



Photo: UniMac

## Dryers

### Snapshot

	75-lb. capacity	125-lb. capacity		75-lb. capacity	125-lb. capacity		75-lb. capacity	125-lb. capacity
Lowest priced unit:	\$5,335	\$11,250	Mid-range priced unit:	\$5,514	\$12,538	Highest priced unit:	\$7,506	\$14,010

**Typical delivery time:** 4 to 6 weeks

**Typical delivery charges:**

Discuss with vendor, if not included

**Average life span of product:**

12 to 18 years, depending on use

**Standard warranty:**

1 to 5 years

**Extended warranty:**

Some may offer up to 10 years; often worth it

**Average maintenance costs per year:**

\$750

### Buyers Notes

- Drying longer than needed can add significant cost, not to mention wear and tear on items being dried, so be sure to ask about over-drying protection. Some newer systems are actually so protective, they turn off sooner than desired so check with vendors and current users what can be expected.
- Inquire with your insurer about any specific stipulations or points of emphasis they might have concerning safety features, mandated equipment and staff education.
- It is not unreasonable to keep an eye on the cost of raw materials — market fluctuations can add a significant spike to prices.
- Ask about ALL recent technical upgrades since there are many.

*“[Ask about] the protocol around the dryer and its operation to rid laundry of bed bugs. That’s a nasty topic no one wants to discuss, [but] a dryer’s operation, performance and protocol for removing bed bugs might be a differentiator.”*

**—Jerry Ney, President & CEO, Aldersgate Village, Topeka, KS**

*(Figures cited are averages of all respondents’ answers. Actual pricing will vary due to volume, bundling and other factors of a purchase.)*

**Sources:** Continental Girbau, Creative Laundry Solutions/Sheffries Laundry, Pellerin Milnor, UniMac

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