Dishwasher Won't Start Checklist

Five checks to run through before you book a repair

Door and water

1. **Push the door firmly closed**
   Listen and feel for the latch to click into place, and remove anything pressing on the door from inside.
2. **Check the supply valve under the sink**
   Confirm the small shutoff handle on the water line is turned fully open.

Controls and power

1. **Look for a lock icon on the display**
   Hold the lock button for a few seconds until the icon clears.
2. **Check for a delay start setting**
   A countdown or clock icon means the cycle is scheduled, not stalled.
3. **Check the breaker and any GFCI outlet**
   Reset once. If it trips again immediately, stop and call a licensed technician.

Before you call

1. **Look for a blinking light or error code**
   Note what you see on the display so you can describe it when you call.
2. **Check for standing water in the tub or cabinet**
   This points toward a paused cycle rather than a start problem.
3. **Write down what you already checked**
   Sharing the results of this checklist with the technician usually speeds up the visit.

Work the list in order, then call with what you found.

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