



Whirlpool UDT518SAHP - Panel-Ready Compact Dishwasher with Stainless Steel Tub Manual

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KEY USAGE TIPS

Filtration System and Maintenance Your dishwasher has a filtration system that efficiently removes food particles from the wash water.

The filter system consists of three parts: a fine filter plate, a coarse filter, and a lower filter.

To avoid damage to dishwasher, do not operate your dishwasher without filters properly installed. Be sure lower filter is securely in place and upper filter assembly is locked into place. If the coarse filter turns freely, it is not locked into place.

The filters may need to be cleaned when:

- Visible objects or soils are on fine filter plate.
- Dishes feel gritty to the touch.

See the "Filtration System" section in the full User Instructions for complete removal and maintenance schedule.

Do not use a wire brush or a scouring pad, etc., as they may damage the filters.

Rinse filter under running water until soils are removed. If you have hard-to-remove soils or calcium deposits because of hard water, a soft brush may be required.

Drying – Rinse aid is essential

You must use a drying agent such as a rinse aid for good drying performance. Rinse aid along with the Heated Dry option will provide improved drying and avoid excessive moisture on the dishwasher interior.

Press START every time you add a dish

If anyone opens the door after the dishwasher has started (such as for adding a dish, even during the delay time), the Start button must be pressed again to resume the cycle.

Press START and push the door firmly closed.

Adjust Upper Rack

You can raise or lower the upper rack to fit all items in either the upper or lower rack.

To raise or lower the rack:

Empty the rack. Pull the rack out halfway and take notice of the position of the carriage wheel assembly and side rail on each side of the rack. Lift up on the front of the rack while pulling the rack out all the way. The rack will then be completely free of the side rails. Reverse this action to re-engage the rack's carriage wheels onto the rails in the higher or lower position desired.

NOTE: The upper rack must be level.

OPERATING YOUR DEVICE

1. Prepare and load the unit

Racks vary by model

Remove leftover food, bones, toothpicks, and other hard items from dishes. Remove labels from containers before washing.

- Make sure when dishwasher door is closed, no items are blocking detergent dispenser.
- Items should be loaded with soiled surfaces facing down and inward to the spray as shown in the graphics above. This will improve cleaning and drying results. Angle dirtiest dish surface downward, allowing space for water to flow up through rack and between dishes.
- Avoid overlapping items, like bowls or plates, that may

trap food.

- Place plastics, small plates, and glasses in upper rack.
- Wash only items marked "dishwasher safe."
- To avoid thumping/clattering noises during operation, load dishes so they do not touch one another. Make sure lightweight load items are secured in racks.
- Use slots in the covers and suggested loading patterns to keep your silverware separated for optimum wash.

1. Spoons

2. Knives

3. Salad forks

4. Forks

5. Large spoons

6. Large forks

- If your silverware does not fit into the designated slots, lift and slide covers off to remove them and mix silverware types to keep them separated.
- When loading silverware, always place sharp items pointing down and avoid "nesting" as shown.

2. Check that all arms spin freely
Items in the rack can block the spray arms.

3. Add detergent

Premeasured Detergents

High-quality premeasured tablets and packs are recommended for improved performance.

Quality tablets and packs have been proven better than powder, liquid, or gel detergents at reducing filming on dishes. Using tablets and packs over time will start to reduce or eliminate white film. They are suitable for all water hardness and soil levels. Also, by using a rinse aid, you can minimize repeat buildup of white film (not all packs and tablets contain rinse aid). Always place premeasured detergents in main compartment and close lid.

NOTE: Follow instructions on the package when using other dishwasher detergent types. See the complete User Instructions for more details about powders, liquids, and gels.

- Use automatic dishwasher detergent only. Add detergent just before starting a cycle.
- Fresh automatic dishwasher detergent results in better cleaning. Store tightly closed detergent container in a cool, dry place.

A. Release

B. Cover

C. Detergent compartment

Close the detergent dispenser by sliding cover (B) over detergent compartment (C).

Open the detergent dispenser by sliding release (A) to the left and the cover (B) will automatically slide open.

4. Add rinse aid

- Your dishwasher is designed to use rinse aid for good drying performance. Without rinse aid, your dishes and dishwasher interior will have excessive moisture. The heating and drying options will not perform as well without rinse aid.
- Rinse aid keeps water from forming droplets that can dry as spots or streaks. It also improves drying by allowing water to drain off of dishes after final rinse. Rinse aid does not adhere to dishware, and when used, it is dispensed during each cycle.
- To add rinse aid, open the dispenser lid by gently pushing in the center of the lid with your thumb while lifting up on the edge.
- Pour rinse aid into the opening until the indicator level shows that it is full. Do not fill the reservoir above the full level indicator. Excess rinse aid can cause suds and water to overflow during the wash cycle.
- Close dispenser by pushing down gently on the lid until it

clicks into place.

5. Select a cycle

NOTE: Heavier cycles and options lengthen cycle times.

Choose a cycle appropriate for the food soils and dishes that you load. See the cycle descriptions in the Cycle Guide.

6. Select options

You can customize your cycles by selecting the options desired (see the Cycle Guide). If you change your mind, press the option again to turn off the option. Not all options are available for every cycle. If an invalid option is selected for a given cycle, the lights will flash. Adding options may increase the cycle time.

7. Start or resume a cycle

NOTE: If needed, run hot water at the sink nearest your dishwasher until the water is hot. Turn off water. Press START and push the door firmly closed

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If the door is opened for any reason after the cycle is started (even during the delay time), the Start button must be pressed again before the door is closed. If Start button is not pressed, the cycle will not resume.

8. Follow the progress of your dishwasher

The display will indicate the time remaining to complete the cycle in hours and minutes (HH:MM). When the cycle is

complete, the word "End" will be displayed and the Cycle Complete indicator will be lit and will remain on until the door is opened and closed, or the Start button is pressed.

CYCLE GUIDE

The sensor in your dishwasher monitors the soil level. Cycle time and/or water usage can vary as the sensor adjusts the cycle for the best wash performance. If the incoming water is less than the recommended temperature or food soils are heavy, the cycle will automatically compensate by adding time, heat, and water as needed.

		For 18-inch models		For 24-inch models	
CYCLES		ESTIMATED WASH TIME W/O OPTIONS HH:MM	WATER USAGE GALLONS (LITERS)	ESTIMATED WASH TIME W/O OPTIONS HH:MM	WATER USAGE GALLONS (LITERS)
	Use for hard-to-clean, heavily soiled pots, pans, casseroles, and regular tableware. Includes Heated Dry option.	2:35	5.1 G (19.2 L)	2:30-2:50	5.8 G (22.1 L)

	<p>This cycle is recommended for daily, regular, or typical use to completely wash and dry a full load of normally soiled dishes. This dishwasher's government energy certifications were based on the Normal cycle with only the Heated Dry option selected.*</p>	1:35-2:10	2.5-4.8 G (9.3-18.0 L)	1:30-2:10	2.9-5.6 G (11.1-21.2 L)
	Use for lightly soiled items or china and crystal.	1:45	4.0 G (15.0 L)	1:45	5.0 G (19.0 L)
	Use for lightly soiled loads such as glasses, crystal, and fine china. Includes a Heated Dry option.	1:35	3.8-4.09 G (14.4-15.5 L)	1:45	4.9 G (18.4 L)
	<p>For fast results, the Quick cycle will clean prerinsed or lightly soiled loads that do not need drying. For improved drying, select the Heated Dry option.</p> <p>NOTE: Some detergents are not recommended for short wash cycles; please refer to your detergent packaging for more information.</p>	1:00	3.2 G (12.3 L)	0:55	4.0 G (15.0 L)

	Use for rinsing dishes, glasses, and silverware that will not be washed right away. Do not use detergent.	0:20			1.7 G (6.5 L)	0:10	1.8 G (6.7 L)
OPTIONS		CAN BE SLECTED WITH	WHAT IT DOES	ADDED TIME TO CYCLE	ADDED WATER GALLONS (LITERS)	ADDED TIME TO CYCLE	ADDED WATER GALLONS (LITERS)
	Delay displays how many hours before the cycle will begin. To delay the start: 1. Select a wash cycle and options. 2. Press DELAY for each hour of delay time. 3. Press START to begin the delay countdown. NOTE: If the door is opened, such as to add a dish, the Start button must be pressed to resume the delay countdown.	Available with any cycle	Delays start of a cycle	1:00-24:00	NA	4:00-12:00	NA
	Dries dishes with heat. This option, with the use of rinse aid, will provide the best drying results. Plastic items are less likely to deform when loaded in the upper rack. Use Heated Dry for optimum drying performance. For air dry, Heated Dry light is off.	Heavy Normal Light Quick	Uses a heating element to speed drying times. Heated Dry option defaults to On when any cycle is selected, except for Rinse.	0-0:05	NA	0-0:05	

	Raises the main wash temperature to improve cleaning for loads containing tough, baked-on food.	Heavy Normal Light	Raises the main wash temperature to 140°F (60°C).	0:05-1:00	0-2.0 G (0-8.0 L)	0:05-1:10	0-2.0 G (0-8.0 L)
Control	Purpose	Comments					
	Press to start or resume a wash cycle.	If the door is opened during a cycle or the power is interrupted, the cycle will not resume until the Start button is pressed again.					
	Press and hold for 3 seconds to cancel wash cycle.	With the door closed and the cycle or delay running, press and hold the START button for 3 seconds. The dishwasher starts a 60-second drain. Let dishwasher drain completely.					
	Press and release once to temporarily interrupt the cycle without canceling.	With a cycle running, press and release the START button once. This will interrupt the cycle without canceling. Opening the door will also interrupt the cycle in the same way. Close the door and press START again to resume the cycle.					

*No other washing and drying temperature options were selected, and the dishwasher was not subjected to truncated testing. Rinse aid was not used, and there was no detergent used in the prewash.

PRODUCT CARE

Cleaning the Exterior

Clean the exterior of the dishwasher with only a soft, damp cloth and mild detergent. Avoid using abrasive cleaning products on the exterior of the dishwasher.

Cleaning and Maintaining the Interior

Many detergents may leave white spots or a white residue on dishware and on the interior of the dishwasher. Over time this residue can become unsightly and could affect dishwasher performance.

Use of a dishwasher cleaning product such as affresh Dishwasher Cleaner can help to remove the residue. Monthly use of affresh Dishwasher Cleaner is recommended to help maintain the dishwasher. Follow package directions.

NOTE: The manufacturer recommends the use of high-quality premeasured detergent tablets or packs and the use of rinse aid for dishwasher cleaning and daily care.

If you have a drain air gap, check and clean it if the dishwasher isn't draining well.

To Reduce Risk of Property Damage During Vacation or Extended Time Without Use:

- When you will not be using the dishwasher during the summer months, turn off the water and power supply to the dishwasher.
- Make sure the water supply lines are protected against freezing conditions. Ice formations in the supply lines can increase water pressure and cause damage to your dishwasher or home. Damage from freezing is not covered by the warranty.

- When storing your dishwasher in the winter, avoid water damage by having your dishwasher winterized by authorized service personnel.

TROUBLESHOOTING

First try the solutions suggested here. If you need further assistance or more recommendations that may help you to avoid a service call, visit whirlpool.com/product_help.

Contact us by mail with any questions or concerns at the address below:

In the U.S.A.:

Customer eXperience Center
553 Benson Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022-2692

In Canada:

Customer eXperience Centre
200 - 6750 Century Ave.
Mississauga, Ontario L5N 0B7

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

If you experience	Recommended solutions
Device does not run or stops during a cycle	It is normal for certain cycles to repeatedly pause for several seconds during the main wash. Is the door closed tightly and latched? Is the right cycle selected? Is there power to the dishwasher? Has a household fuse blown or has a circuit breaker tripped? Replace the fuse or reset the circuit breaker. If the problem continues, call an electrician. Is the water shut-off valve (if installed) turned on?

<p>Dishes do not dry completely</p>	<p>NOTE: Plastic and items with nonstick surfaces are difficult to dry because they have a porous surface which tends to collect water droplets. Towel drying may be necessary. Use of rinse aid along with the Heated Dry option is needed for proper drying.</p> <p>Proper loading of items can affect drying.</p> <p>Glasses and cups with concave bottoms hold water. This water may spill onto other items when you are unloading the dishwasher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unload the lower rack first. • For improved results, place these items on the more slanted side of the rack.
<p>Noise</p>	<p>NOTE: Common noises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surging sounds can occur periodically throughout the cycle while the dishwasher is draining. • Normal water valve hissing may be heard periodically. • A normal snap sound may be heard when the detergent dispenser opens during the cycle or when the door is opened at the end of the cycle. • Improper installation will affect noise levels. <p>Be sure the filters are properly installed.</p> <p>A thumping sound may be heard if items interfere with the wash arms. Readjust the dishware and resume the cycle.</p>
<p>Spotting/Filming</p>	<p>Liquid rinse aid is necessary for drying and to reduce spotting.</p> <p>Use the correct amount of detergent.</p> <p>Confirm that the cloudiness is removable by soaking the item in white vinegar for 5 minutes and dry the item. If the cloudiness disappears, it is due to hard water. Adjust the amount of detergent and rinse aid. See the "Product Care" section. If cloudiness on glass does not come clear, it is due to etching.</p> <p>Be sure the incoming water temperature is set at 120°F (49°C).</p> <p>Try using the Hi Temp wash option.</p> <p>To remove spotting, run a vinegar rinse through the dishwasher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash and rinse the affected dishware and load into dishwasher. Remove all silverware and metal items. Put 2 cups (500 mL) of white vinegar in a 2-cup capacity measuring cup and place upright in the lower rack. Run a Normal cycle with the Heated Dry option turned off and no detergent. See the "Product Care" section in full User Instructions.

<p>The unit does not clean completely</p>	<p>Be sure the dishwasher is loaded correctly. Improper loading can greatly decrease the washing performance. See the "Operating Your Device" section.</p> <p>Check filter to ensure it is properly installed. Clean it if needed. See the "Filtration System" section in the full User Instructions for details.</p> <p>Select the proper cycle for the type of soils. The Heavy wash cycle can be used for tougher loads.</p> <p>Be sure the incoming water temperature is 120°F (49°C).</p> <p>Use the proper amount of fresh detergent. More detergent is needed for heavier-soiled loads and hard water conditions. Scrape food from dishes prior to loading (do not prerinse).</p> <p>Suds can come from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the incorrect type of detergent, such laundry detergent, hand soap, or dish detergent for hand-washing dishes. • Not replacing the rinse aid dispenser cap after filling (or refilling) the rinse aid dispenser. • Using an excessive amount of dishwasher detergent.
<p>The unit does not drain</p>	<p>Be sure the cycle has been completed. If it has not, you will need to resume the cycle by closing the door and pressing Start.</p> <p>If dishwasher is connected to a food waste disposer, be sure the knockout plug has been removed from the disposer inlet.</p> <p>Check for kinks in the drain hose.</p> <p>Check for food obstructions in the drain or disposer.</p> <p>Check your house fuse or circuit breaker.</p>

ACCESSORIES

Whirlpool Corporation also offers a variety of accessories for your dishwasher. In the U.S.A., visit www.whirlpool.com/accessories to order. In Canada, visit www.whirlpoolparts.ca to order.

LIMITED WARRANTY

IF YOU NEED SERVICE:

1. Before contacting us to arrange service, please determine whether your product requires repair. Some questions can be addressed without service. Please take a few minutes to visit

producthelp.whirlpool.com.

2. All warranty service is provided exclusively by our authorized Whirlpool Service Providers. In the U.S. and Canada, direct all requests for warranty service to:
Whirlpool Customer eXperience Center
In the U.S.A., call 1-800-253-1301. In Canada, call 1-800-807-6777.

If outside the 50 United States or Canada, contact your authorized Whirlpool dealer to determine whether another warranty applies.

PRODUCT CARE

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:

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

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

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.

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.

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

For future reference, please make a note of your product model and serial numbers. You can find them on the label located near

the door on the right-hand or left-hand side of the dishwasher interior.

Register your dishwasher at www.whirlpool.com. In Canada, register your dishwasher at www.whirlpool.ca.

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