

**HYE3657AYW**

# Instruction Manual for Maytag HYE3657AYW Dryer Heating Element & Thermal Fuse Kit

Model: HYE3657AYW | Brand: Generic

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the installation and replacement of the heating element and thermal fuse kit compatible with Maytag HYE3657AYW dryer models. Please read all instructions carefully before beginning any repair work. Ensure the dryer is disconnected from power before proceeding.

**Important Safety Information:** Always disconnect power to the appliance before servicing. Wear appropriate safety gear, including gloves and eye protection. If you are unsure about any step, consult a qualified technician.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

This kit includes essential components for restoring heating functionality to your dryer. It typically contains a heating element assembly and thermal fuses.



**Image 1:** Complete kit showing the heating element assembly, high-limit thermostat, and thermal fuses. The heating element consists of coiled wires supported by ceramic insulators within a metal frame. The thermal fuses are small, disc-shaped components with electrical terminals.

The kit includes:

- **Heating Element:** The primary component responsible for generating heat.
- **Thermal Fuses/Thermostats:** Safety devices designed to cut power to the heating element if temperatures exceed safe limits.

## SETUP AND PREPARATION

1. **Disconnect Power:** Unplug the dryer from the electrical outlet or turn off the circuit breaker supplying power to the dryer. This is a critical safety step.
2. **Gather Tools:** You will typically need a screwdriver set (Phillips and flathead), nut drivers or wrenches, and possibly needle-nose pliers.
3. **Access the Heating Element:** Depending on your specific Maytag HYE3657AYW dryer model, you may need to remove the back panel, front panel, or top panel to access the heating element housing. Refer to your dryer's service manual for exact panel removal instructions.
4. **Document Connections:** Before disconnecting any wires, take photos or make notes of how the wires are connected to the old heating element and thermal fuses. This will aid in correct reassembly.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps carefully to replace the heating element and thermal fuse kit:

1. **Remove Old Components:**

- Carefully disconnect all wires from the old heating element and thermal fuses.
- Unscrew or unclip the mounting hardware that secures the heating element housing in place.
- Remove the entire heating element assembly from the dryer.

## 2. Inspect and Clean:

- While the heating element is out, inspect the surrounding area for lint buildup. Clean any lint thoroughly, as excessive lint can be a fire hazard and cause premature failure of new components.
- Examine the dryer's exhaust vent for obstructions.

## 3. Install New Heating Element:

- Position the new heating element assembly into the dryer, ensuring it aligns with the mounting points.
- Secure the heating element housing with the appropriate screws or clips.

## 4. Connect New Thermal Fuses/Thermostats:

- Connect the wires to the new thermal fuses and heating element terminals, referring to your documented connections (photos/notes). Ensure all connections are secure and tight.
- The kit typically includes a high-limit thermostat and a thermal cut-off fuse. Ensure they are installed in their correct positions as per the original setup.

## 5. Reassemble Dryer:

Reattach any panels that were removed, ensuring all screws are tightened.

## 6. Test Functionality:

Plug the dryer back into the electrical outlet or restore power at the circuit breaker. Run a short cycle (e.g., air fluff or low heat) to confirm proper operation and heating. Monitor for any unusual noises or smells.

## MAINTENANCE AND CARE

To ensure the longevity of your dryer and its components, regular maintenance is recommended:

- **Clean Lint Filter:** Clean the lint filter before or after every load to maintain airflow and prevent lint buildup.
- **Inspect Exhaust Vent:** Periodically check and clean the dryer's exhaust vent system (from the dryer to the outside vent cap) to prevent blockages. A blocked vent can cause the dryer to overheat and trip thermal fuses.
- **Avoid Overloading:** Do not overload the dryer, as this can restrict airflow and lead to inefficient drying and overheating.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If your dryer is still not heating or experiencing issues after replacing the kit, consider the following:

### • No Heat:

- Verify all electrical connections are secure.
- Check the house circuit breaker for the dryer; some dryers use two breakers.
- Ensure the dryer vent is not clogged.
- Test the new thermal fuses and heating element for continuity with a multimeter (if you have one and know how to use it).

### • Dryer Runs but No Heat:

This often indicates a problem with the heating circuit, which could be the heating element, thermal fuses, or a cycling thermostat. Re-check all installed components.

### • Dryer Overheats:

This is typically caused by restricted airflow due to a clogged lint filter or exhaust vent. Ensure these are clear.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Component	Description
Product Type	Dryer Heating Element & Thermal Fuse Kit
Compatible Model	Maytag HYE3657AYW
Part Number (Generic)	ACTO-HAPT-PL-06032025-11311
Color	Black/White (components may vary)
Package Contents	1 x Heating Element Assembly, Thermal Fuses/Termostats

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

This product is a replacement part. Please refer to the seller's return policy for information regarding returns or defects. Typically, replacement parts come with a limited warranty against manufacturing defects. Keep your purchase receipt for any warranty claims.

## SUPPORT

For further assistance or if you encounter issues not covered in this manual, please contact the seller directly through the platform where the purchase was made. Provide your order number and a detailed description of the problem for efficient support.

You may also consult online resources or a professional appliance repair technician if you are uncomfortable performing the repair yourself.