzymes. Prewash spray products may be more convenient to use than rubbing detergent into the stain. When using a prewash spray, add a little extra detergent when laundering the stained item. The spray may soften fingernail polish, so be careful to avoid rubbing your fingernail polish off the clothes you are treating.

## *SPECIFIC WASHING INSTRUCTIONS*

### *TO WASH:*

1. Make certain the time control dial is "off." Plug power cord into adequately grounded, 3-prong receptacle.

2. Connect funnel end of fill hose to the faucet. The funnel end of the fill hose must be rolled back so that it will fit tightly on the faucet. You may leave it rolled back or you may wish to cut off the excess.

3. Turn on water and adjust for proper temperature. *HOT* for whites and for heavily soiled colorfast articles; *WARM* for colorfast articles not heavily soiled, for delicates, and for permanent press articles if they are to be dryer dried;

*COLD* for lightly soiled permanent press articles, brightly colored articles, and washable woolsens to minimize shrinking.

*Always fill wash tub to the front edge of the black water level indicator bar (see front page). Return fill hose to the sink.*

4. Add detergent and also bleach (if necessary).

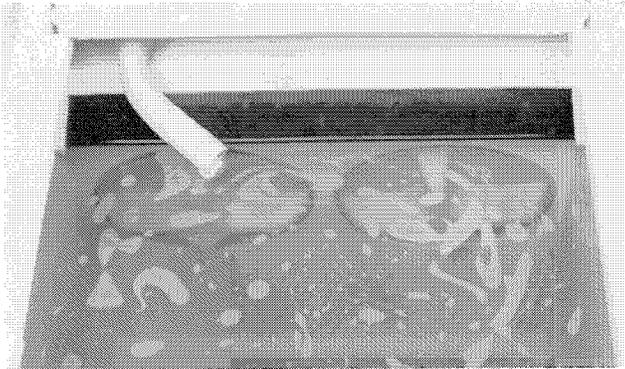
Use any laundry detergent in the manufacturer's recommended amount for a *front-loading* washer. However, if the water is very soft, or if you consistently wash lightly soiled clothes, you may find it desirable to use a controlled or regulated sudsing detergent such as: Ad, Ajax, all, Bold, Cold Power, Dash, Gain, Punch. Make allowance for hard water and/or heavily soiled garments by adding more detergent.

If the clothes need to be bleached, use from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of liquid chlorine bleach, depending upon the amount of soil on the clothes.

Add bleach to wash water after adding detergent. Granular bleaches, whether oxygen or chlorine based, should be used according to package directions.

5. Turn time control dial to 1 minute.

Put clothes in the wash tub one or two items at a time. The movement of the impellers will help dissolve the detergent and will pull the clothes down into the water. Do not put your hands in the tub while the impellers are moving.

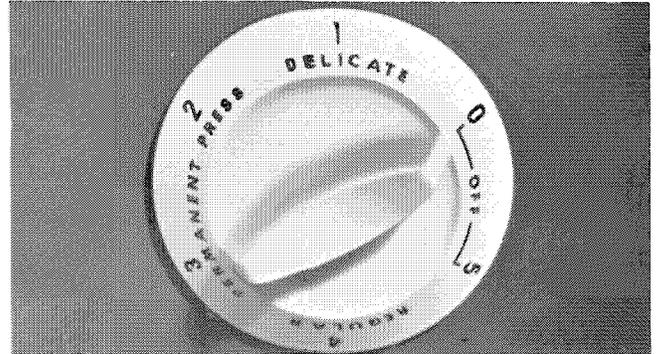


6. Close lid and reset time control dial to the desired washing time:

**DELICATE** - This setting is used to wash garments of delicate construction, sheer fabrics, or for lace-trimmed garments. It provides up to 1½ minutes of water action.

**PERMANENT PRESS** - This setting provides 2 to 3 minutes of wash time for permanent press articles, nylons, acrylics, polyesters, and blends of these with other fibers.

**REGULAR** - Use this setting for 4 to 5 minutes of washing for typical cottons and linens, such as, sheets, kitchen linens, towels, etc. Heavily soiled, sturdy items will be washed best on this setting.

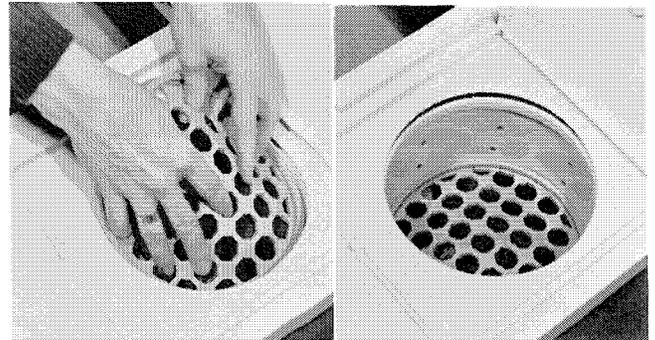


7. When the time control dial stops at 0, the load is ready to put into the spinner.

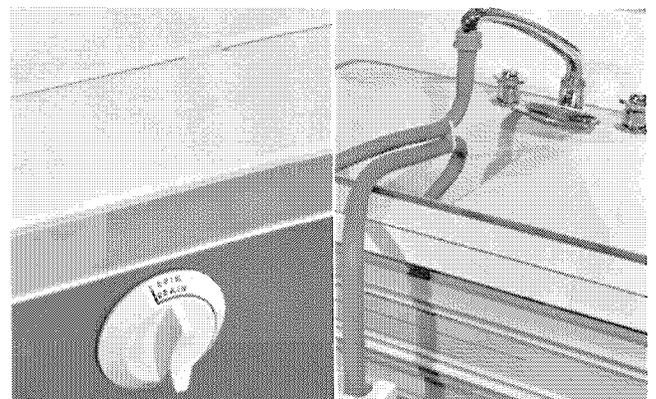
### **TO REMOVE WATER FROM THE CLOTHES:**

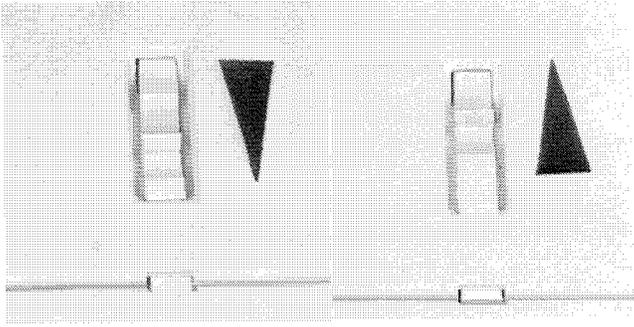
1. Open lid of spinner and take the rubber cover out. Take garments from the wash tub and put them in the spinner. A load that fits in the wash tub will fit in the spinner.

Place rubber cover in the spinner on top of the load and press down firmly. For permanent press garments, put rubber cover on top of the load but do not press down.



2. Drain dial should be on "Spin Drain." If you are washing just one load, drain hose should be in the sink and clipped to the fill hose. If you are going to wash more clothes, the drain hose may be left in the storage position so water will return to the wash tub from the spinner.





3. Close spinner lid and pull lid latch forward until it locks into place. This starts the spinner. Allow it to spin approximately one minute for regular fabrics; 15 seconds for delicates, permanent press and 30 seconds for washable woolens. *Stop spinner by pressing down on back of latch and pushing it back.* (If the spinner vibrates excessively, it should be stopped and with the rubber cover in place, the load should be pressed down very firmly.)

4. Remove clothes from spinner after it has completely stopped. They are now ready for rinsing. If you intend to wash more loads in the same water, set the washed loads aside until the others have been washed before you start rinsing. Operate spinner briefly with drain control set at Spin Drain position until water stops running from drain hose to remove any water remaining in spin chamber.

#### ***TO WASH ANOTHER LOAD IN THE SAME WATER:***

1. Be sure drain hose is in receptacle in top of washer.
- 2 Add one or two tablespoons of detergent to maintain a rich blanket of suds. Add water if necessary to make sure water is at the indicator bar.
3. If clothes need to be bleached, add at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the original amount.

To complete procedure, follow steps 5, 6, and 7 on pages 3 and 4.

#### ***TO DRAIN WASH TUB:***

Make certain no items are left in the wash tub over drain opening and that the drain hose is in the sink. Turn the drain control dial to "Wash Drain."

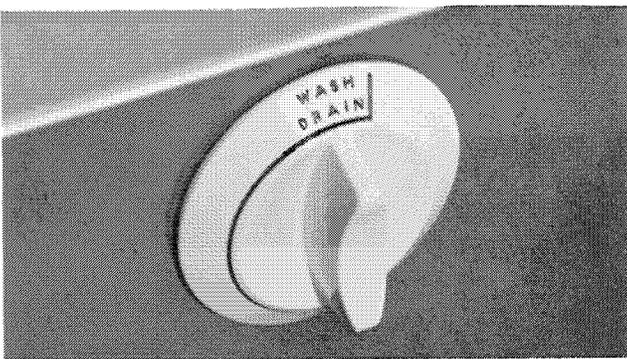
Place rubber guard in spinner, close lid and pull lid latch forward, locking into position. (If the rubber cover is not placed in the spinner, the spinner may whistle while the washer is being drained.) ***THE LID LATCH MUST BE IN THE CLOSED POSITION FOR THE WASH TUB TO DRAIN.***

The fill hose may be used to rinse suds from the sides of the wash tub as the water drains.

If water is still in the tub but not coming out of the hose, push the lid latch back, pause briefly, then pull the lid latch forward into the locked position again. The water will then drain.

After the wash tub is emptied, stop spinner. Turn drain control dial to "Spin Drain."

Remove lint, etc., from drain screen in the bottom of the tub. Leave drain hose over edge of sink.



## ***TO RINSE:***

1. *Fill wash tub to front edge of black water level indicator bar.*

Loads may be rinsed in the same water but it will be necessary to add more water for the additional loads.

2. If desired, add fabric softener to rinse water according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If reusing rinse water, another capful of softener must be added before rinsing the second load.

3. Turn time control dial on so that the impellers will be moving as you add the clothes.

4. Close lid and set time control dial for 1 minute for regular and permanent press garments; 15 to 30 seconds for delicates and washable woolens.

5. When the time control dial stops at 0, the load is ready to be put in the spinner. Allow it to spin for approximately 3 minutes for regular fabrics; approximately 30 seconds for delicates and permanent press; and 1 minute for washable woolens.

6. Remove clothes from spinner after it has completely stopped. They are ready to be dried. Operate spinner briefly with drain control in Spin Drain position until water stops running from drain hose.

## ***SPECIAL PROCEDURES***

### ***PERMANENT PRESS***

1. Launder lightly soiled permanent press garments in cold water to minimize wrinkling. Heavily soiled or stained garments may have to be washed in warm water. If you have a dryer, all permanent press articles can be washed in warm water.

2. Do not overload wash tub.

3. After washing, place garments loosely in spinner. Put the rubber cover on top of the load but do not press down. Spin for 15 seconds. Remove garments from spinner.

4. For best results, rinse in cold water, using fabric softener.

5. Take garments out of spinner after it has completely stopped. Hang or dryer dry immediately.

### ***WASHABLE WOOLENS***

1. Launder washable woolens in cold water to minimize shrinking.

2. Fill wash tub. Turn time control dial on. Add detergent. After detergent is dissolved, turn the time control dial to "off."

3. Put the articles in the wash tub and push them down into the water.

4. Close lid and set time control dial for approximately 15 seconds. After the 15-second wash, allow garments to soak for 10 minutes. Then turn time control dial on for another 15 seconds.

5. Put the load in the spinner and spin for 30 seconds.

6. Refill wash tub with cold water for rinsing.

7. Put clothes in the wash tub and push them down into the water. Turn time control dial to 15 seconds.

8. Put clothes in the spinner and spin for 1 minute.

9. Take garments out of spinner after it has completely stopped, block to shape, air dry on a flat surface. Or, dryer dry *if specifically recommended by the manufacturer.*

**SUGGESTED OPERATING TIMES**

	<i>WASH</i>	<i>SPIN</i>	<i>RINSE</i>	<i>SPIN</i>
Regular	4 - 5 Min.	1 Min.	1 Min.	3 Min.
Permanent Press	2 - 3 Min.	15 Sec.	1 Min.	30 Sec.
Delicates	1 Min.	15 Sec.	15 - 30 Sec.	30 Sec.
Washable Woolens	Wash - 15 Sec. Soak - 10 Min. Wash - 15 Sec.	30 Sec.	15 - 30 Sec.	1 Min.

***IF YOUR MAYTAG APPLIANCE DOESN'T WORK, FOLLOW THESE FOUR STEPS, IN ORDER, UNTIL YOUR PROBLEM IS SOLVED:***

1. Avoid the expense of an unnecessary service call by checking to make sure—
  - ...that the appliance is properly plugged into a live electrical outlet;
  - ...that fuse or circuit breaker is OK; replace fuse or reset circuit breaker if necessary;
  - ...that the controls are properly set; re-read the operating instructions if necessary.
2. Call your MAYTAG dealer's service department or the service organization he recommends.
3. Write to: Service Department  
The Maytag Company  
Newton, Iowa 50208
4. Write to; Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel  
20 North Wacker Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

**NOTE:** When writing about an unsolved service problem, please include the following information:

- (a) Your name, address, and telephone number;
- (b) Model number, series number, and serial number (found on the upper left-hand corner of the back);
- (c) Name and address of your dealer and date the appliance was bought;
- (d) A clear description of the problem you are having.

## PERSONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Products with a  label have been listed with Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.—those with a CSA tag have been listed with Canadian Standards Association. Nevertheless, as with any equipment using electrical and moving parts, there is a potential hazard. To use this appliance safely, the operator should become familiar with the instructions for operation of the washer and *always* exercise care while using the appliance.

In use of the appliance, observe the following precautions for personal safety.

1. This washer, as in the case of all other electrical appliances, must be adequately grounded to avoid the possibility of electrical shock. It is grounded through the third prong of the power cord when plugged into a 3-prong grounded receptacle. Although not recommended, if a 2-prong adapter is used, the green wire on the adapter must be attached to a proper ground. When unplugging the appliance, pull the cord from the grounded adapter leaving the adapter plugged into the receptacle. *ALL WIRING AND GROUNDING SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL AND NATIONAL CODES.*

2. After raising the spinner lid, and before reaching in, *BE SURE THE SPINNER BASKET HAS STOPPED SPINNING COMPLETELY.*

This washer is designed so that whenever the spinner lid is unlatched, the power is cut off, and the tub brake will bring the spinner to a complete stop within seconds.

3. *CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE, OR PLAY IN, WITH OR AROUND THIS WASHER.*

4. *TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF EXPLOSION*, any material on which you have used a cleaning solvent, or which is saturated with flammable liquids or solids, should not be placed in the washer until all traces of the flammable liquids or solids and their fumes have been removed. There are many highly flammable items used in homes, such as: acetone, denatured alcohol, gasoline, kerosene, some liquid household cleaners, some spot removers, turpentine, waxes or wax removers.

5. This washer is designed for operation on an adequately wired 115 volt, 60 cycle electric circuit protected by a 15 amp. fuse (or comparable circuit breaker). If the washer is to be operated on other than an individual branch circuit, that is, if other electrical appliances are to be plugged into the same circuit and operated at the same time, consult with your Maytag dealer or electric utility for instructions.

## PORTABLE WASHER WARRANTY

### Full One-Year Warranty

For **one (1) year** from the date of original retail purchase any part which fails in normal home use, including a cabinet which rusts, will be repaired or replaced within a reasonable time free of charge when the appliance is located in the United States or Canada. Appliances located elsewhere are covered by the limited warranty, including parts for the first year.

### Additional Limited Parts Warranty

After the first year from the date of original retail purchase, through the following time periods, the designated parts which fail in normal home use will be repaired or replaced within a reasonable time free of charge for the part itself, with the owner paying only the cost of labor: **2nd year** — all parts, including a cabinet that rusts; **3rd through 5th year** — a cabinet that rusts.

### How and Where to Receive Warranty Service

- Call or write the authorized Maytag dealer from whom the appliance was purchased or the authorized service firm designated by it.
- If the owner moves from the selling dealer's servicing area after purchase, call or write any authorized Maytag dealer or authorized service firm in or near the new location.
- Should the owner not receive satisfactory warranty service from one of the above, call or write Service Department, The Maytag Company, Newton, Iowa 50208; and arrangements for warranty service will be made.

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

 **THE MAYTAG COMPANY, NEWTON, IOWA 50208**