

Automatic Washing Machine Tips and Repairs

- Combination Units and Stackable
- Compact Apartment Size Stacker
- Front Loaders
- Top Loaders

Keep the floor clean around the base, to allow the feet to grip the floor properly and not to let the machine move around as easily when on the spin cycle.

Keep the washing machine as level as possible, use lock nuts if included on your machine to secure the legs.

The majority of top loading washer use self leveling rear legs and do not require adjustments.

Front loading and the new top loading machines should only use the “HE” high efficiency detergent (use little soap). Do not purchase more detergent than what you will need or use in approximately six months period, as the enzymes in the detergent loose the effectiveness. If at all possible, it is better to use fabric softener in the dryer rather than in the water, as this can lead to the built up of residue in the washer's outer tub over time and may lead to musty smell. If you use fabric softener in the washer dilute it with water.

Cold wash versus warm or hot: Although detergents have greatly improved over the years, the warmer the water the better detergent tend to perform at removing soils the clothing, particularly in the first fill cycle and then cold rinse to follow.

On front loading washing machines, be sure to keep the door glass and boot seal clean to prevent leakage and mold built-up around the seal. (Use window cleaner) if equipped, use cleaning cycle to clean the inside. It is also recommended that the door be kept open slightly when not in use. To minimize the chance of developing a musty odor or mold built-up problem, the control unit and lights can be turned off with the door open. The newer model have this feature built in to it. There are various cleaning products available through parts suppliers, to help with maintenance and control of residue that can build up inside the tubs of the top loading machines and particularly front load machines.

Inspect the hoses behind the washer on a regular basis in order to monitor their condition and to assure that there are no visible signs of wear, corrosion or leakage. The majority of washer manufacturers recommend the 'rubber' fill hoses be replaced every five years. However, no burst braided fill hoses offer extra protection against failing hoses. When away on holidays or away from home for a long period of time, it is recommended the water taps are closed and turned off.