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UpStart Components AP-8544771-DL114

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For Maytag MED4200BW0 Dryer

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information and instructions for the UpStart Components 8544771 Dryer Heating Element. This product is designed as a replacement part for specific dryer models. Please read these instructions thoroughly before attempting installation or performing any maintenance.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The UpStart Components 8544771 Dryer Heating Element is a crucial component responsible for generating the heat required for drying clothes. This replacement part is engineered to restore proper heating function to your dryer, addressing common issues such as extended drying times or a complete lack of heat.

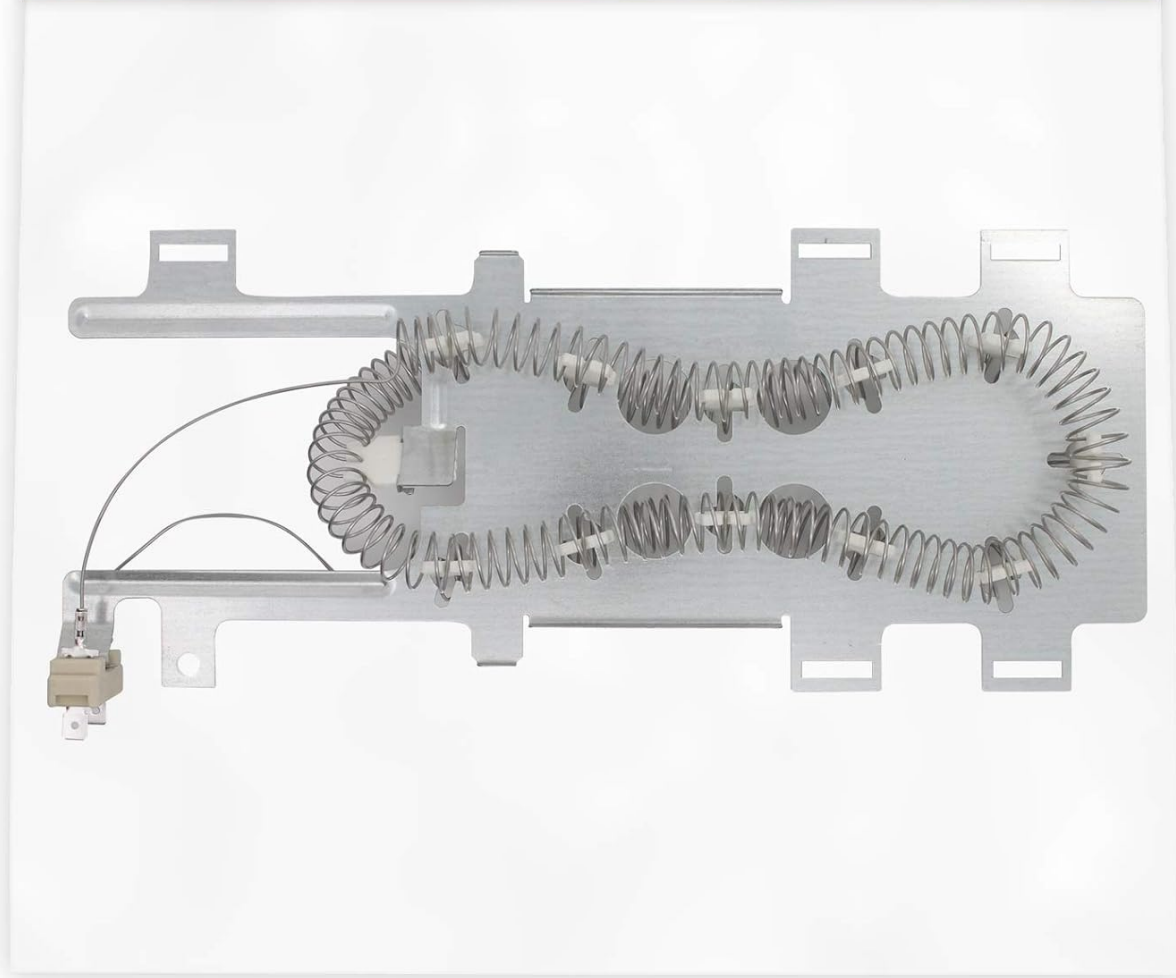


Image 2.1: The UpStart Components 8544771 Dryer Heating Element. This image shows the complete heating element assembly, including the coiled heating wires and the metal frame.

3. COMPATIBILITY

This heating element is specifically designed to be compatible with the **Maytag MED4200BW0** dryer model. It serves as a replacement for original equipment manufacturer (OEM) part numbers including **WP8544771**, **AP6013115**, **8544771**, and **PS11746337**. It is essential to verify that your dryer's existing part number matches one of these compatible numbers before proceeding with installation to ensure proper fit and function.

4. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS (SETUP)

WARNING: Before beginning any repair, always disconnect the dryer from its power source by unplugging it or turning off the circuit breaker. Failure to do so can result in electric shock or serious injury.

Installation of a dryer heating element requires basic mechanical aptitude. If you are uncomfortable performing this repair, it is recommended to consult a qualified appliance technician.

4.1. Tools Required

- Screwdrivers (Phillips and flathead)
- Nut drivers or socket wrench set
- Pliers
- Work gloves

4.2. General Installation Steps

1. **Disconnect Power:** Ensure the dryer is completely disconnected from the electrical supply.
2. **Access the Heating Element:** Depending on your dryer model, you may need to remove the rear panel, front panel, or top panel to access the heating element housing. Refer to your specific dryer's service manual for detailed access instructions.
3. **Locate and Disconnect Old Element:** Identify the existing heating element assembly. Carefully disconnect any electrical wires attached to it. Note their positions for reassembly.
4. **Remove Old Element:** Unfasten any screws or clips securing the old heating element assembly and carefully remove it from the dryer.
5. **Install New Element:** Position the new UpStart Components 8544771 heating element into the dryer. Ensure it is seated correctly and secure it with the screws or clips previously removed.
6. **Reconnect Wiring:** Reattach the electrical wires to the new heating element. Double-check that all connections are secure and match the original configuration.
7. **Reassemble Dryer:** Replace any panels or components that were removed to access the heating element.
8. **Test Operation:** Restore power to the dryer. Select a heated cycle and observe for proper heating and operation.

For visual reference during installation, please examine the following images of the heating element from various angles:

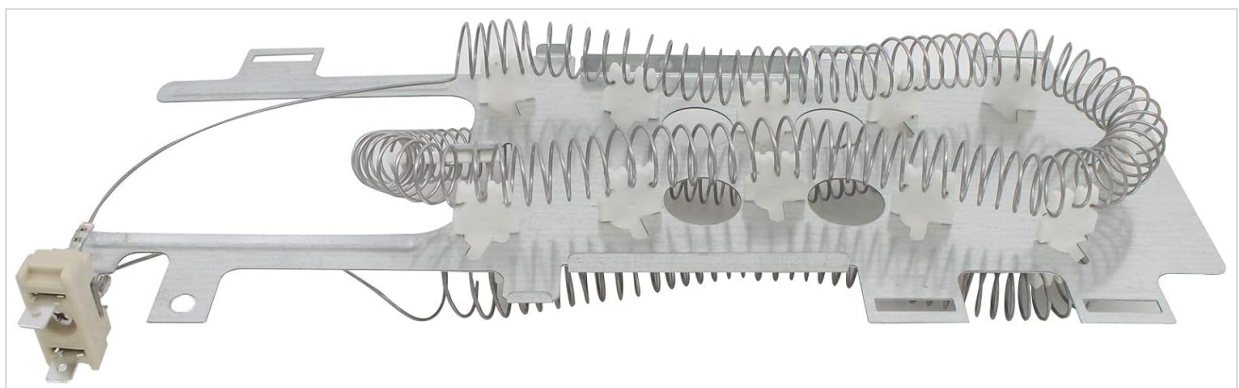


Image 4.1: Top view of the 8544771 heating element, showing the coiled wires and mounting brackets.

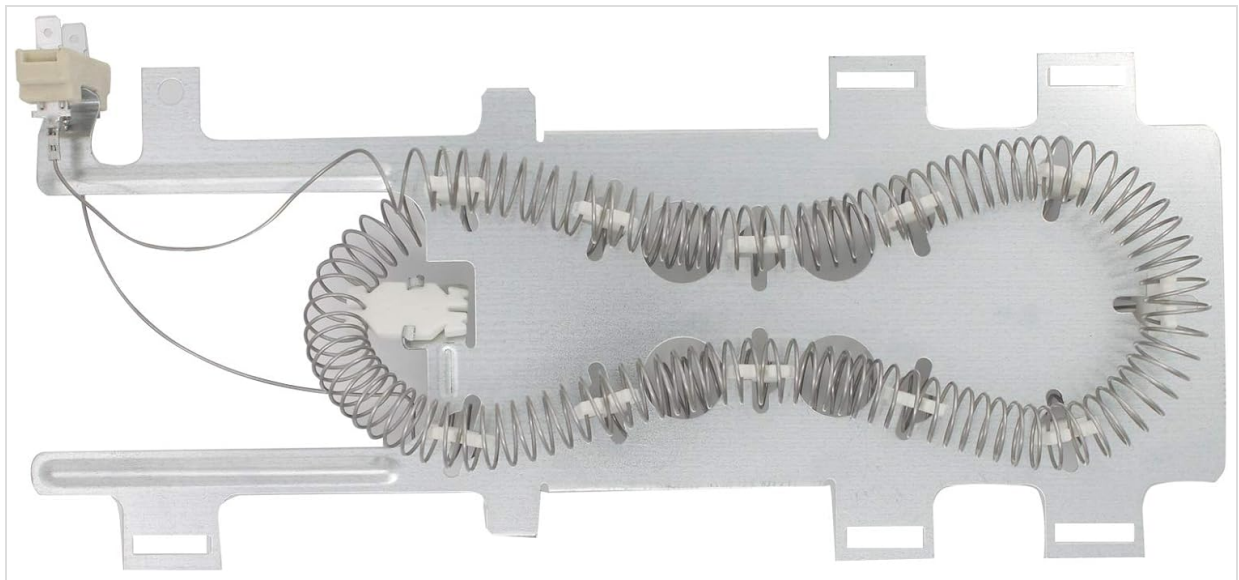


Image 4.2: Angled view of the heating element, highlighting the electrical terminals and internal structure.

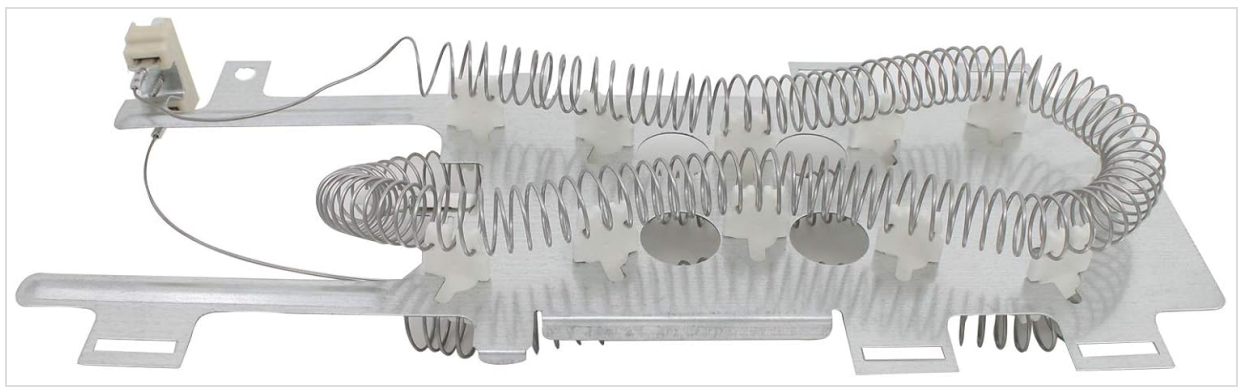


Image 4.3: Side view of the heating element, providing another perspective on its design and connections.

5. OPERATION AND EXPECTED FUNCTION

Once correctly installed, the UpStart Components 8544771 Dryer Heating Element will operate automatically as part of your dryer's heating cycle. When a heated drying program is selected, the element will energize to produce the necessary heat for drying garments. A properly functioning heating element will ensure consistent heat output and efficient drying times, returning your dryer to optimal performance.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

The heating element itself is a sealed component and does not require routine maintenance. However, to prolong the life of your heating element and ensure efficient dryer operation, it is crucial to:

- **Clean the Lint Filter:** Always clean the lint filter before each load to maintain proper airflow.
- **Inspect Dryer Vent:** Periodically check and clean the dryer's exhaust vent system for lint buildup or obstructions. A restricted vent can cause the dryer to overheat, leading to premature failure of the heating element and other components.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues that may arise if the heating element is not functioning as expected or if other related dryer problems occur.

7.1. Dryer Runs But Produces No Heat or Insufficient Heat

- **Possible Cause:** The heating element may be faulty, or there could be an issue with the thermal fuse, cycling thermostat, or high-limit thermostat.
- **Action:** If the heating element was recently replaced, re-verify all electrical connections are secure. If the problem persists, further diagnosis is required to test the continuity of the heating element, thermal fuse, and thermostats. This may require a multimeter and should be performed by a qualified technician if you are not experienced.

7.2. Dryer Takes Too Long to Dry Clothes

- **Possible Cause:** A partially failing heating element (not producing full heat), a clogged dryer vent, or an overloaded dryer.
- **Action:** Ensure the lint filter is clean and the dryer vent is free of obstructions. Reduce load size if consistently overloading the dryer. If these steps do not resolve the issue, the heating element may be weakening, or other components affecting heat regulation might be at fault.

7.3. Dryer Overheats

- **Possible Cause:** A faulty cycling thermostat or high-limit thermostat, or a severely restricted dryer vent.
- **Action:** Immediately disconnect power to the dryer. Thoroughly clean the dryer vent system. If the vent is clear, the issue is likely with the temperature control components, which may require professional diagnosis and replacement.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Product Brand:	UpStart Components
Part Number:	AP-8544771-DL114
Compatible Dryer Model:	Maytag MED4200BW0
Compatible OEM Part Numbers:	WP8544771, AP6013115, 8544771, PS11746337
Material:	Metal and Plastic Components
Date First Available:	April 18, 2019

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