

Notice of Certification and Settlement Agreement Approval

**IN THE MATTER OF MAYTAG FRONT-LOAD WASHING MACHINE CLASS ACTION
LITIGATION
IN ONTARIO, BRITISH COLUMBIA AND QUEBEC**

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY, IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

TO: All persons or entities who purchased or acquired in Canada residential Maytag Front-Load Washing Machines, including Maytag model numbers MLE2000AYW, MLE2000AWW, MLE2000AZW, MLG2000AWW (GAS STACK UNIT), MLG2000AXW, MAH3000AAW, MAH3000AEW, MAH3000AGW, MAH3000AWA, MAH3000AWW, MAH3000BGW, MAH4000AWW, MAH4000BWW, MAH4000AWQ, MAH4000BWQ, MAH5500AWW, MAH5500BWW, MAH5500BWQ, MAH55FLBWW, MAH55FLBWQ, MAH6500AWW, MAH6500AWQ, MAH7500AWW, MAH7500AWQ, MAH7550AAW and MAH7550AGW (hereinafter "Maytag Front-Load Washing Machines") between April 1, 1997 and May 15, 2005.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE?

An Agreement has been reached and approved by the Courts in class proceeding lawsuits initiated in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec against Maytag Corporation and Maytag Limited in which it is alleged that the Defendants were negligent in the design, manufacture, marketing, sale and/or servicing of Maytag Front-Load Washing Machines, specifically that there are problems with: i) odour, mould or mildew; ii) the door latch/wax motor; iii) the motor control; and iv) related circuit board failures. Maytag denies these allegations, and contends that since Maytag Front-Load Washing Machines went into production in April 1997, Maytag has always attempted to put the customer first and satisfy any concerns presented by customers relating to the Neptune washer and its other product lines. Maytag's position is that when any of the problems raised in the lawsuits were first made known to Maytag, Maytag voluntarily attempted to address the customer concerns and developed ways to improve or repair the Neptune. Maytag's efforts to satisfy Neptune customers began years prior to any lawsuits being filed against Maytag. Following up on Maytag's extensive efforts to provide greater additional benefits to Class Members, Maytag agreed to settle these Class Proceeding lawsuits.

This Notice is to advise you of the Settlement Agreement and to inform you of your rights as a Class Member under the Agreement. You will be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement unless you decide to exclude yourself by opting out of the Settlement Agreement, as explained in this Notice.

The proceeding was certified and the Settlement Agreement approved by the Courts in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec, on June 24, 2005, July 27, 2005 and July 8, 2005, respectively. The Ontario Court certified and approved the settlement on behalf of all those in Canada who purchased or acquired in Canada a Maytag Front-Load Washing Machine.

WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?

You are a Class Member if you purchased or acquired in Canada a Maytag Front-Load Washing Machine between April 1, 1997 and May 15, 2005.

WHAT ARE THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS?	
<p>Class Members may be entitled to receive the compensation below subject to their submitting a Claim Form together with all supporting documentation and verification of their claim(s).</p>	
<p>For those who have incurred reasonable out-of-pocket costs related to repairs of any of the Class Claims prior to July 8, 2005</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- OR -</p> <p>For those who, as a result of expenses incurred in connection with the Class Claims, have already purchased a new washer to replace their Maytag Front-Load Washing Machine prior to July 8, 2005.</p>	<p>These Class Members are eligible to receive a cash payment.</p> <p>(i) Those who have incurred repair costs may receive compensation up to 150% of the repair costs.</p> <p>(ii) Those who have purchased a new washer are eligible to receive cash compensation based upon the number of years they owned their Maytag Neptune Front-Load Washing Machine and a percentage of the cost of the replacement washing machine.</p> <p>(iii) In the event that the total eligible claims for these two categories are more than \$300,000.00, the cash compensation will be distributed on a <i>pro rata</i> basis and these class members will receive an Appliance Purchase Certificate for any portion of the claim that remains unreimbursed in the dollar amount of the shortfall.</p>
<p>For those who experience Class Claims</p> <p>(i) odour, mould or mildew;</p> <p>(ii) door latch/wax motor failures;</p> <p>(iii) motor control failure; and</p> <p>(iv) related circuit board failures prior to February 6, 2006 and who have not replaced their Maytag Front-Load Washing Machine:</p>	<p>These Class Members are, subject to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, eligible to receive:</p> <p>(i) A repair at no cost to them; or</p> <p>(ii) a Washing Machine Purchase Certificate towards the purchase of a new Maytag Top-Load Washing Machine; or</p> <p>(iii) a Washing Machine Purchase Certificate toward the purchase of a new Maytag Neptune Stackable Washer/Dryer combination, if they currently own a Maytag Neptune Stackable Washer/Dryer Combination.</p> <p>The amount of the Washing Machine Purchase Certificate will be based upon the age of the machine.</p>
<p>Warranty Protection</p>	<p>Class Members should note that Maytag Front-Load Washing Machines might still be covered by a warranty under which alternative relief may be available for the Class Claims. The period for filing warranty claims is limited. Class Members should visit the Maytag Canada website at www.maytag.ca for the specific terms of the warranty.</p>
<p>Expenses</p>	<p>The Defendants will pay for all legal fees, expenses and notices. Nothing will be deducted from your cash payment and/or coupon.</p>

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

If you are a Class Member you have the following options:

Submit a Claim Form

To receive Settlement Benefits, Class Members must submit a Claim Form together with all Product Identification and supporting documentation to the Claims Administrator by December 15, 2005 for claims for repairs or replacement of your machine and August 6, 2006 for a claim for a washing machine purchase certificate. If you require a Claim Form, you may call the Claims Administrator at 1-866-553-1124 or obtain it online at www.classaction.ca

Opt Out

This is the only option that allows you to preserve your claims against the Defendants and others. If, however, you opt out you will not be entitled to any Settlement Benefits. To opt-out you must obtain an Opt Out Form from the Claims Administrator and return it to the Claims Administrator by October 5, 2005.

Do Nothing

If you do not fill out a Claims Form or Opt Out, you will not receive compensation and your claims against the Defendants and others relating to these matters will be barred.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like a copy of the Settlement Agreement or have any questions, you may call the Claims Administrator's Information Line at 1-866-553-1124. A copy of the Settlement Agreement can be sent to you at a cost of \$20.00 per copy, which represents the cost of photocopying and mailing the Agreement. A copy of the Settlement Agreement can also be viewed on Class Counsel's website at www.classaction.ca.

PUBLICATION AND MAILING OF THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE, THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE QUEBEC (COUR SUPÉRIEURE) SUPERIOR COURT