Baseline Home Maintenance

Find Your Model & Serial Number

Every appliance and HVAC unit has a label with its model number and serial number. The model number tells a technician exactly which parts fit your unit. The serial number usually shows when it was made.

Where to look

Unit	Where the label usually is
Refrigerator	Open the fresh-food door and check the side walls near the top. Most are on the left; many side-by-sides are on the right.
Dishwasher	Open the door and check the edge of the tub frame, on the left or right side, or along the inside edge of the door.
Washer, top-load	Lift the lid and check the back of the tub opening or the underside of the lid.
Washer, front-load	Open the door and check the rim around the opening.
Dryer	Open the door and check the rim around the opening. Some older dryers have it on the back panel.
Range / oven	Pull out the bottom drawer and check the frame, or open the oven door and check the frame around the opening.
Wall oven	Open the door and check the frame or the top of the oven opening.
Cooktop	On a plate on the underside of the cooktop. You may need to look from inside the cabinet below.
Furnace	On the rating plate, usually inside the front access panel on the inner wall of the cabinet.
AC / heat pump	On a metal plate on the side of the outdoor unit, often near where the copper lines and wires go in.
Water heater	On the label on the side of the tank.

Tips: Photograph the whole label so nothing gets copied wrong. Write down the full number, including anything after a dash or dot. Model and serial numbers are different; you will usually need both. Outdoor labels fade, so photograph yours now.

Locations vary by brand and model. Sources: Whirlpool, KitchenAid, Maytag, Amana, Frigidaire and Goodman owner support pages.