DISHWASHER SAFETY

Your safety and the safety of others are very important.
We have provided many important safety messages in this manual and on your appliance. Always read and obey all safety messages.

This is the safety alert symbol.
This symbol alerts you to potential hazards that can kill or hurt you and others.
All safety messages will follow the safety alert symbol and either the word “DANGER” or “WARNING.”
These words mean:

DANGER
You can be killed or seriously injured if you don’t immediately follow instructions.

WARNING
You can be killed or seriously injured if you don’t follow instructions.

All safety messages will tell you what the potential hazard is, tell you how to reduce the chance of injury, and tell you what can happen if the instructions are not followed.

You Need to:
- Slowly open dishwasher door while someone grasps the rear of the dishwasher. Remove shipping materials and drain hose. Close dishwasher door until latched.
- Observe all governing codes and ordinances.
- Install this dishwasher as specified in these instructions.
- Installation should be performed by a qualified service technician. The dishwasher must be installed to meet all electrical and plumbing national and local codes and ordinances.

Care shall be exercised when the appliance is installed or removed, to reduce the likelihood of damage to the power-supply cord.

WARNING: To reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, or injury to persons, the installer must ensure that the dishwasher is completely enclosed at the time of installation.
## INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

### Tools and Parts

Gather the recommended tools and parts before starting installation. Read and follow the instructions provided with any tools listed here.

### All Installations

**Tools needed:**

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<td>Utility knife</td>
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<td>¾” and ¼” nut drivers or hex sockets</td>
<td>UL Listed/CSA Approved twist-on wire connectors*</td>
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<td>Measuring tape or ruler</td>
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<td>10” adjustable wrench that opens to 1⅝” (2.9 cm)</td>
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*Must be the proper size to connect your household wiring to 16-gauge wiring in dishwasher.

Other useful items you may need:

- Flashlight
- Shallow pan

**Parts supplied:**

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**Parts needed:**

- ¾” Compr x ¾” hose fitting
- For part or kit, see local retailer or call Whirlpool Parts: 1-800-442-9991. Part Number W10273460

### Supplied in Kit:

- (4) Plastic studs (attached to each other by runners)
- (4) Short screws (10-16 hex-head screw)
- (4) Long screws (8-18 Torx® head screws)
- (1) Template (located inside Use and Care Guide bag assembly)
- (1) Instruction sheet (located inside Use and Care Guide bag assembly)

**NOTE:** The screws supplied are used for only ¾” thick wooden panel. If the wooden panel is less than ¾” thick, customer must purchase screws locally.

### Other parts you may also need:

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<td>Screw-type clamps (3 maximum)</td>
<td>Moisture barrier tape (Part Number 4396277)</td>
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**NOTES:**

- Moisture barrier tape is recommended when installing a dishwasher under a wood countertop.
- Parts available for purchase in plumbing supply stores. Check local codes. Check existing electrical supply. See “Electrical Requirements” section. It is recommended that electrical connections be made by a licensed electrical installer.

### In addition, for first-time installations

**Tools needed:**

- Cordless drill with ⅜”, ⅝” and 1⅝” hole saw bits
- Small tubing cutter
- Wire stripper

**Parts needed:**

- Copper tubing (⅛” O.D. suggested) or flexible braided water supply line
- See “Electrical Requirements” section.

- For Direct Wire: use UL Listed/CSA Approved strain relief to fit ⅛” (2.2 cm) hole
- For Power Supply Cord: use UL Listed/CSA Approved power supply cord kit marked for use with dishwasher

Make sure all these parts are included in the literature package.

If parts are not included, call 1-800-422-1230. In Canada, call 1-800-807-6777.

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Grounded electrical supply required.
Do not run drain lines, water lines or electrical wiring where they can interfere with or contact dishwasher motor or legs.
The location where the dishwasher will be installed must provide clearance between motor and flooring. Motor should not touch the floor.
Do not install dishwasher over carpeted flooring.
Shelter dishwasher and water lines leading to dishwasher against freezing. Damage from freezing is not covered by the warranty.
A moisture barrier accessory (Part Number 4396277) is available from your dealer for installing underneath the countertop.
Call 1-800-422-1230 to order. In Canada, call 1-800-807-6777.

Check location where dishwasher will be installed. The location must provide:
- easy access to water, electricity and drain.
- convenient access for loading and unloading dishes.
  Corner locations require a 2" (5.1 cm) minimum clearance between the side of the dishwasher door and the wall or cabinet.
- square opening for proper operation and appearance.
- cabinet front perpendicular to floor.
- level floor. If floor at front of opening is not level with floor at rear of opening, shims may be needed to level dishwasher.

Helpful Tip: Be sure to accurately measure dimensions and ensure dishwasher is level if the floor in the dishwasher opening is uneven (example: Flooring extends only partway into opening).

NOTE: To avoid shifting during dishwasher operation, shims must be securely attached to the floor.
If dishwasher will be left unused for a period of time or in a location where it may be subject to freezing, have it winterized by authorized service personnel.
Make sure pipes, wires and drain hose are within the shaded area shown in the “Product and Cabinet Opening Dimensions” section.
Product and Cabinet Opening Dimensions

B. For panel ready models, dishwasher depth is 24" (60 cm) not including the \( \frac{3}{4} \)" (1.9 cm) custom door panel.

C. For Pro Line® handle, depth is 28" (70 cm).

A. Insulation may be compressed (not used on all models).

**NOTE:** Shaded areas of cabinet walls show where utility connections may be installed.

D. Measured from the lowest point on the underside of the countertop. May be reduced to 33\( \frac{1}{2} \)" (85.1 cm) by removing the wheels and perforated area of insulation (blanket) on dishwasher.

E. Minimum, measured from narrowest point of opening.

Check that all surfaces have no protrusions that would prohibit dishwasher installation.
Drain Requirements

- A new drain hose is supplied with your dishwasher. If drain hose is not long enough, use a new drain hose with a maximum length of 12 ft (3.7 m) (Part Number 3385556) that meets all current AHAM/IAPMO test standards, is resistant to heat and detergent, and fits the 1" (2.5 cm) drain connector of the dishwasher.
- Make sure to connect drain hose to waste tee or disposer inlet above drain trap in house plumbing and 20" (50.8 cm) minimum above the floor. It is recommended that the drain hose either be looped up and securely fastened to the underside of the counter, or be connected to an air gap.

Use of air gap

- Make sure to use an air gap if the drain hose is connected to house plumbing lower than 20" (50.8 cm) above subfloor or floor.
- If required, the air gap should be installed in accordance with the air gap installation instructions. When you are connecting the air gap, a rubber hose (not provided) will be needed to connect to the waste tee or disposer inlet.

Water Supply Requirements

- A hot water line with 20 to 120 psi (138 to 862 kPa) water pressure can be verified by a licensed plumber.
- 120°F (49°C) water at dishwasher.
- ³⁄₈” O.D. copper tubing with compression fitting or flexible braided water supply line (Part Number 4396897RP).
  **NOTE:** ½” minimum plastic tubing is not recommended.
- A 90° elbow with ¾” hose connection with rubber washer (Part Number W10273460).
- Do not solder within 6” (15.2 cm) of the water inlet valve.

Electrical Requirements

Be sure that the electrical connection and wire size are adequate and in conformance with the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70 - latest edition and all local codes and ordinances.

A copy of the above code standards can be obtained from:
National Fire Protection Association
1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02169-7471

You must have:
- 120-volt, 60 Hz, AC-only, 15- or 20-amp, fused electrical supply.
- Copper wire only.

We recommend:
- A time-delay fuse or circuit breaker.
- A separate circuit.

If connecting dishwasher with a power supply cord:
- Use UL Listed power supply cord kit (Part Number 4317824) marked for use with dishwasher.
- Power supply cord must plug into a grounded 3 prong outlet, located in the cabinet next to the dishwasher opening. Outlet must meet all local codes and ordinances.

If connecting dishwasher with direct wiring:
- Use flexible, armored or nonmetallic sheathed, copper wire with grounding wire that meets the wiring requirements for your home and local codes and ordinances.
- Use a UL Listed/CSA Approved strain relief.

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING**

**Electrical Shock Hazard**
Disconnect electrical power at the fuse box or circuit breaker box before installing dishwasher. Failure to do so can result in death or electrical shock.

**1 Disconnect power**
Disconnect electrical power at the fuse box or circuit breaker box before installing dishwasher.

**2 Shut off water supply**
Shut off the water supply to the dishwasher.

**3 Do you already have utility hookups?**
- **Yes** — Follow instructions in the “Prepare Cabinet Opening—Existing Utilities” section.
- **No** — Follow instructions in the “Prepare Cabinet Opening—New Utilities” section.

**Prepare Cabinet Opening—Existing Utilities**

1. **Check water and electrical placement**

   ![](image1)

   Water line

   Cable

   If the water line and the cable extend to the locations shown, proceed to the “Install Drain Hose” section. If they do not reach far enough, follow the instructions in the “Prepare Cabinet Opening—New Utilities” section.

**Prepare Cabinet Opening—New Utilities**

**Prepare and route the electrical supply**

**What type of electrical connection will you use?**

- **Power Supply Cord:** Follow Option A instructions
- **Direct Wire:** Follow Option B instructions

**Option A, Power Supply Cord:**

**NOTE:** A grounded 3 prong outlet is required inside a cabinet next to the dishwasher cabinet opening.

1. **Power Supply Cord—Drill hole**

   ![](image2)

   Drill a 1½” (3.8 cm) hole in cabinet side or rear.

   See “Product and Cabinet Opening Dimensions” section.
Option B, Direct Wire:

Helpful Tip: Wiring the dishwasher will be easier if you route the cable into the cabinet opening from the right-hand side.

Prepare and Route Water Line

Helpful Tip: Routing the water line through the left side of cabinet opening will make water connection easier.

Wood cabinet: Sand the hole until smooth.
Metal cabinet: Cover hole with grommet included with power supply cord kit.

Drill a \(1\frac{1}{2}\) \(\text{"}(3.8 \text{ cm})\) hole in right-hand cabinet side or rear. See "Product and Cabinet Opening Dimensions" section.

Wood cabinet: Sand the hole until smooth.
Metal cabinet: Cover hole with grommet (Part Number 302797 - not provided).

Measure overall length of copper tubing for the water supply line.
Attach the water supply line (copper tubing or flexible braided line) to the hot water line using a connection configuration that is in compliance with local codes and ordinances. The water supply to the dishwasher should have a manual shutoff valve located under the sink.

Slowly route water supply line through hole in cabinet. (If you are using copper tubing, it will bend and kink easily, so be gentle.) It should be far enough into the cabinet opening to connect it to the dishwasher inlet on the front left side of the dishwasher.

Slowly turn water shutoff valve to “ON” position. Flush water into a shallow pan until clear to get rid of particles that could clog the inlet valve. Turn shutoff valve to “OFF” position.

Route water line and tape it to the floor in area shown. This will keep it from moving when dishwasher is moved into cabinet opening.

Install Drain Hose

IMPORTANT: Always use a new drain hose. Check local codes to determine whether an air gap is required.

If needed, drill a 1 1/2” (3.8 cm) diameter hole in cabinet wall or side of the opening closest to the sink.

Route drain hose as shown through hole in cabinet to the front center of opening where drain connection will be made. Tape drain hose to the floor in area shown. This will prohibit it from moving when dishwasher is moved into cabinet opening.
Connect drain hose

Connect drain hose to waste tee or waste disposer using one of the following options:
- Option A, Waste disposer – no air gap
- Option B, No waste disposer – no air gap
- Option C, Waste disposer – with air gap
- Option D, No waste disposer – with air gap

**IMPORTANT:** The drain hose connection of the disposer or a waste tee must be made before the drain trap and at least 20” (50.8 cm) above the floor where the dishwasher will be installed.

**Helpful Tip:** To reduce vibration of the hose, keep the hose away from the floor.

**Option A, Waste disposer – no air gap**

Helpful Tip: Remove disposer knock-out plug.

1. Using a hammer and screwdriver, knock plug into disposer.
2. Use needle-nose pliers to remove plug.
3. Attach drain hose to disposer inlet with large drain hose clamp (provided). Use pliers to squeeze clamp open and move into position.

**Option B, No waste disposer – no air gap**

1. Using a hammer and screwdriver, knock plug into disposer.
2. Use needle-nose pliers to remove plug.
3. Connect rubber end of drain hose to air gap and cut if needed. **NOTE:** Do not cut ribbed section.
4. Attach drain hose to air gap with large drain hose clamp (provided). Use pliers to squeeze clamp open and move into position. If the drain hose was cut, use a 1½” to 2” (3.8 to 5 cm) screw-type clamp (not provided).
5. Use a rubber hose (not provided) with screw-type clamps (not provided) to connect from air gap to disposer inlet.

**Option C, Waste disposer – with air gap**

Helpful Tip: Remove disposer knock-out plug.

1. Fit rubber end of drain hose to waste tee and cut if needed. **NOTE:** Do not cut ribbed section.
2. Attach rubber end of drain hose to waste tee with a large drain hose clamp (provided). Use pliers to squeeze clamp open and move into position. If the drain hose was cut, use a 1½” to 2” (3.8 to 5 cm) screw-type clamp (not provided).
Option D, No waste disposer – with air gap

1. Connect rubber end of drain hose to air gap and cut if needed. **NOTE:** Do not cut ribbed section.

2. Attach drain hose to air gap with large drain hose clamp (provided). Use pliers to squeeze clamp open and move into position. If the drain hose was cut, use a 1 1/2" to 2" (3.8 to 5 cm) screw-type clamp (not provided).

3. Use a rubber hose (not provided) with screw-type clamps (not provided) to connect from waste tee to air gap.

**WARNING**

Tip Over Hazard

Do not use dishwasher until completely installed.

Do not push down on open door.

Doing so can result in serious injury or cuts.

**WARNING**

Excessive Weight Hazard

Use two or more people to move and install dishwasher.

Failure to do so can result in back or other injury.

Helpful Tip: Place cardboard under dishwasher until installed in cabinet opening to avoid damaging floor covering. Do not use door panel as a worktable without first covering with a towel to avoid scratching the door panel.

Using 2 or more people, grasp sides of dishwasher door frame and place dishwasher on its back.

1. Make sure the area under the cabinet is clean and dry for installation of the moisture barrier.

2. Remove the backing of the moisture barrier and apply to underside of the countertop along the front edge of the counter.

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Option A, Remove Access Panel - Plastic Panel

2 Remove panel and fasteners

Using a flat-blade screwdriver, turn the plastic fasteners \(\frac{1}{4}\) turn counterclockwise to unlock them. Remove panel. Do not remove tech sheet from access panel.

Option B, Remove Access Panel - Metal Panel

2 Remove panels

Using a \(\frac{1}{4}\)" hex-head socket, nut driver or Phillips screwdriver, remove 2 screws attaching access panel and lower panel to dishwasher. Do not remove tech sheet from access panel.

3 Remove terminal box cover

Using a \(\frac{1}{4}\)" hex-head socket, nut driver or Torx® T20® screwdriver, remove terminal box cover. Retain for later use.

4 Install strain relief

Install a UL Listed/CSA Approved strain relief. Make sure screw heads are facing to the left when tightening conduit nut. Strain relief is provided with the power supply cord kit.

What type of electrical connection will you use?

- Power Supply Cord: Follow Option A instructions
- Direct Wire: Follow Option B instructions

NOTE: If using Option B, proceed to “Determine Cabinet Opening,” to continue with the installation of your dishwasher.

Make Power Supply Cord Connection

Option A, Power Supply Cord:

1 Power Cord—Route cord into terminal box

Route cord so that it does not touch dishwasher motor or lower part of dishwasher tub. Pull cord through strain relief in terminal box.
Select UL Listed/CSA Approved twist-on wire connectors rated to connect your power supply cord to 16-gauge dishwasher wiring.

**WARNING**

Electrical Shock Hazard

Electrically ground dishwasher.

Connect ground wire to green ground connector in terminal box.

Do not use an extension cord.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, fire, or electrical shock.

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Remove the ground connector screw and place through the ring terminal of the green ground wire. Reattach and tighten the ground connector screw.

**2** Power Supply Cord—Connect ground wire

Tighten strain relief screws to secure cord.

**3** Power Cord—Connect remaining wires

Place wires inside terminal box. Insert tabs on left side of cover. Make sure wires are tucked inside box. Close cover ensuring wires are not pinched. Use ¼” hex-head socket, nut driver or Torx® T20® screwdriver and previously removed screw to secure cover.

**4** Power Cord—Secure cord on strain relief

NOTE: Do not plug into outlet until instructed to do so.

**5** Power Cord—Reinstall terminal box cover

NOTE: Do not pre-twist stranded wire. Twist on wire connector. Gently tug on wires to be sure both are secured.

Connect wires black to black and white to white, using UL Listed/CSA Approved twist-on wire connectors.

If needed, see website for animated representation of this step. Visit www.kitchenaid.com/electrical under FAQ tab.
Determine Cabinet Opening

Measure height of cabinet opening from underside of countertop to floor where dishwasher will be installed (you will need to measure the lowest point on the underside of the countertop and the highest point on the floor). Refer to “Dishwasher Height Adjustment Chart” for wheel position and the number of turns needed.

**NOTE:** If the minimum cabinet opening height is less than 34” (86.4 cm), the rear wheels can be removed for additional clearance. This will allow the dishwasher and perforated section of the insulation blanket to fit into a 33½” (85.1 cm) high cabinet opening, but the dishwasher will be more difficult to move. Measurements are approximate. Wheels and legs are preset at the factory for 34½” (87.6 cm).

### Dishwasher Height Adjustment Chart

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<td>10</td>
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Turn both leveler legs to the same height. Put wheels in the required position determined from “Dishwasher Height Adjustment Chart.”

**Built-up Floors—Add shims as needed**

Built-up floors: If the kitchen floor is higher than the cabinet opening’s floor - for example, the kitchen floor tile does not extend into the cabinet opening - add shims as needed in the area shown to bring the dishwasher up to 34” (86.4 cm) below the countertop.

**NOTE:** Shims must be securely attached to floor to avoid movement when the dishwasher is in use.
Install Door Handle
(on some models)

IMPORTANT: Do not scratch the front panel during this procedure.

Remove the door handle and hardware bag containing the setscrews and hex key from the cardboard box. Setscrews are already installed in the handle. Place handle on mounting studs with the setscrews facing down. Push the door handle tightly against the door. Insert the short end of the hex key into the setscrews. Tighten the setscrews \( \frac{1}{4} \) turn past snug. Retain hex key with Installation Instructions.

Install Custom Panel

Follow steps below:
A customer supplied panel must weigh no more than 16 lbs (7.3 kg) and must be made to specific dimensions. It is recommended that a cabinetmaker cut the customer panel because of the precise dimensions needed.

NOTES:
- The handle for the custom panel is not included.
- All mounting hardware supplied is for a \( \frac{3}{4} \)" (19.1 mm) thick wood panel. If a thinner wood panel or materials other than wood are used, it is the customer's responsibility to obtain the proper length screws and adjust the pilot holes accordingly.

IMPORTANT: Use a moisture-resistant sealer on both sides and all edges of the panel to avoid damage from moisture.

Custom Panel Dimensions

Custom panel dimensions—Dishwashers with control panel on the top

* This dimension is for 4" (10.2 cm) toe kick. If the installation needs a higher toe kick, adjust the height of the wood panel accordingly except on models with ProDry™. Not recommended for toe kicks greater than 6" (15.2 cm).

WARNING

Excessive Weight Hazard

Use two or more people to move and install dishwasher.

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Stand dishwasher upright

Using 2 or more people, stand the dishwasher up.

NOTE: Do not install kick plate until instructed to do so.

1 Attach handle

Install the custom hardware handle(s) on the front of the wooden panel inside dotted line.

IMPORTANT: If the handle is attached from the back of the custom panel, the screw holes should be countersunk for the screws heads to be flush with the panel. If the handle is attached to the front of the custom panel, the screw lengths cannot exceed the panel thickness.
Using the template provided, attach it to the backside of the custom panel with tape. Make sure that the center of the template is aligned with the center of the wooden panel and top of the template is aligned to the top face of the wooden panel.

**NOTE:** Do not drill deeper than \(\frac{5}{8}\)" (16 mm) to keep from drilling through panel. Pilot hole depths given are for \(\frac{3}{4}\)" (19 mm) thick panel.

Mark 4 pilot holes on the wooden panel using the template provided. Predrill 4 pilot holes using a \(\frac{3}{32}\)" drill bit. Use tape to mark the drill bit to gauge hole depth. Drill pilot holes approximately \(\frac{5}{8}\)" (16 mm) into the custom panel.

Attach the 4 plastic studs to the wooden panel using the 4 short hex-head (\(\frac{5}{16}\)) screws provided.

Check custom tape alignment with metal door slots; verify tape is right-side up, and that the tape does not overhang the metal door on the top, bottom or side interfaces. Remove the backing from the custom tape by pulling straight down on the liner. Align the custom tape to the keyhole slots on the metal door (see image) and apply. Repeat steps for one side and then the other.

**NOTE:** The adhesive on the tape is aggressive, so proper alignment and attachment to the metal door needs to occur on the first try.
Open the door and align top edges. Predrill 2 pilot holes using a \(\frac{3}{32}\)" drill bit. Use tape to mark the drill bit to gauge hole depth. Drill pilot holes approximately 1\(\frac{1}{2}\)" (3.8 cm) into the top corners of the door using hole in liner as a guide.

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**IMPORTANT:** The dishwasher must be secured to the cabinet. There are two brackets found in the parts bag. Attach the brackets using Option A if the countertop is wood, laminate or another similar surface. If your countertop is marble, granite or another hard surface, install using Option B.

**Option A, Countertop attachment:**

Remove the brackets from the package and insert into the open slots on the left and right-hand top of the dishwasher collar as shown.

Using a pair of pliers, bend the tab down to secure the bracket in place. Repeat this step for the other side.

**NOTE:** Do not attach the dishwasher. This will be done later.

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Remove the short screws (3rd from top) on either side of the inner door panel. Predrill 2 pilot holes using a \(\frac{3}{32}\)" drill bit. Use tape to mark the drill bit to gauge the hole depth. Drill pilot holes approximately 1\(\frac{1}{2}\)" (3.8 cm) using the door liner hole as a guide into the panel. Install the 2 remaining long screws.
Option B, Dishwasher side attachment:

NOTE: Remove the brackets from the parts package.

1. Break end of bracket

Break off the end of the bracket along the scored line.
With another person holding the rear of the dishwasher to keep it from tipping, open dishwasher door and place towel over pump assembly and spray arm of dishwasher. This will keep screws from falling into pump area when you are securing dishwasher to cabinet.

2. Remove plastic buttons

Push the plastic buttons out of the side of the tub.
NOTE: Save the buttons to cover the holes after dishwasher is installed.

3. Install bracket

Push bracket into slot on the side of dishwasher, and bend tab in toward the side of the dishwasher so that it keeps the bracket in place. Repeat this step for the other side of the dishwasher.
NOTE: Do not attach the dishwasher. This will be done later.

Prepare Water Supply Line

1. Slide nut and ferrule onto tubing (copper tubing only)

Copper tubing only: Slide nut, then ferrule, about 1" (2.5 cm) onto copper tubing.
NOTE: To avoid vibration during operation, route the water supply line so that it does not touch the dishwasher base, frame or motor.

2. Add 90° elbow fitting to the water supply line

Connect the \( \frac{3}{8} \)" compression fitting of the 90° elbow to the water supply line prior to installing the unit into the cabinet opening. Attach such that the \( \frac{1}{4} \)" connection is facing upward as shown above.
Copper tubing only: Put the tubing into the 90° elbow fitting as far as it will go (the copper tubing bends and kinks easily). Slide the nut and ferrule forward and start the nut onto the elbow threads. Flexible braided connection: Secure nut to elbow using \( \frac{5}{8} \)" open ended wrench or adjustable wrench.
NOTE: Do not use Teflon®† tape with compression fittings.

†®TEFLON is a registered trademark of E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company.
Use 2 or more people to move and install dishwasher.

1 Move dishwasher close to cabinet opening

**IMPORTANT:** Double-check correct placement of utilities. Grasp the sides of the dishwasher at the edges of the door panel. Tilt dishwasher backward on wheels and move dishwasher close to cabinet opening.

**NOTE:** Do not push on the front of the panel or on the console. Panel or console may dent.

**Helpful Tip:** Temporarily tape utilities to the floor in the locations shown to prohibit them from moving when dishwasher is moved into the cabinet opening.

2 Check water and drain hose position

Check that water line is on the left side of opening and drain hose is near the center of the cabinet opening.

3 Open and close door

With another person holding the dishwasher to keep it from tipping, open and close the door a few times. If the door closes or falls open under its own weight, the door tension will need to be adjusted.

4 Closes too quickly—Decrease spring tension

To adjust the door spring tension, unhook the spring from the rear leg of dishwasher.

Using a \( \frac{5}{16} \)" nut driver or hex socket, remove the screw from the tensioner.

The screw can be put into one of 3 holes (1, 2, 3) in the front leg of dishwasher. If the door closes by itself, move the tensioner to a lower-numbered hole and replace screw. Reattach door spring to rear leg.

**NOTE:** Tensioners on both sides of dishwasher should be secured at same holes.
When door is unlatched, if door opens by itself, move the tensioner to a higher-numbered hole and replace the screw. Reattach door spring to rear leg.

**NOTE:** Tensioners on both sides of dishwasher should be secured at same holes.

**Move dishwasher into cabinet opening**

IMPORTANT: If wheels were removed, cover the floor when moving the dishwasher. Slowly move dishwasher completely into cabinet opening. Do not kink or pinch water line, drain hose, power supply cord or direct wire between dishwasher and cabinet. Remove cardboard from under dishwasher.

**NOTES:**
- It is all right if dishwasher fits tightly into cabinet opening. Do not remove insulation blanket – the blanket reduces the sound level.
- If using power cord, make sure to route end through hole in cutout before sliding dishwasher into cabinet opening.
- For models with water softener, make sure that the drain hose stays on the hanger that is on the right-hand side and is tucked in on the side of the unit.

**Align front of dishwasher with front of cabinet doors**

Align front of dishwasher door panel with front of cabinet doors. You may need to adjust alignment to be even with your cabinets.

**Check for plumb and adjust legs if needed**

Check that leveling legs are firmly against the floor. Close and latch the door, and place level against the front panel. Check that dishwasher is centered from front to back in the opening. If needed, adjust leveling leg until dishwasher is plumb. Repeat for other side of dishwasher.

**Helpful Tip:** Push up on front of dishwasher to raise dishwasher off the ground to adjust front legs. With some installations, it may be easier to adjust the front leg using the \( \frac{3}{8} \)" hex-head socket or adjustable wrench.
9 Check level side-to-side and adjust legs if needed

Place level against top front opening of tub. Check that dishwasher is level from side-to-side. If dishwasher is not level, adjust front legs up or down until dishwasher is level.

Connect to Water Supply

1 Tighten 90° elbow fitting to valve

Be sure rubber washer is properly seated in fitting. Slide the ¾” fitting of the 90° elbow up to the valve and hand tighten to avoid cross-threading. Hand tighten until the coupling is tight. Using pliers, check the tightness of the coupling. An additional ¼ to ½ turn may be required to seal the rubber gasket.

NOTE: Do not overtighten. Damage to the coupling can result.

2 Check for leaks

Place paper towel under 90° elbow fitting. Turn on water supply and check for leaks. If leak occurs, repeat previous step. If needed, see website for animated representation of this step. Visit www.kitchenaid.com/watersupply under FAQ tab.

NOTE: Do not use Teflon® tape with compression fittings.

Connect to Drain

1 Connect drain hose

Place towel under drain hose to catch any water in drain hose. Place the small drain hose clamp onto the small end of the drain hose. Push the new drain hose into the rubber drain hose connector up to the drain hose stop.

2 Slide clamp onto connector

Using pliers, squeeze open the small drain hose clamp and slide onto connector between stops.

3 Hose clamp final position

After hose is connected, remove towel. If needed, see website for animated representation of this step. Visit www.kitchenaid.com/drain under FAQ tab.
NOTE: If the power supply cord was connected earlier, proceed to “Secure Dishwasher in Cabinet Opening” section.

Option B, Direct Wire:

1 Direct Wire—Route cable into terminal box

Route cable so that it does not touch dishwasher motor or lower part of dishwasher tub. Pull cable through UL Listed/CSA Approved strain relief in terminal box. Strain relief is not supplied with the dishwasher. Owner must purchase a \( \frac{7}{8} \) screw-in type strain relief.

Select UL Listed/CSA Approved twist-on wire connectors (not included) rated to connect your household wiring to 16-gauge dishwasher wiring.

2 Direct Wire—Connect ground wire

Form bare ground wire into a U-shaped hook. Wrap ground wire hook clockwise around ground connector screw and under the washer. Securely tighten ground connector.

3 Direct Wire—Connect remaining wires

NOTE: Twist on UL Listed/CSA Approved wire connector. Gently tug on wires to be sure both are secured.
Connect wires black to black and white to white, using UL Listed/CSA Approved twist-on wire connectors (not included).

**Wiring configuration**

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If needed, see website for animated representation of this step. Visit [www.kitchenaid.com/electrical](http://www.kitchenaid.com/electrical) under FAQ tab.

**Direct Wire—Secure cable in strain relief**

Tighten strain relief screws to secure cable.

**Direct Wire—Reinstall terminal box cover**

Place wires inside terminal box. Insert tabs on left side of cover. Make sure wires are tucked inside box. Close cover ensuring wires are not pinched. Use $\frac{1}{4}''$ hex-head socket, nut driver or Torx® T20® screwdriver and previously removed screw to secure cover.

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**Secure Dishwasher in Cabinet Opening**

1. **Double-check dishwasher alignment in cabinet opening**

Check that dishwasher is still level front-to-back and side-to-side in cabinet opening.

2. **Secure dishwasher**

Open dishwasher door to prepare for securing the dishwasher to the cabinet.

**NOTES:**

- Do not drop screws into bottom of dishwasher.
- If side mounting, you must drill pilot holes in cabinet to avoid splitting the wood before installing screws. Locate brackets on top of dishwasher and secure dishwasher to countertop with two #10 x $\frac{1}{2}''$ Phillips-head screws (included). The dishwasher must be secured to keep it from shifting when door is opened.
Check that top of door does not contact screws, brackets or countertop. If it does, adjust leveling legs.

Open door and check that space between dishwasher cabinet opening and tub is equal on both sides. If spacing is not equal, loosen bracket screws and shift tub. Tighten bracket screws.

If securing with a side attachment, check that sides of door do not rub against the screw heads. If they do, dishwasher must be re-centered. When dishwasher is properly centered, replace plastic buttons.

If needed, see website for animated representation of this step. Visit www.kitchenaid.com/anchoring under FAQ tab.
Check that grounding clip is attached to the lower panel. Position the lower panel behind the access panel. On some models there is insulation on the access panel that must fall behind the insulation on the lower panel.

Hold the 2 panels together and place them against dishwasher leg. Using a Phillips or ¼" screwdriver, reinstall the screws through the holes in the access panel and the slots in the lower panel.

Check that the lower edge of the lower panel contacts the floor. Adjust if necessary.

Tighten access panel screws.
Check Operation

- Read the Dishwasher User Instructions that came with your dishwasher.
- Check that all parts have been installed and no steps were skipped. Check that you have all tools used.
- Start dishwasher and allow it to complete the shortest wash cycle. After the first 2 minutes, unlatch door, wait 5 seconds, then open door. Check that there is water in the bottom of the dishwasher tub. Check that dishwasher is working properly.

If the dishwasher is not working properly, disconnect power or unplug dishwasher and see "If Dishwasher Does Not Operate" section.

If Dishwasher Does Not Operate

First try the solutions suggested here to possibly avoid the cost of a service call.

- Has the circuit breaker tripped or the house fuse blown?
- Is the door closed tightly and latched?
- Has the cycle been set correctly to start the dishwasher?
- Is the water turned on?

If none of these possible solutions work, please see your Use and Care Guide for service contact information.

Additional Tips

Expect longer wash times. Your new dishwasher will average 2-3 hours per load, but use nearly 40% less energy than older models. Designed with a low wattage, low energy consumption motor, your dishwasher washes longer to ensure exceptional cleaning. Certain models are equipped with an optical water sensor so the first cycle will run longer to calibrate to optical sensor. Selecting certain options could increase cycle time past 3.5 hours.

Rinse Aid is necessary for good drying results:
This dishwasher is designed to be used with rinse aid for good drying performance and controlling hard water deposit buildup. Energy efficient dishwashers use less water and energy, so they depend on the water sheeting action of rinse aid for good drying performance.

Start/Resume light may flash:
When pressing Start/Resume, you must make sure the door is closed within 3 seconds. If you do not close the door within 3 seconds, the Start/Resume light will flash until you press it again. (You must also do this when adding a dish during the middle of a cycle.)

NOTE: If a braided supply hose is used, replace inlet hose after 5 years to reduce the risk of hose failure. Record hose installation or replacement dates on the hose for future reference.