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Model: 318372210

INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides essential information for the safe and effective installation, operation, and maintenance of your GE Tappan 6-inch Range Cooktop Surface Burner Heating Element, model 318372210. Please read this manual thoroughly before proceeding with installation or use.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Always disconnect power** to the appliance at the circuit breaker or fuse box before attempting any installation, maintenance, or repair.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves, if necessary.
- Ensure the replacement part is compatible with your appliance model. Refer to your appliance's original manual or manufacturer specifications.
- If you are unsure about any step, consult a qualified technician.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

This section outlines the general procedure for replacing a surface burner heating element. Specific steps may vary slightly depending on your range or cooktop model.

1. **Disconnect Power:** Before beginning, ensure the power supply to your range or cooktop is completely disconnected at the circuit breaker.
2. **Remove Old Element:** Carefully lift the existing surface burner element. It typically unplugs from a receptacle beneath the cooktop. Note the orientation of the terminals.
3. **Inspect Receptacle:** Check the receptacle for any signs of damage or corrosion. Clean if necessary.
4. **Install New Element:** Align the terminals of the new heating element (model 318372210) with the receptacle and push firmly until it is securely seated. Ensure the element sits level in the drip pan.
5. **Restore Power:** Once the new element is securely installed, restore power to the appliance.
6. **Test Functionality:** Turn on the burner to a low setting to confirm it heats properly.



Image: The GE Tappan 6-inch Range Cooktop Surface Burner Heating Element, model 318372210, showing its coiled design and approximate dimensions of 8.4 inches (21 cm) in length. This visual aids in identifying the correct part and understanding its physical form for installation.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The 318372210 surface burner heating element functions like a standard electric cooktop burner. Use the corresponding control knob on your range to select the desired heat setting.

- **Initial Use:** During the first few uses, the new element may produce a slight odor or light smoke. This is normal and is due to the burning off of manufacturing residues. Operate the burner on a high setting for 5-10 minutes without cookware until the odor or smoke dissipates. Ensure adequate ventilation during this process.
- **Cookware:** Use flat-bottomed cookware that matches the size of the burner for efficient heating.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and efficiency of your heating element.

- **Cleaning:** Ensure the element is completely cool and the power is disconnected before cleaning. Wipe the element with a damp cloth to remove spills. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or submerging the element in water.
- **Drip Pans:** Regularly clean the drip pans beneath the elements to prevent grease buildup and ensure proper heat reflection.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the element for any signs of damage, such as cracks or severe discoloration. Replace if damaged.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Element does not heat.	No power to the appliance; element not properly seated; faulty element or receptacle.	Check circuit breaker. Ensure element is fully plugged in. Inspect element and receptacle for damage; replace if necessary.
Element heats unevenly.	Element not sitting level; faulty element.	Adjust element to sit level. Replace element if uneven heating persists.
Smoke or odor during initial use.	Manufacturing residues burning off.	This is normal. Operate on high setting with ventilation until it dissipates.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** 318372210
- **Part Number:** 318372210
- **Brand:** GE (Compatible with Tappan, Hotpoint, and other ranges using this part number)
- **Type:** Surface Burner Heating Element
- **Size:** 6-inch diameter (approximate, as shown in image)
- **Manufacturer:** Universal
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 0.32 ounces (0.009 kg)
- **Product Dimensions (Element):** Approximately 8.4 inches (21 cm) in length (as depicted in image)
- **Color:** Metallic (as typically seen for heating elements, despite product listing stating 'White' which may refer to packaging or a specific component not visible)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information regarding the GE Tappan 6-inch Range Cooktop Surface Burner Heating Element 318372210, please refer to the original purchase documentation or contact the seller directly. Support for this replacement part can typically be obtained from the retailer where it was purchased or by contacting the manufacturer, Universal. For general appliance troubleshooting or service, consult your range's original instruction manual or contact a certified appliance technician.

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