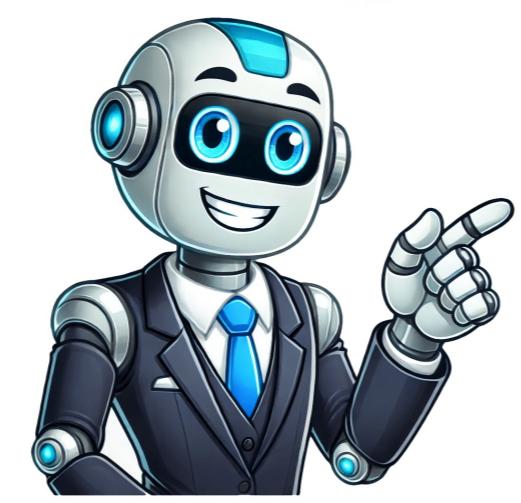


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Download Article Locate and clean the drain pump filter on your front- or top-load Whirlpool washing machine. Download Article The drain pump filter on your Whirlpool washing machine is designed to keep junk from your wash cycles from getting into the drain where it may cause a potential blockage. But if you're having drainage problems, your pump's filter may be clogged. While cleaning it is a breeze (you just remove debris by hand and rinse the filter under water), locating the filter can be the most challenging part of the process. We'll help you find your filter and more. On top-loading machines, your filter is likely under the panel on the bottom right of the front of the machine. On a front-loader, the filter is probably behind the dispenser drawer. If you can't find your filter on an older model, remove the back panel and look underneath the drum for it. 1 Under the panel at the bottom right. Most modern Whirlpool machines (and almost all top-loaders) hide the filter under the small panel near the floor on the front of the machine. Simply reach under the seam of the panel and gently pull it on to remove the panel.[1] If the panel doesn't open freely, slide a flathead screwdriver behind it and pry an edge open. If the panel is circular, it opens at the top. There's a little tab at the top; press it with your fingernail or a flathead screwdriver, and it'll pop open. 2 Behind the dispenser drawer. On some front-loading models and all-in-one washers, the filter is behind the drawer where you add detergent and bleach. Pull the drawer out as far as it goes, then press down on the tab on the right side of the drawer and up on the tab on the left side of the drawer. Tilt the drawer up at an angle and gently pull it out. The filter is behind the drawer.[2] If the front of your machine is completely flat (there are no panels) and your machine is on the newer side, the dispenser drawer is the most likely location for your filter. Advertisement 3 Inside the machine underneath the drum. This only applies to older front-loading machines. If you don't see a panel on the front and the dispenser drawer doesn't come out, shut the water off and remove the supply lines. Then, turn the machine backwards and remove all of the screws holding the back panel in place. Then, look under the drum, near the floor. The filter is inside the round container on the bottom-right of the drum. If this applies to your machine and you've been running into problems with it lately, you're probably getting close to the point where you'll need a new machine soon. Advertisement 1 Set a pan underneath the filter to catch water. The filter may still have a little bit of water in it. To avoid spilling water all over the place, set the pan underneath the filter. You're most likely to have a lot of water in the filter if your filter is inside the machine at the bottom and you had to remove the back panel. If you don't have any room for a pan and you've got a machine where the filter is on the bottom right, lay a towel under the machine. 2 Twist the handle in the middle counterclockwise and slide the filter out. In the very center of the filter, there's a small handle. Grab that and slowly rotate it counterclockwise until water spills out. Once the water stops pouring out, turn the filter counterclockwise all the way and slide it out of the machine.[3] Advertisement Remove big debris by hand and rinse the filter under water. Cleaning the filter is easy—just remove any big chunks of debris by hand and toss the filter under water. You can wipe the filter counter-clockwise with a cloth if you have any soap scum that won't come off. Reinstall the filter the same way you removed it. Just insert the filter and turn it clockwise to lock it in place. If the filter isn't dirty when you remove it and you've been struggling with water flow in your machine, contact Whirlpool or an appliance repair person. The pump itself is likely damaged. If the filter wasn't dirty and you had the F9 E1 code, remove your drain hose and clean it out. It's probably blocked. The supply lines are the hot and cold water coils running from the water pipes to the machine. If you're having water flow or drainage issues with your washing machine and the filter didn't help, the supply line filters are likely clogged. 1 Turn the water off and unscrew the supply lines. They don't normally need to be cleaned, but if you're running into water-filling issues, it's worth cleaning the supply line filters. Start by closing the supply line valve by twisting them all the way clockwise. Then, use a wrench to unlock each line from the machine and unscrew them by hand. Do the same on the other end of the supply line where it hooks up to the water system.[4] 2 Brush the inside of each valve with a toothbrush. Grab an old toothbrush and gently wipe the inside of each valve stem where the hot and cold water supply lines hook up to the machine. Then, brush the inside of the stems at the supply line.[5] Don't scrub super hard or use any solvents or cleaners. These filters don't need that kind of heavy cleaning. 3 Reassemble the supply lines with a wrench. Reconnect the supply lines by hand and tighten each end of the supply lines. Continue tightening the nuts by hand until you can't move them any further. Then, use a wrench or channel lock to turn each nut another 1-2 times to ensure they won't leak. Turn the water valves counterclockwise to open them up and check for leaks by running a test cycle. Make sure you hook up the hot line to the hot water supply and cold to cold. Your machine needs both to be hooked up to run correctly. Advertisement Ask a Question

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Depending on the type of washer and location of the lint trap, you may find the lint trap at the bottom backside of the washer or behind the agitator if the washer is extremely old. Let's take a quick look at the different types of washers along with the location of the Lint Trap. In a front loader, the lint is trapped in the drain pump filter which is located at the bottom front side of the whirlpool washer. You may remove the filter by pulling on the drawer located at the front base of the whirlpool washer. Here you will have access to the drain pump filter, and you may remove the large clump of lint. Mix a cleaning solution in a container filled with hot water. Place the filter in the container and leave it to settle for around 10 minutes. Rinse with clean water and fix the pump filter back to the washer. Also Read: How to Use Affresh Washing Machine Cleaner? For most older top loader models with agitators, the lint filter is usually located below the agitator itself. Most of these agitators are easily detachable for cleaning purposes. Refer to the user manual and locate the filter of your washer model and remove the filter with help of the user guide. Soak the filter in hot water mixed with a cleaning solution. Let it soak for about 10 minutes or 15 minutes depending on the intensity of the clogs. Scrub the filter with a soft brush and rinse it with clean water. Note: You can either use a readily available cleaning solution or you may use homemade solutions such as distilled vinegar and baking soda. Most modern-day Hi-Efficiency washers, front as well as the top loaders do not rely on lint filters. Instead, they use self-cleaning pump filters. These pump filters are usually located in the outside area i.e. either at the bottom front side of the washer OR at the bottom backside. These filters can be simply cleaned by running a clean or empty cycle using a cleaning solution with hot water. Homemade solutions such as distilled vinegar and baking soda can also be used to clean the washer and filters. Lint after the wash cycle is caused due to various factors. Here are some of them... Due to prolonged usage, there is always a possibility of lint accumulation inside the washer areas such as the wash tub, vent, filters, etc. especially if it's kept uncleaned. Hence, while you do your laundry you may notice lint all over your clothes after the wash cycle. Solution: Use vinegar or other ready-made cleaners to clean the filters at least 2-3 times a month. Keeping the filter uncleaned will simply keep on adding residues, thereby forming a thick layer. Once a thick layer of lint is formed in the filter, it becomes really hard for your washer to function normally. A clogged filter will not only affect the performance of your washer but also shorten the lifespan of your washer. Solution: Using a soft toothbrush to clear the clogging can be extremely helpful, wherever possible use the cleansing solution for deep cleaning. If you load excessive laundry, your fabrics won't have enough room for tumbling during the wash cycle. Tightly packed laundry with different types of fabrics tends to rub with each other, thereby producing more lint. Solution: Load the quantity that your washer can handle and don't try to overwork the washer. Loading an appropriate quantity of laundry helps to easily perform the tumbling action without any stress. Loading several fabric types together in a wash cycle may result in excessive linting of clothes. Below are a few fabric types that you may consider separating while doing the laundry: Lint-releasing fabrics: Fabrics such as Rugs, Towels, Chenille, etc. are all well known to release excessive quantities of lint during a wash cycle. Lint-attracting fabrics: Fabrics such as corduroy, knits, and synthetics tend to attract lint during the wash cycle. If Lint-releasing and Lint-attracting fabrics are loaded in the washer at the same time, your clothes may be full of lint post-wash. Solution: Always split such fabric types. (Note - It is also recommended to separate the dark with the whites or light shaded fabric before the wash) There are a few aspects that may affect the efficacy of the cleaning process and one of which is the detergent. Either you are not using the right amount of detergent or the quality of the detergent is not suitable for your fabrics, which may result in producing Lint during the wash cycle. Solution: Always use a good quality detergent suitable to your washer as well as the fabric. High-lint releasing fabrics should be washed apiece with a suitable detergent that is specifically formulated to curb the linting fabrics. Note - It is highly recommended to use High-Efficiency detergents in HE washers. To identify a High-Efficiency detergent simply look for an HE mark on the labels or the detergent packs. No matter where the filters are located in your washing machine, the primary task remains the same i.e. keeping the lint away. Timely cleaning of your washer and its components will always benefit in prolonging the lifespan and improving the efficiency of your washer. Always pre-wash heavily soiled fabrics before adding them to your washer; doing this reduces the buildup of residues caused by the lint, and detergent residues. Lastly, for getting a better idea of the lint trap location, you may take a glance at the user manual of your washer. Also Read: How to Descale a Washing Machine? Some common questions that are frequently asked: Cleaning a washer filter once every month is always a good practice. It also depends on how frequently you do your laundry and the size of the load. For e.g., if you do a lot of laundry on a regular basis then it will be ideal to clean the filter twice a month. Replacing the filter of your washing machine depends on 2 factors. Heavily clogged filter: If you are unable to clean the clogs from the filter, then the replacement becomes the only solution. Damaged or worn-out filter: A damaged or worn-out filter should be replaced, as there isn't any alternative. Uncleaned filters are prone to clogging and wear out quickly. Worn-out or a clogged filter can diversely impact the efficiency of the washer and may cause damage to your fabrics, and drain areas. Most people are familiar with the Whirlpool washing machine filter over it they don't know what it is called. The Whirlpool washing machine filter top loader is a cylindrical piece of plastic that sits on top of the agitator or at the bottom of the washer and catches lint and other debris as the water and clothes pass through it. The purpose of the whirlpool washing machine filter is to keep the agitator and pump free of debris and maintain optimal washing conditions. For an agitator-type washer, the Whirlpool top load washing machine filter is located inside the center agitator. For an impeller-type washer, the Whirlpool top load washing machine filter is located at the bottom front or back of your washer which can be easily accessed by unscrewing. In most cases, the filter can be found behind the agitator or near the bottom of the washer tub. This article will show you how to find your Whirlpool washer filter and properly clean it. A whirlpool washing machine filter is a device that sits at the top of your washing machine and catches any debris or dirt that may be in the water before it enters the machine. This helps to keep your washing machine clean and running smoothly. The filter is an essential part of your washing machine and should be maintained regularly. If the filter doesn't work efficiently, it will damage the machine. Read Also: What is a washing machine gasket? (Explained for beginners) Most top-loading washing machines have a filter that is located on the washer. This filter is used to trap lint and other small particles that can clog the system. The filter is made of mesh or paper, and it is usually located near the agitator or at the bottom of your whirlpool washer. If your washing machine does not have a filter, or if you are unsure of where the filter is located, you can consult the owner's manual. This manual will have information on how to locate and clean the filter. Whirlpool washers have a filter. Nearly all washing machines have filters. The purpose of the filter is to remove lint and other debris from the water before it enters the machine. This helps to keep the washer running smoothly and prevents any clogs or damage. Most Whirlpool top loader washers have a filter located somewhere on the machine. 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