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**LG 8161609**

# LG Dryer Lint Filter User Manual

Model: 8161609

## 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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This manual provides instructions for the OEM LG Dryer Lint Filter, model 8161609. This filter is designed to capture lint and debris during the drying cycle, ensuring efficient operation and preventing fire hazards. It is a genuine replacement part specifically compatible with LG dryer models DLGX3471W, DLGX3551V, DLGX3551W, DLGX3571V, and DLGX3571W.



Figure 1: The OEM LG Dryer Lint Filter (Model 8161609). This image shows the light gray, curved plastic frame with a fine mesh screen designed to fit into compatible LG dryer models.

## 2. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

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Proper installation of the lint filter is crucial for the safe and efficient operation of your dryer. Ensure the dryer is turned off and unplugged before proceeding.

1. **Locate the Filter Slot:** The lint filter slot is typically located inside the dryer door opening, at the bottom.
2. **Remove Old Filter (if applicable):** If replacing an old filter, grasp the handle of the existing filter and pull it straight out.
3. **Clean the Filter Housing:** Before inserting the new filter, inspect the filter housing for any accumulated lint or debris. Use a vacuum cleaner attachment or a damp cloth to remove any buildup. *Pay special attention to compacted lint below the filter slot, as this can prevent the new filter from seating properly.*
4. **Insert New Filter:** Hold the new LG Dryer Lint Filter (Model 8161609) by its handle. Align the filter with the slot and slide it firmly into place until it is fully seated and flush with the dryer opening.
5. **Verify Fit:** Ensure the filter sits flat and does not protrude. A properly seated filter prevents items from getting snagged and ensures optimal airflow.

## 3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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Once installed, the lint filter operates automatically with your dryer. Its primary function is to collect lint from clothes as air

circulates during the drying cycle.

- **Ensure Proper Seating:** Always confirm the lint filter is fully inserted and seated correctly before starting any drying cycle.
- **Regular Cleaning:** For optimal performance and safety, clean the lint filter before or after every load. Refer to the Maintenance section for detailed cleaning instructions.

## 4. MAINTENANCE

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Regular cleaning of your lint filter is essential for dryer efficiency, energy savings, and fire prevention.

### 4.1 Daily Cleaning

1. **Remove Filter:** Pull the lint filter straight out from its slot.
2. **Remove Lint:** Roll the lint off the screen with your fingers. Do not rinse the filter under water for daily cleaning, as this can push lint into the mesh.
3. **Reinsert Filter:** Slide the cleaned filter back into its slot until it is fully seated.

### 4.2 Deep Cleaning (Monthly or as Needed)

Over time, fabric softener residue or detergent buildup can clog the mesh, even if it appears clean. This reduces airflow and drying efficiency.

1. **Remove Filter:** Pull the lint filter out.
2. **Wash with Water:** Use a soft brush and warm, soapy water to scrub both sides of the mesh screen.
3. **Rinse Thoroughly:** Rinse the filter under running water until no soap residue remains.
4. **Dry Completely:** Allow the filter to air dry completely before reinserting it into the dryer. Ensure it is fully dry to prevent mildew or damage.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter issues with your lint filter or dryer performance, consider the following:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Filter does not fit flush or protrudes.	Compacted lint or debris in the filter housing/ductwork below the filter.	Remove the filter and thoroughly clean the filter housing and ductwork. Use a vacuum cleaner with a narrow attachment. Ensure no obstructions prevent the filter from seating fully.
Clothes are taking too long to dry.	Clogged lint filter or restricted airflow.	Perform a deep clean of the lint filter (Section 4.2). Check the dryer's exhaust vent for blockages.
Clothes are getting snagged on the filter.	Filter is not seated properly or is damaged.	Ensure the filter is fully inserted and flush. Inspect the filter for any cracks, tears in the mesh, or warped areas. Replace if damaged.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

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<b>Brand</b>	LG
<b>Model Number</b>	8161609
<b>Compatible Dryer Models</b>	DLGX3471W, DLGX3551V, DLGX3551W, DLGX3571V, DLGX3571W
<b>Dimensions (L x W x H)</b>	12.5 x 12.5 x 1 inches
<b>Item Weight</b>	4.6 ounces
<b>Color</b>	White
<b>Special Feature</b>	Ergonomic

## 7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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As an OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) part, this LG Dryer Lint Filter is typically covered under the standard warranty terms provided by LG for their appliance parts. For specific warranty details, please refer to the documentation that came with your LG dryer or visit the official LG support website.

For further assistance or technical support regarding your LG dryer or replacement parts, please contact LG Customer Service:

- **LG Official Website:** [www.lg.com/us/support](http://www.lg.com/us/support)
- **Customer Service Phone:** Refer to the LG website for the most current contact numbers for your region.

When contacting support, please have your dryer's model and serial number, as well as the lint filter's model number (8161609), ready for faster service.