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Model: 20232 | Brand: Kenmore

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation of your Kenmore Top-Load Washer. Please read it thoroughly before using the appliance and keep it for future reference.

The Kenmore Top-Load Washer, model 20232, features a 3.5 cu. ft. capacity and a Dual Action Agitator designed for a deep, thorough clean. It offers various wash cycles and temperature options to suit different laundry needs, along with a Deep Fill option for increased water levels.



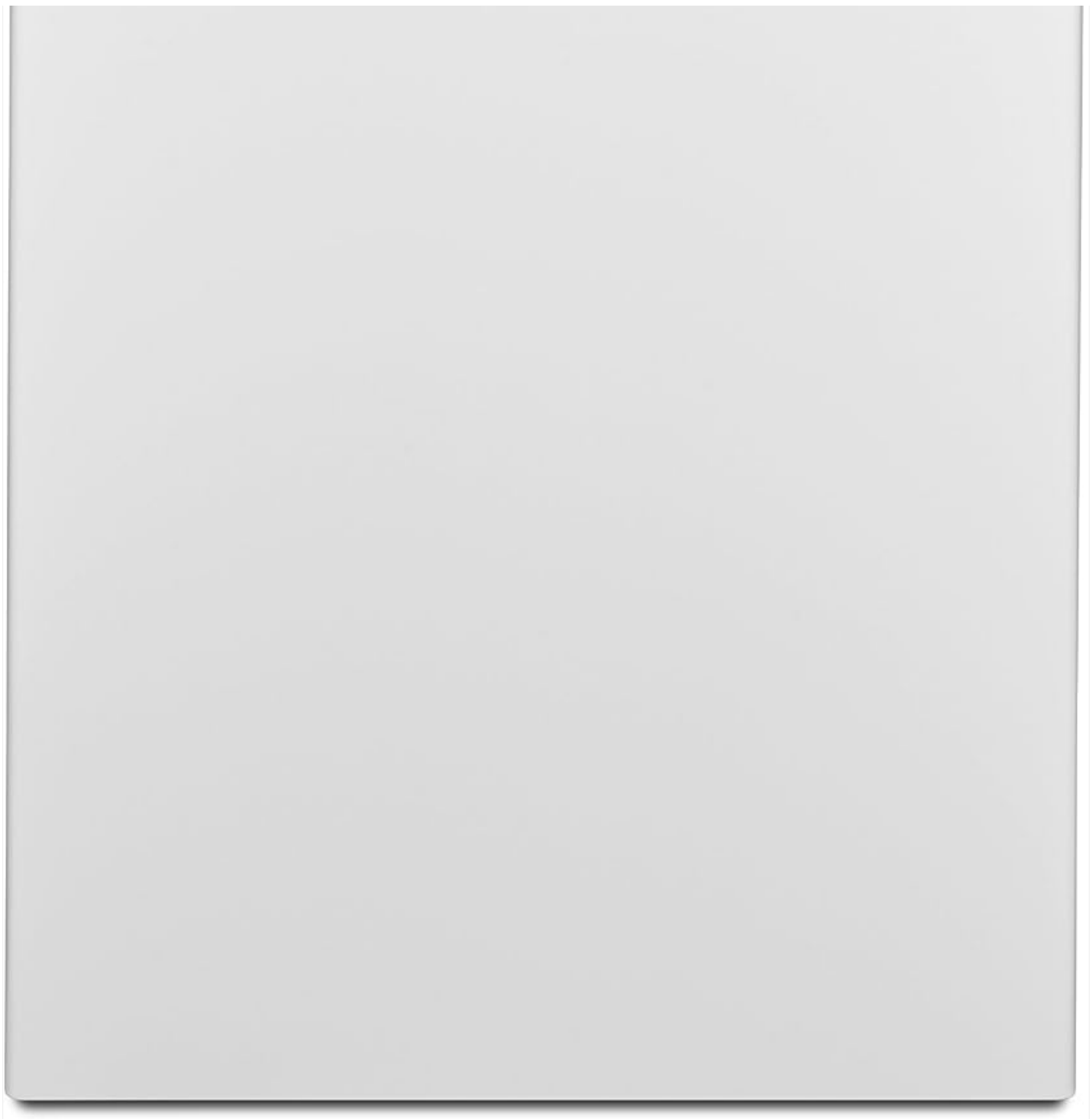


Figure 1: Kenmore Top-Load Washer, Model 20232. This image shows the full front view of the white top-load washing machine with its control panel visible at the top.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Your Kenmore Top-Load Washer is designed for freestanding installation. Proper setup is crucial for optimal performance and safety.

Unpacking and Placement

- Carefully remove all packaging materials, including any shipping bolts or foam blocks.
- Place the washer on a firm, level floor. Ensure there is adequate space around the unit for ventilation and access.
- Verify the washer is level by adjusting the leveling feet. An unlevel washer can cause excessive vibration and noise.

Connections

The washer requires connections for water supply and drainage, as well as an electrical connection.

- **Water Supply:** Connect the hot and cold water inlet hoses to the corresponding valves and to the back of the washer. Ensure connections are tight to prevent leaks.
- **Drain Hose:** Securely attach the included drain hose to the washer and route it into a standpipe or laundry tub. Ensure the hose is not kinked and is properly secured to prevent dislodging during operation.
- **Electrical Connection:** Plug the power cord into a grounded 120-volt electrical outlet. Do not use extension cords.

Included Components: Drain Hose, Power Cord.



Figure 2: Kenmore Top-Load Washer (left) shown alongside a compatible Kenmore dryer (right). This image illustrates the typical setup of the washer in a laundry area.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Familiarize yourself with the control panel and available wash cycles to achieve the best cleaning results.



Figure 3: Control panel of the Kenmore Top-Load Washer. This image provides a detailed view of the knobs for Water Level, Wash Temp, and the Cycle Selector, along with the Start/Pause button and cycle status indicators.

Control Panel Overview

- **Water Level Knob:** Selects the water level for your load. Options include Auto, Auto w/ Second Rinse, Deep Fill, and Deep Fill w/ Second Rinse. The Deep Fill option allows you to add more water to the wash when desired.
- **Wash Temp Knob:** Adjusts the wash water temperature. Options typically include Hot, Warm, Cool, Cool Darks, and Cold.
- **Cycle Selector Knob:** Choose from 11 standard wash cycles, including:
 - Normal (Regular, Heavy, Light)
 - Bulky / Bedding
 - Jeans / Towels
 - Casual
 - Delicates
 - Soak
 - Drain / Spin
 - Rinse / Spin
 - Clean Washer
- **Start/Pause Button:** Press to start a cycle. Press and hold for approximately 5-6 seconds to cancel a cycle.

Loading the Washer



Figure 4: Interior view of the Kenmore Top-Load Washer during a wash cycle. This image shows the Dual Action Agitator in the center of the tub, surrounded by clothes and soapy water.

- Load items loosely around the Dual Action Agitator. Do not overload the machine, as this can hinder cleaning performance and cause issues.
- The Dual Action Agitator moves in two different directions to ensure even washing and efficient cleaning of ground-in dirt and tough stains.

Detergent and Additives

- **Liquid HE Detergent:** Use liquid HE detergent up to the first line of the cap.
- **HE Powder Detergent or Pods:** Add these directly to the tub *before* adding clothes to allow them to dissolve properly.
- **Water Temperature:** Use cooler water temperatures for most loads, but avoid "tap cold" as detergent requires at least 60-degree water to dissolve effectively.
- **Extra Rinses:** Consider adding up to 2 extra rinses for heavily soiled loads or to ensure all detergent is removed.
- **Fabric Softener:** If available, use the "Fabric Softener" option, which adds more water to the cycle for better distribution.



Figure 5: Empty interior of the Kenmore Top-Load Washer. This image shows the clean, stainless steel tub and the central Dual Action Agitator, ready for loading.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance helps ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your washer.

Clean Washer Cycle

- Utilize the dedicated "Clean Washer" cycle periodically to remove detergent residue and odors from the washer tub.
- If the washer is not new, it is recommended to run the clean washer cycle before first use.

General Cleaning

- Wipe down the exterior of the washer with a soft, damp cloth.
- Clean the detergent dispenser drawer regularly to prevent buildup.
- Leave the washer lid open after use to allow the interior to air dry and prevent mildew.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your washer.

White Residue on Clothes

If you notice white residue on your clothes after washing, consider the following tips:

- Use liquid HE detergent to the first line of the cap.
- If using HE powder detergent or pods, add them to the tub before adding clothes to ensure proper dissolution.
- Do not overload the machine.
- Use a cycle other than "Normal," such as "Heavy Duty" or "Bulky," and avoid "Express" when necessary.
- Utilize the "Deep Fill" option and/or the "Fabric Softener" option (if available) to add more water to the cycle.
- Use cooler water temperatures, but avoid "tap cold" as detergent requires at least 60-degree water to dissolve.
- Add up to 2 extra rinses to ensure all detergent is removed.
- If the washer is not new, use the "Clean Washer" cycle.

If these tips do not resolve the issue, a service technician should be contacted for evaluation.

General Issues

- **Washer not starting:** Ensure the power cord is securely plugged in and the lid is fully closed. Check if a circuit breaker has tripped.
- **Excessive vibration/noise:** Verify the washer is level. Ensure the load is balanced inside the tub.
- **Water not draining:** Check the drain hose for kinks or blockages. Ensure the drain pump filter (if accessible) is clean.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand Name	Kenmore
Model Info	20232
Item Model Number	20232
Part Number	2620232
Capacity	3.5 Cubic Feet
Installation Type	Freestanding
Form Factor	Stand Alone
Access Location	Top Load
Control Console	Knob
Standard Cycles	11
Special Features	High Efficiency
Color	White (3.5 cu. ft. Capacity)
Finish Type	Stainless Steel (Tub)
Material Type	Steel
Item Weight	144 pounds
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	27.5 x 27 x 43 inches

Feature	Detail
Voltage	120 Volts
Fuel Type	Electric
Connector Type	Water Line and Drain
Included Components	Drain Hose, Power Cord
Date First Available	November 6, 2017

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Specific warranty details for the Kenmore Top-Load Washer, Model 20232, are typically provided with the product at the time of purchase or can be found on the official Kenmore website. Please refer to your purchase documentation for the most accurate and up-to-date warranty terms and conditions.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For technical assistance, service requests, or to order replacement parts, please contact Kenmore customer support. You can find contact information on the official Kenmore website or through your product's purchase documentation. For more information about Kenmore products, visit the [Kenmore Store on Amazon](#).

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