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Brand: Whirlpool | Model: 480131000162

## 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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This complete detergent and rinse aid dispenser assembly is designed for various dishwasher models, including Whirlpool, Bauknecht, Ignis, Kitchenaid, and Radiola. It serves as a replacement for the existing dispenser unit, ensuring proper detergent and rinse aid delivery during wash cycles. The assembly includes the dispenser box, a spray arm, and a small cable for electrical connection.



An overhead view of the Whirlpool Dishwasher Dispenser Assembly, model 480131000162. The transparent gray plastic housing reveals the internal mechanism, including the detergent compartment, rinse aid dispenser, and electrical connections with a coiled black cable.

### Package Contents:

- 1x Detergent and Rinse Aid Dispenser Combination
- 1x Spray Arm
- 1x Connection Cable

This dispenser combination replaces older white versions with two hinged lids.

## 2. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Installation of this dishwasher dispenser assembly requires technical knowledge and should ideally be performed by a qualified technician. Incorrect installation can lead to appliance malfunction or damage. Always ensure the dishwasher is disconnected from the power supply before beginning any installation or repair work.

### General Installation Guidance:

1. **Disconnect Power:** Unplug the dishwasher from the electrical outlet or turn off the circuit breaker.
2. **Access Dispenser:** Open the dishwasher door and locate the existing dispenser unit. Depending on

your dishwasher model, you may need to remove the inner door panel to access the mounting screws and electrical connections.

3. **Remove Old Unit:** Carefully disconnect the electrical cable and water hoses (if applicable) from the old dispenser. Unscrew and remove the old dispenser assembly.
4. **Install New Unit:** Position the new dispenser assembly in place. Connect the new electrical cable and ensure all connections are secure.
5. **Reassemble:** Reattach any removed panels and ensure all seals are correctly seated to prevent leaks.
6. **Test:** Restore power to the dishwasher and run a short cycle without dishes to check for proper operation and leaks.

Refer to your specific dishwasher model's service manual for detailed, step-by-step instructions and safety precautions.

### 3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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The dispenser assembly is an integral part of your dishwasher's automatic cleaning process. It is designed to release detergent and rinse aid at optimal times during the wash cycle.

#### Using the Dispenser:

- **Detergent Compartment:** Fill the main compartment with the recommended amount of liquid or powder dishwasher detergent for your wash cycle. Close the lid securely. The lid will automatically open during the wash cycle to release the detergent.
- **Rinse Aid Compartment:** Fill the smaller compartment with liquid rinse aid until the indicator shows it is full. Close the cap. Rinse aid is automatically dispensed during the rinse cycle to improve drying and prevent water spots. Refill as needed, typically when the indicator shows low.

Always follow the detergent and rinse aid manufacturer's instructions, as well as your dishwasher's user manual, for correct dosage and usage.

### 4. MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance of your dispenser assembly helps ensure its longevity and optimal performance.

#### Maintenance Tips:

- **Clean Regularly:** Periodically wipe down the dispenser compartments and lids to remove any detergent residue or buildup that could impede proper operation. Use a damp cloth and mild detergent if necessary.
- **Check for Obstructions:** Ensure the dispenser lid opens and closes freely. Check for any foreign objects or hardened detergent that might be blocking the mechanism.
- **Inspect Seals:** Occasionally inspect the seals around the dispenser for any signs of wear or damage that could lead to leaks.
- **Use Correct Detergent:** Only use detergents specifically designed for automatic dishwashers. Using incorrect detergents can cause excessive sudsing or damage the dispenser.

### 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you experience issues with your dishwasher related to detergent dispensing or general operation, the dispenser assembly might be a factor. Below are common issues and potential causes related to the dispenser.

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Cause (Dispenser Related)</b>
Dishwasher leaking from the door	Damaged dispenser seal, improper installation, or dispenser not closing correctly.
Dishwasher making unusual noise	Dispenser mechanism faulty or obstructed, spray arm hitting internal components.
Ineffective washing / Dishes not clean	Detergent not dispensing, dispenser lid obstructed, or spray arm blocked.
Dishes not drying properly	Rinse aid compartment empty, rinse aid not dispensing, or dispenser faulty.
Incorrect detergent/rinse aid dispensing (too much/too little)	Dispenser mechanism faulty, incorrect settings, or residue buildup.

If these troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, it is recommended to contact a qualified appliance repair technician.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

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- **Model Number:** 480131000162
- **Part Type:** Detergent and Rinse Aid Dispenser Assembly
- **Compatibility:** Whirlpool, Bauknecht, Ignis, Kitchenaid, Radiola dishwashers (verify with your appliance model)
- **Batteries Required:** No
- **Manufacturer Reference:** 480131000162
- **Discontinued by Manufacturer:** No
- **First Available Date:** December 4, 2017

## 7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For information regarding the warranty of this product, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or contact the retailer. For technical support or further assistance with installation and troubleshooting, please consult a certified appliance technician or refer to the official Whirlpool (or relevant brand) customer support channels.