# **KitchenAid®**

# DISHWASHER USER INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for choosing KitchenAid® Appliances.

We hold our company to the highest quality standards and it is important to us that you have a positive experience owning a KitchenAid® product.

For your convenience, we have provided an easy to follow User Instruction Book. These instructions include a "Troubleshooting" section to help you through any problems you may encounter.

For additional information, you can visit the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section of our website at **www.kitchenaid.com**. If you need further assistance using your KitchenAid dishwasher, please contact us at 1-800-422-1230. In Canada: visit **www.kitchenaid.ca** or call 1-800-807-6777.

Have your complete model and serial number ready. You can find your model and serial number on the label located near the door on the right-hand or left-hand side of the dishwasher interior.

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# Dishwasher Safety

## Your safety and the safety of others are very important.

We have provided many important safety messages in this manual and on your appliance. Always read and obey all safety messages.



This is the safety alert symbol.

This symbol alerts you to potential hazards that can kill or hurt you and others.

All safety messages will follow the safety alert symbol and either the word "DANGER" or "WARNING." These words mean:

# **ADANGER**

You can be killed or seriously injured if you don't immediately follow instructions.

# AWARNING

You can be killed or seriously injured if you don't follow instructions.

All safety messages will tell you what the potential hazard is, tell you how to reduce the chance of injury, and tell you what can happen if the instructions are not followed.

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

WARNING: When using the dishwasher, follow basic precautions, including the following:

- Read all instructions before using the dishwasher.
- Use the dishwasher only for its intended function.
- Use only detergents or rinse agents recommended for use in a dishwasher, and keep them out of the reach of children.
- When loading items to be washed:
  - 1) Locate sharp items so that they are not likely to damage the door seal; and
  - 2) Load sharp knives with the handles up to reduce the risk of cut-type injuries.
- Do not wash plastic items unless they are marked "dishwasher safe" or the equivalent. For plastic items not so marked, check the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Do not touch the heating element during or immediately after use.
- Do not operate the dishwasher unless all enclosure panels are properly in place.

- Do not tamper with controls.
- Do not abuse, sit on, or stand on the door, lid, or dish racks of the dishwasher.
- To reduce the risk of injury, do not allow children to play in or on the dishwasher.
- Under certain conditions, hydrogen gas may be produced in a hot water system that has not been used for two weeks or more. HYDROGEN GAS IS EXPLOSIVE. If the hot water system has not been used for such a period, before using the dishwasher turn on all hot water faucets and let the water flow from each for several minutes. This will release any accumulated hydrogen gas. As the gas is flammable, do not smoke or use an open flame during this time.
- Remove the door or lid to the washing compartment when removing an old dishwasher from service or discarding it.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## **GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### ■ For a grounded, cord-connected dishwasher:

The dishwasher must be grounded. In the event of a malfunction or breakdown, grounding will reduce the risk of electric shock by providing a path of least resistance for electric current. The dishwasher is equipped with a cord having an equipment-grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into an appropriate outlet that is installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.

**WARNING:** Improper connection of the equipment-grounding conductor can result in a risk of electric shock.

Check with a qualified electrician or service representative if you are in doubt whether the dishwasher is properly grounded. Do not modify the plug provided with the dishwasher; if it will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.

## ■ For a permanently connected dishwasher:

The dishwasher must be connected to a grounded metal, permanent wiring system, or an equipment-grounding conductor must be run with the circuit conductors and connected to the equipment-grounding terminal or lead on the dishwasher.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



# AWARNING

#### **Tip Over Hazard**

Do not use dishwasher until completely installed.

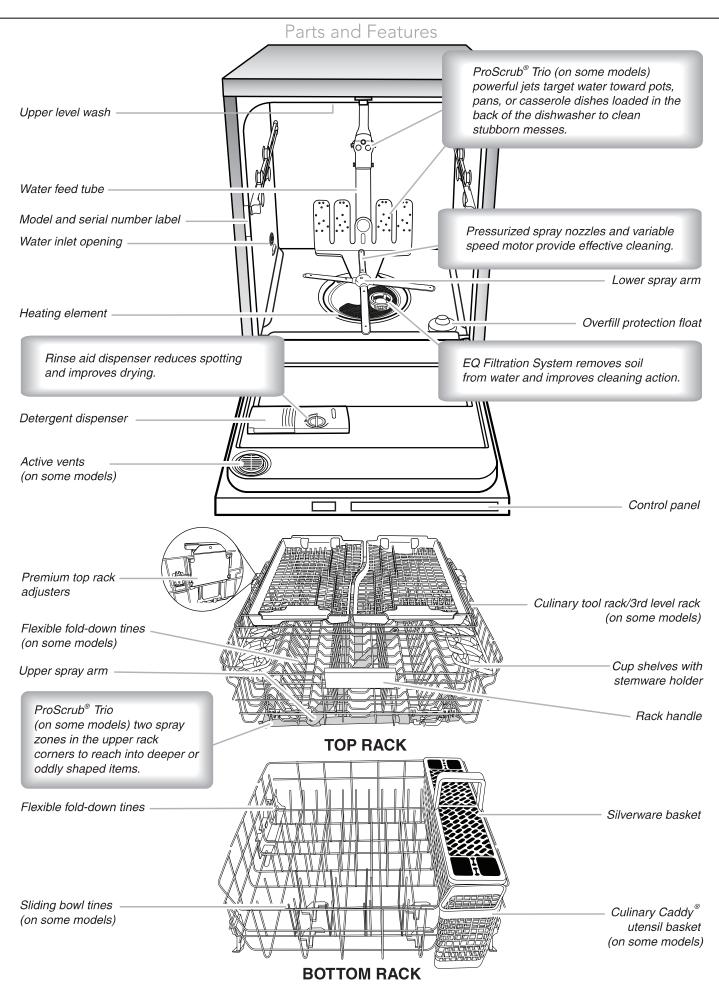
Do not push down on open door.

Doing so can result in serious injury or cuts.

State of California Proposition 65 Warnings:

WARNING: This product contains one or more chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer.

WARNING: This product contains one or more chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.



# Start-Up / Quick Reference (varies by model)

# Clean EQ Wash System removable filters to maintain peak performance.

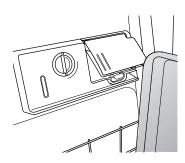
Cleaning the filters periodically helps keep the dishwasher working at peak performance. The filters can be found at the bottom center of your dishwasher.

See the "Filtration System" section for information on removing and maintaining the filters.



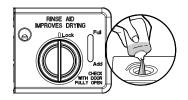
## IMPORTANT: Do not block detergent dispenser.

Tall items placed in the lower rack may block the dispenser door. Cookie sheets and cutting boards loaded on the left-hand side of the dishwasher can easily block the dispenser. If detergent is inside of the dispenser or on the bottom of the tub after the cycle is complete, the dispenser was blocked.



## Drying - Rinse Aid is essential.

You must use a drying agent such as a rinse aid for good drying performance (sample included). Rinse aid along with the Heat Dry or ProDry™ option will provide best drying and avoid excessive moisture in the dishwasher interior.



Heat Dry or ProDry

### Express Wash - When you need fast results.

Efficient dishwashers run longer to save water and energy, just as driving a car slower saves on gas. When you need fast results, the Express Wash will clean your dishes using slightly more water and energy. Select the Heat Dry or ProDry™ option to speed drying times (adds approximately 27 to 35 minutes to the Express Wash cycle).

Express Wash

#### ProWash™ cycle for optimal cleaning

The most advanced and versatile cycle. ProWash™ cycle senses the load size, soil amount, and toughness of soil, to adjust the cycle for optimal cleaning using only the amount of water and energy needed. The ProWash™ and Tough cycles are recommended for tough soil. No need to prerinse dishes; just scrape and load.

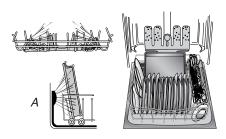
#### **ProWash**

Soil - Sense

# ProScrub® Option to clean baked-on food (some models)

When the ProScrub® option is selected, it provides a concentrated wash on the back of the lower dish rack for hard-to-clean dishes. Place these dishes with the soiled surface of the dish toward the ProScrub® spray jets in the lower rack of the dishwasher.

The upper rack has two spray zones in the front corners to reach into deeper or oddly shaped items.



A. Back of dishwasher

### Press START/RESUME every time you add a dish.

**IMPORTANT:** If anyone opens the door (such as, for adding a dish, even during the Delay Hours option), the Start/Resume button must be pressed each time.

If the Start/Resume button is located on top of door: Push door firmly closed within 3 seconds of pressing START/RESUME. If the door is not closed within 3 seconds, the Start/Resume button LED will flash, an audible tone will be heard, and the cycle will not start.

#### Start RESUME

Repeat Last

## **Proper Detergent Dosing**

It is possible to use too much detergent in your dishwasher. This can lead to etching of your dishes. See "Add Detergent" and "Add Rinse Aid" in the "Dishwasher Use" section, to determine the amount of detergent needed based on your water hardness.