hOmelabs Compact Laundry Dryer Review

About

The hOmelabs Compact Laundry Dryer is a 3.2 Cubic Ft dryer that runs off a typical 120 Volt North American power outlet.

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Update: This product no longer appears to be sold.



Review

This is a 120 Volt dryer, so just know that it will not dry as much nor as fast as a 240 Volt dryer. 120V is not drawback for this unit as you would only purchase it if you need a 120 Volt dryer.

Usage

At 3.2 Cubic feet, this dryer fits more clothing than a lot of other compact 120 Volt dryers. Less dryer loads is a good thing when you're already doing small loads.

I highly recommend that you spin dry your clothes before putting them in this dryer. With less heat output than a standard dryer it can take a very long time if your clothes go in soaking. Many hours.

You'll want to find a way to vent it outside. The easiest way is to pipe the exhaust air out a window. You can use either dryer ducting or even the tubing for a portable A/C.

Like any dryer, don't overload it and remember to clean out the lint. But beyond that, there's not much to say. It's a dryer and it works well.

Issues

There are very few drawbacks with this device, so I will mostly be nit-picking.

Occasionally the onboard chip will become confused and refuse to start the dryer. You can tell this has happened because it no longer beeps when you turn the dial, and of course it will not start. Unplugging and re-plugging in the dryer solves this issue instantly. When you place your dryer, make sure you can get to the power outlet easily for when this issue occurs (once every month or two).

The automatic sensor does not always do an excellent job of detecting how much time items need to dry. Sometimes it will end with clothes still damp, and other times it will continue drying for half an hour past what is necessary. I have not noticed a particular pattern here. I will often check on the clothes after it's been running a while, but not always. This is helpful to mix up the clothes and prevent some items from getting balled up and staying wet in the smaller drum.

The lint trap gets loose very quickly with use. After a year, this has not caused any issues beyond me dropping it in the dryer and spilling some lint inside, but it does speak to overall potential build quality.

Decision □□

This dryer was a wonderful worthwhile purchase. If you need a dryer that runs off 120 Volts, but is still somewhat large and effective, this is a great choice.

If you're currently hang drying your clothes, as soon as you buy this you'll wish you bought it earlier.

The Rest

My Purchase Price (including tax and shipping): **$337.87**

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