



# Installation and User Guide

# **THANK YOU** for choosing Drysafer™

Your Step-by-Step Guide To Help Prevent a Dryer Fire and Start Saving Energy

# **BEFORE YOU GET STARTED**

#### READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY IMPORTANT:

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

OBSERVE ALL GOVERNING CODES AND ORDINANCES

#### NOTE:

- PROPER INSTALLATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INSTALLER
- PRODUCT FAILURE DUE TO IMPROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE IS NOT COVERED BY WARRANTY

# **This Package Contains:**



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# **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

**BE SURE TO CHECK THESE INSTALLATION GUIDELINES** There are only 3 proper installation positions:



#### Horizontal Right Horizontal Left Vertical

**NOTE:** Airflow Sensor can be installed by adding a loop in the flexible venting

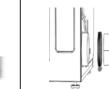
### NOTE: Airflow Sensor CAN NOT BE **INSTALLED WHEN:**



2. Dryer's Exhaust Vent Lines Up Directly Inline With Existing Duct In Wall

# **HELPFUL INSTALLATION TIPS**

### **Rigid Duct Installations**

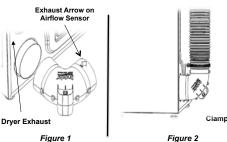


Installing a 4 inch clamp may be needed for a more secure fit, especially when using rigid duct work.

### **STEP 1: INSTALL AIRFLOW SENSOR TO DRYER'S EXHAUST DUCT**

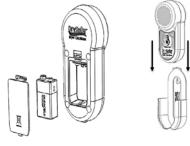
- 1. Position Airflow Sensor with "Arrow" pointed toward outside air flow. (Figure 1)
- 2. Slide Airflow Sensor onto dryer's exhaust duct until snug fit: (Figure 2)

### DO NOT FORCE AIRFLOW SENSOR ONCE PROPERLY SECURED



### **STEP 2: INSERT BATTERY IN ALARM, MOUNT ALARM TO WALL**

- 1. Remove Alarm Door to insert 9 volt battery (Figure 1)
- 2. Secure Alarm Wall Mount to wall no more than 5 ft. from dryer for convenient access and view.
- 3. Slide Alarm into Wall Mount. (Figure 2)



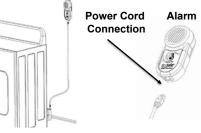
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### **STEP 3: CONNECT ALARM TO AIRFLOW SENSOR**

1. Connect Alarm to Airflow Sensor's Power Cord

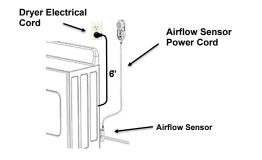
2. Press Test Button

- 3. Alarm will sound
  - 1 beep at connection, alerting you to a successful installation
- 1 long tone after pressing test button, alerting you the system is ready.



# **CAUTION: KEEP POWER CORDS SEPARATED**

To help prevent electrical interference, be sure to separate Airflow Sensor Power Cord a minimum of 6" away from drver's electrical power cord.



### **REPLACING BATTERY**

**NOTE:** Battery life is approximately 1-2 years.

Weak Battery Warning: few minutes to warn of a weak battery, similar to a smoke alarm. To replace:

- 1. Remove Alarm from Wall Mounted (Figure 1)
- 2. Remove Alarm's back cover. (Figure 2)

3. Replace battery.

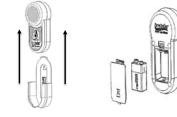


Figure 1 Figure 2

# **NOTIFICATION INFORMATION (Beeps)**

A) Clog Discovered: (3 Beeps) After the dryer begins to run within 1 minute.

**3 BEEPS** will sound (\*\*See note below). **3 BEEPS** will continue to sound periodically until the clog is removed.

B) Initial Test: After linking DrySafer Airflow Sensor to Alarm: **1 BEEP** will alert you to a successful connection.

C) System check: Once both devices are connected, press the test hutton

**1 BEEP** confirms that the system is in Good operation **3 BEEPS** indicates a stuck open Flap

**D) Overheat Alarm:** If the exhaust temperature ever reaches above 185 degrees F.

**5 RAPID BEEPS** will repeat every 5 seconds.

#### E)Low Battery:

**1 BEEP** every minute will sound when battery life is low.

\*\*Note: DrySafer's alert system (3 Beeps) will increase duration time as the vent becomes more and more clogged. It will alert you every few minutes (beginning of a clogged line), then increase to every 5 seconds, (indicating a severe clog).

# DRYSAFER SAFETY TIPS

As part of your home's safety program, change the Alarm battery once a year or when changing batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. We also recommend changing the battery after the Alarm indicates a clogged vent to ensure proper battery operation.

Periodically test the battery by using the test button located on the DrySafer Alarm. \*\*SEE NOTIFICATION INFORMATION SHEET

Have your dryer vent cleaned and inspected every two years

Inspect your vent hood on the outside of your home for any obstructions or lint buildup.

Inspect your venting for any kinks, obstructions or objects that may have fallen onto it.

Clean your lint filter after every load of clothes.

Keep all flammable liquids, oily rags and other objects away from the drver.

Make sure to unplug your dryer while working on it.



For best performance, install

Airflow Sensor in horizontal

position (Figure 1)

#### **ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT CLOTHES DRYER FIRES Proper Installation & Choice of Building Materials**

- 1. Make sure the dryer duct is made of solid metallic or flexible aluminum material. Vinyl is combustible and spiral-wound surfaces tend to catch lint more readily
- 2. The drver duct should vent to the exterior and in no case should it vent to an attic or crawlspace. Avoid the use of inside heat recovery diverter valves or termination boxes, which do not comply with current standards.
- 3. Avoid kinking or crushing the dryer duct to make up for installation in tight quarters -this further restricts airflow.
- 4. Minimize the length of the exhaust duct (maximum recommended lengths vary by model and depend on a number of factors such as number of bends. Check your dryer's manufacturer for specifications).
- 5. If at all possible, use 4-inch diameter vent pipe and exterior exhaust hoods that have openings of sixteen square inches or more, which offer the least resistance to air flow.
- 6. Don't use screws to put your vent pipe together the screw shafts inside the piping collect lint and cause additional friction.

#### Keep the Dryer Duct in Good Condition

Disconnect, clean and inspect the dryer duct run on a regular basis or hire a professional company to clean the dryer duct. This will reduce a fire hazard plus increase both the dryer's efficiency and lifespan.

#### **Dryer Vent System Chart** MAXIMUM LENGTH of 4" (10.2 cm) Dia. Rigid Metal Duct VENT HOOD TYPE (Preferred) Number of đ Louverea 90° Turns - 4" 21/2 (10.2 cm) (6.35 cm) 60 ft.(18.28 m) 48 ft.(14.63 m) 0 52 ft.(15.84 m) 40 ft.(12.19 m) 2 44 ft.(13.41 m) 32 ft. (9.75 m) 24 ft. (7.31 m) 32 ft.(9.75 m) 28 ft.(8.53 m) 16 ft. (4.87 m)

#### How to Determine the Proper Vent Path

- Select route that will provide straightest and most direct path outdoors.
- · Plan installation to use fewest number of elbows and turns.
- · When using elbows or making turns, allow as much room as possible. Bend vent gradually to avoid kinking.
- Use as few 90° turns as possible.
- Use "Vent System Chart" to determine type of vent material and hood combinations acceptable to use.

| Dryer Vent System Chart |  |                          |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Number<br>of<br>90°     | MAXIMUM LENGTH<br>of 4" (10.2 cm) Dia. Flexible Metal Duct |                          |
|                         | VENT HOOD TYPE   |                          |
|                         | (Preferred)  |                          |
| JU-<br>Turns            | 4"+<br>(10.2 cm)   | 20/<br>+2½+<br>(6.35 cm) |
| 0                       | 30 ft. (9.14 m)  | 18 ft. (5.49 m)          |
| 1                       | 22 ft. (6.71 m)  | 14 ft. (4.27 m)          |
| 2                       | 14 ft. (4.27 m)  | 10 ft. (3.05 m)          |
| 3                       | NOT RECOMMENDED  |                          |

#### Note: Flexible venting should not exceed 8 feet in length. **Recommended Rigid Metal Duct Shown Below:**



### What does DrvSafer Drver Lint Alarm do?

DrySafer is an early warning detection device that alerts you to an obstructed dryer vent. It detects lack of proper airflow and triggers an alarm that is hung on the laundry room wall.

#### Can anyone install DrySafer?

Yes. DrySafer has been designed for an easy 3-step installation. 1. Attach the "elbow shaped" DrySafer Airflow monitor to the back of your dryer's exhaust duct and existing vent duct. 2. Install the 9V battery (included) in the DrySafer Alarm. 3. Slide the Alarm onto the wall mount or, using the 'hook & loop" strips (included), attach the Alarm to the wall or side of dryer.

### Does DrySafer need to be plugged into an electrical outlet?

No. The DrvSafer Alarm uses a 9V alkaline battery (included) to operate.

### How much space does DrySafer take up behind my dryer?

DrySafer takes approximately 5 inches of space behind the clothes dryer.

### How often should the batteries be changed?

The Alarm LED will alert you to a low battery condition. The battery should be changed every 1-2 years or along with your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. In addition, change the battery every time the Alarm is triggered with a clog. This will ensure proper battery monitoring for future use.

### Must I have my dryer vent cleaned prior to installation of this product?

No, but we recommend it. We also suggest that you clean your vent duct every 2 years. Having your dryer vent inspected and cleaned will ensure greater safety and efficiency of your clothes dryer. Vinyl and plastic venting should be replaced with rigid or flexible aluminum venting to permit proper operation and safety.

### Will DrySafer actually extinguish or alert me to an actual fire?

No. DrySafer is not a smoke alarm or fire extinguisher that alerts you to or extinguishes an actual fire. What DrySafer does do is function as an early warning detection device that alerts you to a hazardous condition caused by excessive blockage inside the dryer vent duct. It simply alerts you to a potential problem within your dryer venting system that could lead to a fire possibly caused by highly flammable lint build up or overheating of the dryer.

# FAO's

#### What causes my vent to be clogged?

Excess lint from clothes, animals nesting inside dryer vents, leaves and other debris are common causes. Broken vent hoods and vent pipes can also be a cause. We suggest you have a professional inspect your system to insure optimal efficiency and safety.

#### Can DrySafer save me money?

Yes. Clothes dryers are one of the most expensive appliances to operate in your home. When your dryer yent is obstructed. it can take up to 2-3 times longer to dry a load of clothes. DrySafer alerts you to an obstructed dryer vent condition so you can have it cleaned to restore the efficiency and safety of the drver.

### Does DrySafer work on both electric and gas dryers?

Yes. DrySafer works on all clothes dryers and has a universal fit for easy installation.

#### Does DrySafer work on stackable combination washer/ dryer units?

Yes. DrySafer has a universal fit for all dryers.

#### Will I void my clothes dryers warranty by installing this product?

No. DrySafer does not affect the operation of the clothes dryer. DrySafer only alerts you to a hazardous condition in your dryer vent line.

#### Can I test DrySafer to see if the battery is good?

Yes. The Alarm has a test button to determine if the battery is good.

### Will DrySafer be affected by the clothes dryers' heat?

No. DrvSafer Airflow Monitor is made of heat resistant POLY-CARBONATE RESIN, designed for clothes dryers exclusively.

#### Is there a warranty on DrySafer?

Yes. DrySafer comes with a one year limited manufacturer's warranty.

#### Can DrySafer save me on costly repairs for my clothes drver?

Yes, most repairs to clothes dryers are caused by excessive heat buildup inside the dryer.

#### Is there a maximum dryer vent length to insure proper operation of DrySafer?

DrySafer has been tested with a dryer vent of 50 feet in length. However, always follow your clothes dryer manufacturer's specifications for proper dryer venting requirements.

# **TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE**

**POSSIBLE CAUSE** 

**SYMPTOM** 

| I press and hold the<br>test button for 5<br>seconds and it does<br>not beep   | <ol> <li>Bad battery</li> <li>Make sure battery connection is good</li> <li>Make sure all connections between the alarm<br/>and airflow sensor are good. 1 Beep will<br/>sound once properly connected and activated</li> </ol>   |
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| Drysafer beeps 3<br>times, pauses for 5<br>seconds and repeats   | <ol> <li>Your lint filter is clogged. Clean and retest</li> <li>The dryer is overloaded, blankets or carpets</li> <li>The vent is clogged</li> <li>The vent is crushed behind the dryer</li> <li>The dryer has a clog inside</li> <li>The outside vent hood is clogged</li> </ol> |
| The alarm is sounding<br>5 rapid beeps every 5<br>seconds.   | <ol> <li>Your dryer overheated. Check for proper<br/>airflow and call a professional technician to<br/>inspect your dryer</li> </ol>  |
| My existing wall<br>exhaust duct lines up<br>directly with my dryer's<br>duct behind my dryer.<br>Is there a way to install<br>Drysafer? | <ol> <li>You will have to move your dryer over 4" to<br/>make it fit. Drysafer is shaped in a 90 ° elbow<br/>design</li> <li>You can make a loop in the vent and try to<br/>connect it that way</li> <li>Will not work on this type of setup</li> </ol>                           |
| My Drysafer keeps<br>beeping a single beep<br>every few minutes  | <ol> <li>Similar to a smoke alarm, your battery is<br/>weak and needs to be replaced.</li> <li>The power cords are touching or too close<br/>to each other, separate the power cords by<br/>6 inches</li> </ol>   |
| I press the test button<br>and 1 beep signals  | <ol> <li>This means the system is connected and<br/>working ok, all clear.</li> </ol>   |
| The alarm sounded 3<br>beeps and my dryer is<br>not running  | <ol> <li>Something is obstructing the flap from fully<br/>closing inside of the airflow sensor. Remove<br/>and clear.</li> <li>The airflow sensor is facing downward. Install<br/>level in a horizontal installation</li> </ol>   |
| My dryer is indicating<br>a clogged vent but my<br>Drysafer is not going off   | <ol> <li>Install the airflow sensor horizontally for<br/>a quicker response to a clog on this model<br/>dryer</li> <li>Press the test button to make sure the battery<br/>is good</li> </ol>  |
| The alarm is sounding<br>3 beeps every few<br>minutes while my dryer<br>is running   | <ol> <li>This indicates the beginning of a clogged line</li> <li>Check and clean your lint filter</li> <li>The dryer is overloaded, blankets or carpets</li> <li>Clean out your vent</li> </ol>   |

#### LIMITED WARRANTY TO ORIGINAL PURCHASER

DrySafer Corporation, Inc., ("DrySafer"), the maker of DrySafer® Dryer Lint Alarm brand products warrants for a period of one year from date of purchase in its original carton, that this product is to be free from manufacturing defects in materials and workmanship. DrySafer, at its option, will repair or replace this product or any component of the product found to be defective during the warranty period. Replacement will be made with a new or remanufactured product or component. If the product is no longer available, replacement may be made with a similar product of equal or greater value. This is your exclusive warranty.

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