# **Quick Start Guide**



We know you're excited about owning an ASKO dishwasher and you're anxious to get started, so here's a brief summary of the operation procedures. The page references in this Guide refer to the *Use and Care Guide*. To get the most out of your dishwasher's features, we recommend that you read this guide and the *Use and Care Guide* before using the dishwasher.

## THE CONTROL PANEL

Your ASKO dishwasher has a button-operated control panel, as illustrated below. To select a wash program or option, simply press the appropriate button. After you have selected the desired wash program and options, press Start/Stop.

Power button (on the top side of the control panel)



## **PROGRAMS**

To select a program, simply press the program button until the indicator light behind the desired program glows. The programs are described below:



#### Heavy Wash (160° F or 130° F)

For the heaviest soiled loads, such as pots, pans, casseroles, etc.



#### Normal Wash (130° F or 140° F)

For normally soiled loads, such as plates, glasses, bowls, and lightly soiled pans.



#### Quick (85° F or 120° F)

For lightly soiled loads that are washed immediately after use. This program is good for delicate items, such as fine china and crystal, but you should set the temperature to low and dry the dishes without heat.

"The Normal Wash program is used for energy testing and should be used for normal or lightly soiled loads. When washing dishes that are more heavily soiled, use a longer program with higher temperatures such as Heavy Wash."



### Rinse and hold

To rinse dishes that you plan to wash later that day.

### **OPTIONS**

To select an option, simply press the appropriate option button. The options are described below.



#### **Temperature**

The dishwasher has two temperature options for each wash program, as shown above. When this button is set on the high temperature, the main wash is heated to the higher temperature for the selected program. If it is set to low, the main wash is heated to the lower temperature. The indicator light will glow only when the *high* temperature is selected.

## POWER BUTTON



Press this button to turn the main power to the unit on and off. Refer to the illustration above to see the location of the power button.

## START/STOP BUTTON

Once you have selected the wash program and temperature option, press this button to start the dishwasher. (Make sure the door is securely closed.) The indicator light around the button will glow progressively as the program goes through each cycle. When the program is complete, the lights will glow all the way around the button.

QUICK START PROCEDURES	Refer to this page in the <i>Use &amp; Care Guide</i> .
1. Load the dishwasher. (There's no need to pre-rinse. Simply scrape off large food particles before you load the dishware.)	3, 4
2. After you've pushed the baskets back inside the unit, manually rotate the upper and lower spray arms to be sure they turn freely. Rearrange any item that blocks the wash arms.	3
<ol> <li>Add 1 to 3 tablespoons of automatic dishwashing detergent and close the dispenser cover. (See "Dishwashing Detergent" below.)</li> </ol>	5
<ul><li>4. Make sure there is rinse aid in the dispenser. Add rinse aid, if needed. (See "Rinse Aid" below.)</li><li>5. Press the main power button on the top left side of the inner door panel to turn on power to the machine</li><li>6. Close the door securely. (You should hear it click shut.)</li></ul>	6 ne.
<ul><li>7. Press a program button.</li><li>8. Set the Temperature option as desired.</li></ul>	
9. Press the Start/Stop button. The dishwasher will start.	

# INTERRUPTING A PROGRAM TO ADD AN ITEM

If you want to interrupt a program to add an item, open the door slightly until the spray arms stop turning. You can then open the door fully and place the item into the dishwasher. Close the door securely. The program will continue from where it was interrupted.

WARNING! Be extremely careful when opening the door during a program. The water is hot and you could get scalded.

## CHANGING OR STOPPING A PROGRAM

If you decide to change the program after you have started the machine, press the Start/Stop button for three seconds. You will have to select the program and options again when you are ready to restart the program. (*Note:* If the program has already gone through the wash cycle, you will have to add detergent.)

## DISHWASHING DETERGENT

We recommend that you use only unscented, granular automatic dishwashing detergent. Generally, one tablespoon of detergent is needed for a normal wash load. More heavily soiled items, however, may need more detergent. Also, the amount of detergent needed can vary due to differences in water hardness. The harder the water, the more detergent you may need. (See page 5.) In any case, you should never use more than three tablespoons of detergent.

#### RINSE AID

Using liquid rinse aid prevents water spots from forming on dishes and improves drying by allowing water to "sheet" off the dishes. The rinse aid is released during the final rinse. For information on how to fill the rinse aid dispenser and control the amount released, refer to your *Use and Care Guide*.

*NOTE:* If you use a dishwashing detergent with a rinse aid additive, you should not fill the rinse aid dispenser.

C	OMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS		ANSWERS
1)	Where do I put the prewash detergent?	1)	The prewash detergent goes in the small compartment between the main wash detergent compartment and the rinse aid dispenser. (See page 5.)
2)	Where do I put the rinse aid?	2)	The rinse aid goes into the rinse aid dispenser. (See page 6.)
3)	Why does my dishwasher run so long?	3)	If the temperature of the water entering your dishwasher is below 120°, the dishwasher runs longer because it heats the water to the proper temperature for the program selected. Raising your water heater setting may help shorten the cycle times. If this doesn't resolve the problem, call the ASKO Advisory Center.
4)	Why am I getting a white film on my dishes?	4)	You may be using too much detergent or washing your dishes in water that is too hot. Try using less detergent and a lower temperature setting.
5)	Why is there always water left in the bottom of my machine?	5)	It's normal to have some water left in the sump area near the drain. If the water fills more than the drain area, see page 13 for possible solutions.