Whirlpool WPW10553968

Whirlpool WPW10553968 Washplate Instruction Manual

Model: WPW10553968

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of the Whirlpool WPW10553968 Washplate. This component is a genuine Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) part designed for specific Maytag washing machine models. It plays a crucial role in the washing process by circulating the laundry load. For optimal performance and safety, please read these instructions thoroughly before proceeding with any installation or maintenance.

Product Overview

The Whirlpool WPW10553968 Washplate is a critical component within the washing machine's spin basket. Its primary function is to agitate and circulate the wash load through the water.



Figure 1: Top view of the Whirlpool WPW10553968 Washplate, showing its circular design and numerous perforations for water flow. This is the surface that interacts directly with the laundry.

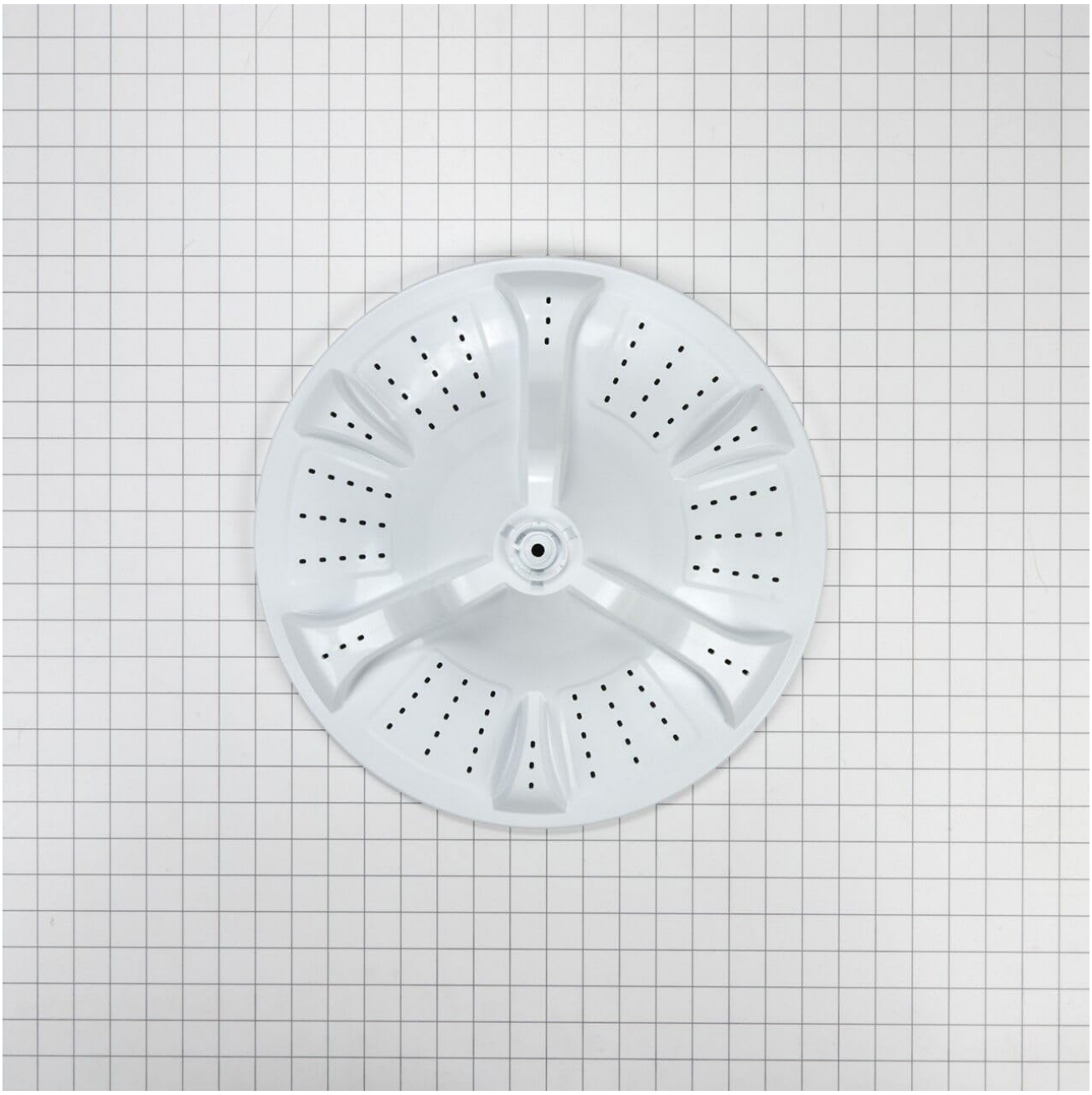


Figure 2: Angled view of the Whirlpool WPW10553968 Washplate, highlighting its central hub and the contoured fins that facilitate water and laundry movement during the wash cycle.

This washplate is an OEM authorized part, meaning it is manufactured by Whirlpool to the exact specifications of the original component. It is designed to fit various Maytag washer series, including but not limited to: 3LMVWC400, 4GMVWC400, 4GMVWX500, 4KMVWC400, 4KMVWC405, 4KMVWX505, 7MMVWC400, 7MMVWH450, 7MMVWX500, 7MMVWX510, 7MMVWX521, 7MMVWX550, 7MMVWX622, 7MMVWX700, 7MMVWX722, MVWC360, MVWC400, MVWC425, MVWC450, MVWX500, MVWX550, MVWX5SP, MVWX600, MVWX700.
It replaces part numbers W10215116, W10215119, and W10553968.

Safety Information

Always disconnect power to the washing machine before attempting any installation, repair, or maintenance. Failure to do so can result in serious injury or electrical shock.

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves and eye protection, during installation.
- Ensure the work area is well-lit and clear of obstructions.
- If you are unsure about any step, consult a qualified appliance technician.

- Keep children and pets away from the appliance during service.

Setup and Installation

The installation of the washplate typically involves removing the old washplate and securing the new one. This process may vary slightly depending on your specific washing machine model.

Required Tools:

- Socket wrench set (with appropriate size for the washplate bolt)
- Flat-head screwdriver (for prying off the cap, if applicable)
- Pliers (optional, for stubborn parts)

Installation Steps:

1. **Disconnect Power:** Unplug the washing machine from the electrical outlet or turn off the circuit breaker supplying power to the appliance.
2. **Access Washplate:** Open the washer lid. The washplate is located at the bottom of the wash tub.
3. **Remove Center Cap:** Carefully pry off the decorative cap in the center of the washplate using a flat-head screwdriver. This will expose the mounting bolt.
4. **Remove Mounting Bolt:** Use a socket wrench to loosen and remove the bolt securing the washplate. Turn counter-clockwise to loosen.
5. **Remove Old Washplate:** Gently lift the old washplate out of the tub. It may require some wiggling or gentle prying if it's stuck due to detergent residue or mineral buildup.
6. **Clean Tub (Optional):** While the washplate is removed, it is an opportune time to clean any accumulated debris or residue from the bottom of the wash tub.
7. **Install New Washplate:** Align the new Whirlpool WPW10553968 Washplate with the splines on the agitator shaft at the bottom of the tub. Press it down firmly until it seats properly. Ensure it is fully seated and level.
8. **Secure Mounting Bolt:** Reinsert the mounting bolt and tighten it securely with the socket wrench. Do not overtighten.
9. **Replace Center Cap:** Snap the decorative cap back into place over the bolt.
10. **Restore Power:** Plug the washing machine back into the electrical outlet or turn on the circuit breaker.

Note: *Some users report that the new washplate can be a very tight fit and may require firm pressure or gentle tapping to fully seat. Ensure the splines are correctly aligned before applying force.*

Operating Principles

Once installed, the WPW10553968 Washplate operates in conjunction with the washing machine's motor and transmission. During the wash cycle, the washplate turns back and forth (oscillates) at the bottom of the spin basket. This oscillating motion creates turbulence in the water, circulating the laundry load and facilitating the removal of dirt and stains.
The perforations on the washplate allow water to flow freely through the laundry, ensuring thorough saturation and rinsing.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance of your washing machine, including the washplate area, can extend the life of the appliance and

ensure optimal cleaning performance.

- **Regular Cleaning:** Periodically inspect the washplate and the bottom of the tub for lint, debris, or detergent residue. Clean as needed with a soft cloth and mild detergent.
- **Check for Obstructions:** Ensure no small items (coins, buttons, etc.) are lodged beneath or around the washplate, as these can impede its movement or cause damage.
- **Inspect for Wear:** While the washplate is designed for durability, inspect it for any signs of cracks, excessive wear, or damage during routine cleaning.

Troubleshooting

If you experience issues after installing the new washplate, consider the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Washplate not turning or agitating properly.	Washplate not fully seated on the agitator shaft; mounting bolt loose; internal washer mechanism issue.	Ensure washplate is fully seated and bolt is tight. If problem persists, consult a technician as it may indicate a deeper mechanical issue.
Loud grinding or clicking noise during wash cycle.	Debris lodged under washplate; washplate not properly aligned; damaged internal components.	Disconnect power and inspect for debris. Re-seat washplate. If noise continues, professional service is recommended.
Washer not cleaning clothes effectively.	Washplate not agitating; overloading the washer; incorrect detergent usage.	Verify washplate movement. Reduce load size. Ensure proper detergent and cycle selection.

For issues not listed here, or if troubleshooting steps do not resolve the problem, it is advisable to contact Whirlpool customer support or a certified appliance repair technician.

Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Brand Name	Whirlpool
Model Info	WPW10553968
Item Weight	2.55 pounds
Product Dimensions	17 x 16.8 x 5.5 inches
Item Model Number	WPW10553968
Part Number	WPW10553968
Compatible Device	MAYTAG (and listed series)
Replaces Part Numbers	W10215116, W10215119, W10553968

Attribute	Detail
Date First Available	October 27, 2017

Warranty and Support

As an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) part, the Whirlpool WPW10553968 Washplate is typically covered by Whirlpool's standard warranty for replacement parts. Specific warranty terms and duration may vary. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.



Figure 3: Information graphic explaining OEM parts, featuring logos of Whirlpool, Maytag, KitchenAid, Amana, and JennAir, indicating the broad compatibility and quality assurance of genuine parts.

Customer Support:

For technical assistance, warranty inquiries, or to locate authorized service centers, please visit the official Whirlpool website or contact their customer service department.

- **Whirlpool Official Website:** www.whirlpool.com
- Refer to your washing machine's original user manual for specific model-related support information.

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