

LG Dryer Squeaking Noise: Diagnosis Quick Guide

Most common causes by sound type

- Rhythmic squeak matching drum rotation speed: drum support rollers (most common)
- Squeak only at startup that goes away: roller flat spot from sitting idle
- Squeaking and rubber smell: slipping drive belt, replace promptly
- Constant high-pitched whine, worse when hot: motor bearing failure
- Rhythmic tapping, disappears with empty drum: foreign object in laundry

Drum support roller test

- Unplug the dryer. Open the door and spin the drum by hand.
- A grinding or gritty feeling when turning the drum by hand = worn rollers.
- LG DLE/DLEX series: rollers typically wear at 5-8 years of regular use.
- Parts kit (2 rollers + glides + belt): \$15-30 from LG or appliance parts supplier.

When to call a technician

- Burning smell that persists more than a few minutes of operation
- Dryer shuts off randomly or trips the circuit breaker
- Motor bearing failure diagnosis (motor replacement required)
- Drum is visibly wobbling or has play when shaken side to side
- Any sparking or arcing visible through the drum opening

Repair cost guide (Miami / South Florida, 2026)

- Service call: \$60-90 (applied to repair)
- Drum support rollers: \$130-180 installed
- Drive belt: \$100-160 installed
- Drum glides + seal kit: \$80-140 installed
- Motor bearing / motor assembly: \$180-280

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