# Dishwasher

# Use & Care Guide

Tower Wash System



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#### Versión en español

Si desea obtener una copia en español de este Manual del Usuario, sírvase escribir a la dirección que se incluye a continuación. Solicite la P/N 154749703, Spanish Use & Care Manual, Electrolux Home Products North America, P.O. Box 212378, Augusta, GA 30917.

# Record All Information For Future Reference

Brand:	Purchase Date:
Model #:	
Serial #:	
	(see Features page for location)

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## **Important Safety Instructions**

# AWARNING

This symbol will help alert you to such dangers as personal injury, burns, fire, and electrical shock.

# AWARNING

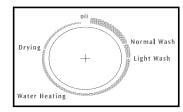
To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, or injury when using your dishwasher, follow basic precautions including the following:

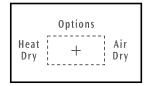
- Read all instructions before using your dishwasher.
- Use your dishwasher only as instructed in this Use and Care Manual.
- This Manual does not cover every possible condition and situation that may occur. Use common sense and caution when installing, operating and maintaining any appliance.
- NSF certified residential dishwashers are not intended for licensed food establishments.
- DISHWASHER MUST BE ELECTRICALLY GROUNDED. Read the Installation Instructions for details.
- This dishwasher is designed to operate on regular house current (120 V, 60 Hz). Use a circuit equipped with a 15 ampere fuse or circuit breaker. Use a 20 ampere fuse if dishwasher is connected with a food waste disposer.
- Do not operate dishwasher unless all enclosure panels are in their proper place.
- To avoid entrapment and/or suffocation, remove door or door latch mechanism from any dishwasher that is discarded or not in use.
- Keep young children and infants away from dishwasher when it is operating.
- Do not let children abuse, sit, stand or play on door or racks of a dishwasher.
- Use only detergents and rinse agents recommended for use in a dishwasher.
- Store dishwasher detergent and rinse agents out of the reach of children.
- Do not wash plastic items unless marked "dishwasher safe" or the equivalent. Check with manufacturer for recommendations, if not marked. Items that are not dishwasher safe may melt and create a potential fire hazard.
- If the dishwasher drains into a food disposer, make sure disposer is completely empty before running dishwasher.

- Disconnect electrical power to dishwasher before servicing.
- Repairs should be done by a qualified technician.
- Do not tamper with controls.
- Do not touch the heating element during or immediately after use.
- Use care unloading the dishware when the SANITIZE option has been selected. Contents may be hot to the touch immediately after the end of cycle.
- Water vapor from the vent may be hot to the touch when the SANITIZE option has been selected. Use care and do not let small children play around or touch the vent area of the dishwasher.
- · When loading items to be washed:
  - Locate sharp items and knives so that they are not likely to damage the door seal or tub.
  - Load sharp items and knives with the handles up to reduce the risk of cut-type injuries.
- Under certain conditions, hydrogen gas may be produced in a hot water system that has not been used for 2 weeks or more. HYDROGEN GAS IS EXPLOSIVE. If hot water system has not been used for such a period, before using dishwasher, turn on all hot water faucets and let water flow from each for several minutes. This will release any accumulated hydrogen gas. HYDROGEN GAS IS FLAMMABLE. Do not smoke or use an open flame during this time.
- Do not store or use combustible materials, gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.

# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

# **Operating Instructions**





Appearance may vary from your model.

## Wash Cycle Selections

#### Normal Wash

For regularly soiled dishes and silverware:

- Turn dial to NORMAL WASH.
- · Select desired OPTIONS.

## **Light Wash**

For lightly soiled or pre-rinsed dishes and silverware:

- Turn dial to LIGHT WASH.
- Select desired OPTIONS.

# **Energy Options Hot or Heat Dry Option**

HOT or HEAT DRY option provides faster drying since the heating element is on during the drying portion of the cycle.

The HOT or HEAT DRY option in combination with rinse aid will give you excellent drying results. The energy to use HOT or HEAT DRY costs pennies per cycle. You may turn off the HOT or HEAT DRY option, however you will have items in your dish load that will not be dry at the end of the cycle.

## Cool or Air Dry Option

COOL or AIR DRY option saves electricity since the heating element is off during the drying portion of the cycle. To speed drying process, open the door slightly after the cycle is complete.

Some water droplets may remain on door and tub and in areas where dishes touch silverware basket and rack.

With either option, you may see water vapor coming from vent during drying portion of cycle.

The drying option may be changed at any time during the cycle and affects only the drying period.

## **Water Heating Delay**

This dishwasher is equipped with a thermostat to ensure that the water is heated to the proper temperature to deliver optional cleaning and drying results. The knob/timer on the dishwasher may pause at approximately the 7pm position. The dishwasher is not "stuck" here, but is simply heating the water to the proper temperature before advancing. If the dishwasher holds this position on every cycle, then the incoming (house) water temperature may be low. A minimum water temperature of 120°F is recommended to avoid this water heating delay.

# **Operating Instructions (continued)**

Cycle Chart					
Cycles	Water (approx.)	Time (approx.)	Washes/Rinses		
Normal Wash	7.2 gal. 6.0 imp. gal. 27.3 liters	95 min.*	2 washes 4 rinses		
Light Wash	6.0 gal. 5.0 imp. gal. 22.7 liters	89 min.*	1 wash 4 rinses		

<sup>\*</sup> Includes dry time.

# **Preparing and Loading Dishes**

## Loading the Top Rack

The top rack is designed for cups, glasses, small plates, saucers and bowls.

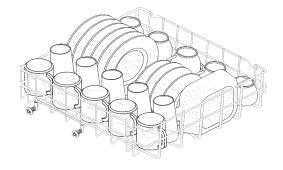
Load glasses in top rack. Damage may occur if placed in bottom rack.

Load plastic items in top rack only. Melting may occur if placed in bottom rack.

Load items with open ends facing down for better cleaning and draining.

Damage may occur if delicate items touch each other during dishwasher operation.

Long-handled knives and utensils can be placed in top rack.

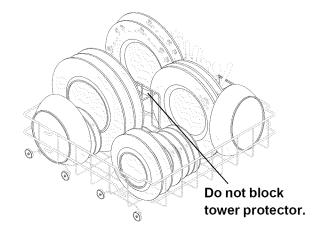


## Loading the Bottom Rack

Place plates and platters so that they do not touch.

Place bowls, casseroles and sauce pans with the soiled surface facing down or toward the center. Tilt slightly for better drainage.

Be sure pan handles do not protrude through the bottom of the rack and block the spray arm rotation.



## **Preparing and Loading Dishes (continued)**

#### **Getting Started**

- 1. Load dishwasher
- Add deteraent
- 3. Add rinse aid, if needed
- 4. Turn dial clockwise to select cycle
- 5. Select desired energy OPTIONS
- 6. Run hot water faucet nearest dishwasher until water is hot. Turn water off.
- 7. To start, close door to latch.

## Wash Cycle Selections

Note: Cycle times are approximate and will vary with options selected. Hot water is necessary to activate dishwasher detergent and melt fatty food soils. Hot water is needed for best dishwashing and drying results. Water entering dishwasher should be at least 120°F (49°C) to give satisfactory results.

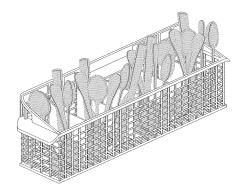
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## Loading the Silverware Basket

## **ACAUTION**

Load sharp items (knives, skewers, etc.) pointing down.

Failure to do so may result in injury.



Be sure nothing protrudes through bottom of basket or rack to block the spray arm.

## **Factors Affecting Performance**

#### Water Pressure

The hot water line to dishwasher must provide water pressure between 20 and 120 psi.

Low water pressure may occur when laundry or showers are in operation. Wait until water use is reduced before starting dishwasher.

Water Temperature
Hot water is needed for best dishwashing and drying results. Water entering dishwasher should be at least 120°F (49°C) to give satisfactory results.

To check water temperature entering dishwasher:

- Turn on hot water faucet nearest dishwasher for several minutes to clear cool water from pipes.
- Hold a candy or meat thermometer in stream of water to check the temperature.
- If temperature is below 120°F (49°C), have a qualified person raise the hot water heater thermostat setting.

Important: Before starting a cycle, run hot water at the tap to clear cool water from pipe.

## **Dishwasher Dispenser & Detergents**

#### Filling the Detergent Dispenser

The detergent dispenser has one main wash and one pre wash cup. The covered cups open automatically to release detergent.

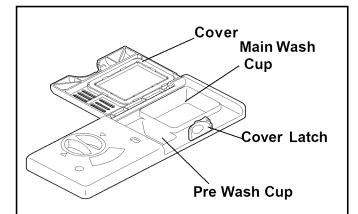
- Use only fresh automatic dishwashing detergent. Other detergents will cause oversudsing.
- When using automatic dishwashing detergent tabs, place one tab in main wash cup and close.
- Add detergent just before starting cycle.
- Store detergent in a cool, dry location. Moist or caked detergent will not dissolve properly.

#### **ACAUTION**

The use of industrial grade detergent can damage the heating coil and other parts of the dishwasher leading to damage to the unit and surrounding property. Use only household grade automatic dishwasher detergents.

#### How much Detergent to use

The amount of detergent to use depends on the water hardness. Water hardness is measured in grains per gallon. Using too little detergent can result in poor cleaning and hard water filming or spotting. Using too much detergent in soft water can cause a permanent film called etching. Your local water company, water softener company or county extension agent can tell you the water hardness in your area.



Note: If the cover is closed on the Main Wash Cup, open by pressing the cover latch.

#### Rinse Aid

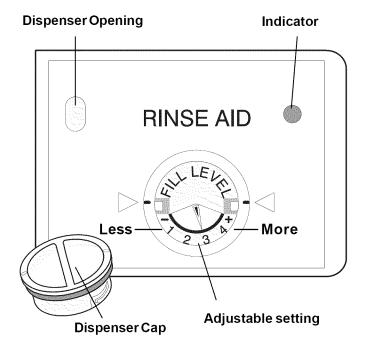
Rinse aid greatly improves drying and reduces water spots and filming. Water "sheets" off dishes rather than forming water droplets that cling and leave spots.

A dispenser, located next to the detergent cup, automatically releases a measured amount of rinse aid during the last rinse. If spotting and poor drying are problems, increase the amount of rinse aid dispensed by rotating the dial to a higher number. The dial is located under the dispenser cap. The indicator will be dark when full and will show clear when it is time to refill.

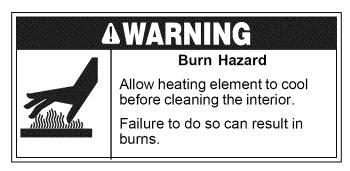
To add liquid rinse aid, turn dispenser cap 1/4 turn counterclockwise and lift out. Pour in rinse aid until liquid touches the indicated fill level. Replace cap.

Do not overfill since this can cause oversudsing. Wipe up any spills with a damp cloth.

The dispenser holds enough for 35 to 140 washes, depending on setting.

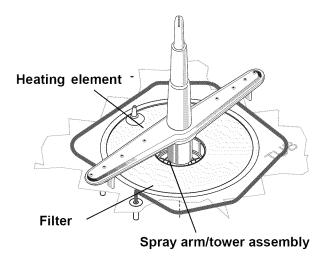


# **Care and Cleaning**



**Outside**—Occasionally wipe with a mild nonabrasive detergent and water. Rinse and dry.

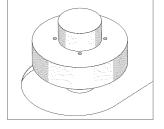
**Inside**—The inside of the dishwasher is self-cleaning with normal use. If needed, clean around the tub gasket area with a damp cloth.



**Note:** Hard water may cause lime deposit buildup on the interior of the dishwasher.

**Overfill Protector**—keeps dishwasher from overfilling and is located in the left front corner of the tub.

- Clean occasionally with household cleaner containing vinegar or bleach to dissolve any buildup.
- Overfill Protector should move up and down freely about one inch. If it does not move, lift and clean underneath.



## Care of Drain Air Gap

If a drain air gap was installed for your built-in dishwasher, check to make sure it is clean so the dishwasher will drain properly. A drain air gap is usually mounted on countertop and can be inspected by removing the cover. This is not part of your dishwasher and is not covered by warranty.

#### ACAUTION

#### **Property Damage Hazard**

Freezing temperatures may cause water lines to rupture. Be sure all supply lines to and circulating lines within dishwasher are protected. Failure to do so could result in property damage.

#### Winterizing

A dishwasher left in an unheated place should be protected from freezing. Have a qualified person do the following:

#### To Disconnect Service:

- 1. Turn off electrical power to the dishwasher at the supply source by removing fuses or tripping circuit breaker.
- 2. Shut off water supply.
- 3. Place a pan under the inlet valve. Disconnect water line from inlet valve and drain into pan.
- 4. Disconnect drain line from pump and drain water into pan.

**Note:** See Installation Instructions for more details.

#### To Restore Service:

- 1. Reconnect the water, drain, and electrical power supply.
- 2. Turn on water and electrical power supply.
- 3. Fill both detergent cup(s) and run dishwasher through a NORMAL cycle.
- 4. Check connections to make sure they do not leak.

**Note:** See Installation Instructions for more details.

# **Major Appliance Warranty Information**

Your appliance is covered by a 90 day limited warranty. For 90 days from your original date of purchase, Electrolux will pay all costs for repairing or replacing any parts of this appliance that prove to be defective in materials or workmanship when such appliance is installed, used and maintained in accordance with the provided instructions.

#### Exclusions This warranty does not cover the following:

- 1. Products with original serial numbers that have been removed, altered or cannot be readily determined.
- Product that has been transferred from its original owner to another party or removed outside theUSA or Canada.
- 3. Rust on the interior or exterior of the unit.
- 4. Products purchased "as-is" are not covered by this warranty.
- Food loss due to any refrigerator or freezer failures.
- Products used in a commercial setting
- 7. Service calls which do not involve malfunction or defects in materials or workmanship, or for appliances not in ordinary household use or used other than in accordance with the provided instructions.
- 8. Service calls to correct the installation of your appliance or to instruct you how to use your appliance.
- 9. Expenses for making the appliance accessible for servicing, such as removal of trim, cupboards, shelves, etc., which are not a part of the appliance when it is shipped from the factory.
- 10. Service calls to repair or replace appliance light bulbs, air filters, water filters, other consumables, or knobs, handles, or other cosmetic parts.
- 11. Surcharges including, but not limited to, any after hour, weekend, or holiday service calls, tolls, ferry trip charges, or mileage expense for service calls to remote areas, including the state of Alaska.
- 12. Damages to the finish of appliance or home incurred during installation, including but not limited to floors, cabinets, walls, etc.
- 13. Damages caused by: services performed by unauthorized service companies; use of parts other than genuine Electrolux parts or parts obtained from persons other than authorized service companies; or external causes such as abuse, misuse, inadequate power supply, accidents, fires, or acts of God.

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#### If You Need Service

Keep your receipt, delivery slip, or some other appropriate payment record to establish the warranty period should service be required. If service is performed, it is in your best interest to obtain and keep all receipts. Service under this warranty must be obtained by contacting Electrolux at the addresses or phone numbers below.

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