



Simple Fix For Stuck Power / Cancel Button

Simple 30 second fix to release a stuck Power / Cancel pushbutton on the Maytag / Whirlpool Premium Front Load Washer.

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A close-up photograph of a circular, metallic power button on a washing machine control panel. The button is partially covered by a thin metal rod, likely a screwdriver, which is being used to pry it up. The button has a power symbol (a circle with a vertical line and a horizontal line) embossed on its surface. Above the button, the words 'power' and 'cancel' are printed in black and red respectively, separated by a black dot. Other text like 'ock onds' and 'white white' is visible in the background, slightly out of focus.

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INTRODUCTION

This technique is a simple method to release a stuck Power / Cancel button on the Maytag / Whirlpool premium front load washers that have a chrome housing ring - type of button.

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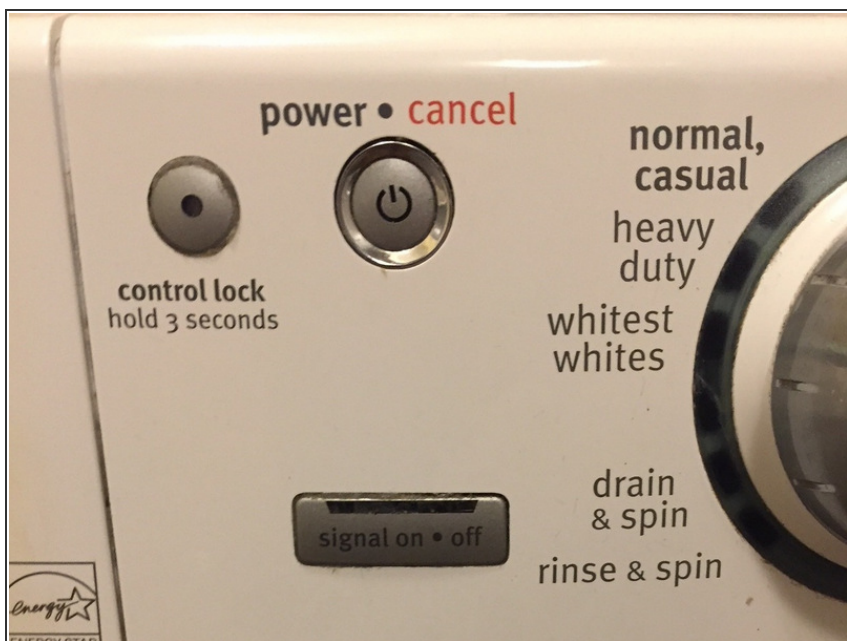
Step 1 — Identify the Model / Safety Precaution



- Identify your washer type. The Power / Cancel button may differ with different models. This was my model tag.
- On my unit the model number tag was found by opening the washing machine door.

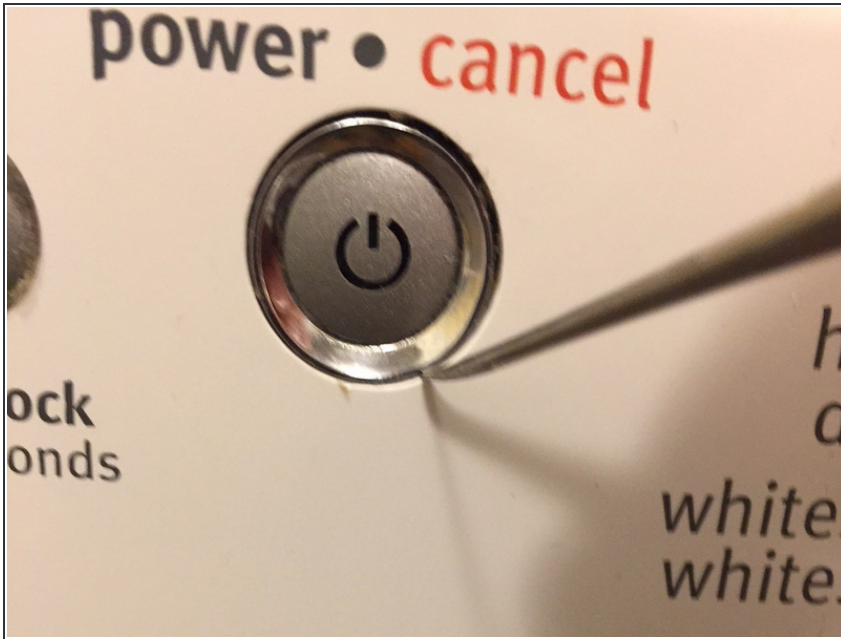
⚠️ ** WARNING ** - UNPLUG POWER PRIOR TO WORKING. YOU WORK AT YOUR OWN RISK. I AM NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY!

Step 2 — Locate the Power / Cancel Button



- The power button contains a gray colored round button actuator in a chrome housing. The words "Power - Cancel" (solid dot between words) are printed above the button
- Apparently the stuck button was actually caused by the chrome housing/ring being pressed in too far at the bottom or otherwise misaligned. This was not a problem with the actuator itself as I first thought.

Step 3 — Release the button housing



- The simple fix here was to take a metal pick (or other thin but firm tool) and carefully get under the chrome housing (ring) at the bottom and wedge it up or slightly forward.
- To my surprise there was a slight click/pop that indicated the housing ring was released.
- Plug the washing machine back into the power source and lightly touch the Power / Cancel button actuator.
- My advice to avoid this in the future is to more carefully "touch" the center of the gray actuator with minimal force rather than "mash" the whole button during use.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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