

Dishwasher White Film Fix Checklist

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Clear cloudy glasses and stop the film coming back

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Do the vinegar test first
If a cloudy glass clears with vinegar it is removable film. If not, it is etched and permanent.
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Refill the rinse aid and turn it up
The cheapest, most effective fix for hard water film in Montreal.
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Run a hot cycle with an acid descaler
White vinegar on the top rack or a citric acid descaler, hottest empty cycle.
- 4

Use fresh detergent, full dose
Replace clumped detergent. Hard water usually needs the full amount.
- 5

Raise your water heater to about 120F (49C)
Hotter water dissolves detergent and rinses minerals away.
- 6

Descale monthly and check the machine
If film stays after all this, the dishwasher may not be heating or draining.

Film vs etching quick reference

Hard water film	Removable, wipes off with vinegar
Glass etching	Permanent, cannot be reversed
Best defense	Rinse aid + hot water + monthly descale
Very hard water	Consider a whole home softener
Film on everything	Machine may not be heating or draining

Glasses still cloudy after all this? Book a Montreal dishwasher repair at
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