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Whirlpool W11688995

Whirlpool W11688995 OEM Washer Water Inlet Valve Assembly

Model: W11688995

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and correct installation, operation, and maintenance of your Whirlpool W11688995 OEM Washer Water Inlet Valve Assembly.
The Washer Water Inlet Valve Assembly controls the flow of water into your washing machine. This genuine OEM part is designed to meet Whirlpool engineering standards, ensuring quality and optimal performance.

What's in the Box

- Whirlpool W11688995 Genuine OEM Washer Water Inlet Valve Assembly

Important Safety Instructions

WARNING: To reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, explosion, serious injury, or death, always follow basic safety precautions.

- **Disconnect Power:** Always unplug the washing machine or shut off the house circuit breaker for the appliance before installing this part.
- **Water Supply:** Ensure both hot and cold water supplies to the washing machine are turned off before beginning installation.
- **Tools:** Basic hand tools are required for replacement.
- **Experience:** Novice repair experience is recommended for this replacement. If you are unsure about any step, consult a qualified technician.

Product Overview

The Whirlpool W11688995 Washer Water Inlet Valve Assembly is a crucial component that regulates water intake for your washing machine. It is designed for durability and precise fit.

Visual Inspection



Figure 1: Front view of the W11688995 Washer Water Inlet Valve Assembly. This image displays the main threaded water inlet connection, which includes a filter screen, and the two solenoid valves responsible for controlling water flow.



Figure 2: Side view of the W11688995 Washer Water Inlet Valve Assembly. This perspective highlights the two barbed outlets where water hoses connect to the washing machine's internal system.

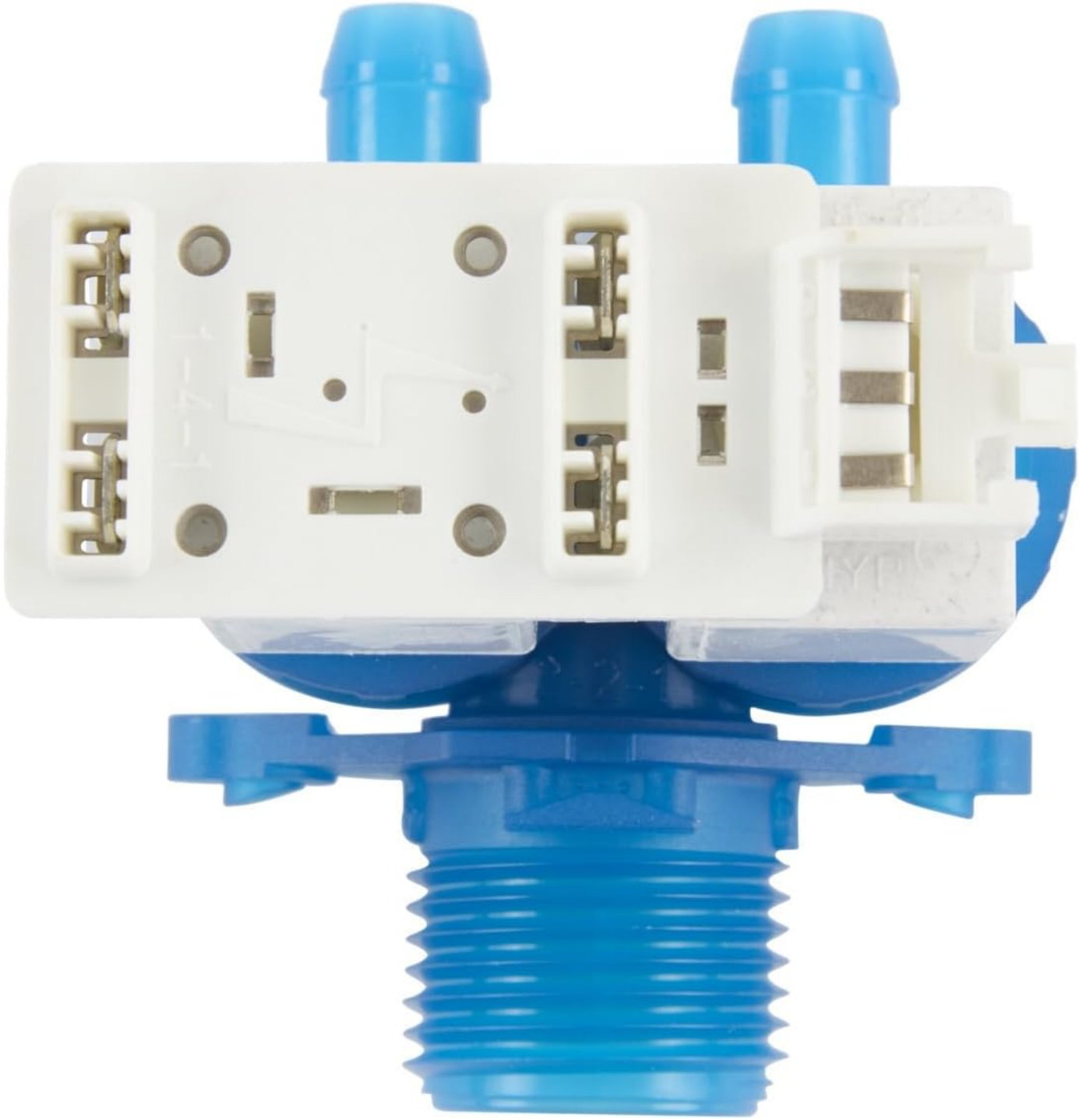


Figure 3: Back view of the W11688995 Washer Water Inlet Valve Assembly. This image shows the electrical connectors for the solenoid valves, which receive signals from the washer's control board to open and close.

Compatibility Information

The W11688995 Washer Water Inlet Valve Assembly is compatible with many Whirlpool, Maytag, KitchenAid, and JennAir models.

It replaces part numbers W11036930, W11316256, and W11486361.

Important: Always verify compatibility with your specific appliance model number before purchasing and installing.

How to Find Your Washer Model Number

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Video: This video demonstrates how to locate the model number on your clothes washer to ensure proper part fitment and compatibility.

Installation Guide

Before You Begin: Ensure the washing machine is unplugged and both hot and cold water supplies are turned off. Have basic hand tools ready.

Step-by-Step Installation

1. **Access the Valve:** Depending on your washer model, you may need to remove the back panel or top console to access the water inlet valve. Refer to your specific washer's service manual for detailed access instructions.
2. **Disconnect Hoses:** Carefully disconnect the water inlet hoses from the old valve. Be prepared for some residual water to drain.
3. **Disconnect Wiring:** Disconnect the electrical connectors from the solenoid valves. Note their positions for re-connection.
4. **Remove Old Valve:** Unmount the old water inlet valve from its housing. This may involve unscrewing it or releasing clips.
5. **Install New Valve:** Position the new W11688995 valve in place and secure it.
6. **Reconnect Wiring:** Reconnect the electrical connectors to the new solenoid valves. Ensure a secure connection.
7. **Reconnect Hoses:** Attach the water inlet hoses to the new valve. Hand-tighten first, then use a wrench for a snug fit, but do not overtighten.
8. **Restore Water and Power:** Turn on the hot and cold water supplies, checking for leaks. Then, plug in the washing machine or restore power at the circuit breaker.
9. **Test Operation:** Run a short wash cycle to ensure the new valve is functioning correctly and there are no leaks.

Visual Aids for the Part

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Video: This video provides a visual guide for a washer water inlet valve, similar to the W11688995 model, highlighting its features and connections.

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Video: This video shows a 360-degree view of a washer water valve, similar to the W11688995, demonstrating its physical characteristics.

Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your washing machine and its components, including the water inlet valve, regular maintenance is recommended.

- **Clean Filter Screens:** Periodically check and clean the filter screens located at the water inlet connections of the valve. Sediment buildup can restrict water flow.
- **Washer Cleaning:** Use affresh® Washing Machine Cleaner Tablets (item W10135699) once a month to help reduce odor-causing residue that can build up in your washing machine's drain. This contributes to the overall health of your appliance.

Troubleshooting

If your washing machine is experiencing issues related to water intake after replacing the valve, consider the following:

- **No Water or Slow Fill:**
  - Check if both hot and cold water supply valves are fully open.
  - Inspect the water inlet hoses for kinks or blockages.
  - Ensure the filter screens on the water inlet valve are clean.

- Verify electrical connections to the solenoid valves are secure.

- **Continuous Water Fill:**
  - This could indicate a faulty water inlet valve that is not closing properly. If the issue persists after installation, the valve may need further inspection or replacement.

- **Leaks:**
  - Check all hose connections for tightness. Do not overtighten.
  - Inspect the valve body for cracks or damage.

For persistent issues, contact a qualified appliance service technician.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Whirlpool
Model Info	W11688995
Item Weight	7.1 ounces
Product Dimensions	4.5 x 4.5 x 3.25 inches
Material Type	Stainless Steel (Note: This may refer to internal components or connections, as the valve body is typically plastic)
Included Components	Whirlpool W11688995 Genuine OEM Washer Water Inlet Valve Assembly

Warranty Information

Whirlpool offers a one-year warranty on genuine OEM parts. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use.
For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the documentation provided with your original appliance or contact Whirlpool customer service.

Customer Support

For further assistance, technical support, or to inquire about service, please visit the official Whirlpool website or contact their customer service department.
When contacting support, please have your appliance's model number and the part number (W11688995) readily available.

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