

Dryer Tearing Clothes Checklist

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Confirm the cause

1 Look at the tear

Clean straight rips after drying mean a drum snag. Chewed all-over damage points to the wash.

2 Empty and unplug the dryer

Pull the plug, or the breaker and gas valve, before reaching inside.

3 Run a nylon stocking around the drum

It snags on any burr, lifted baffle, or rough seam your fingers miss.

4 Check the seals and lint housing

Look for a torn felt seal, a worn glide, or a trapped coin or pin.

Check safely

1 Never power the dryer while reaching in

Keep it unplugged or the breaker off the whole time.

2 Clear any trapped object

A coin, underwire, or bobby pin in the drum gap is often the whole fix.

3 Do not open the sealed cabinet

Glides, seals, and wiring behind the front panel are a technician's job.

4 Test with old rags

Run a load you do not mind losing to confirm the drum is clear.

5 Book a pro if tearing continues

A worn glide, seal, or drum burr needs the cabinet opened and the right part fitted.

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