

WHY YOU NEED TO KNOW THESE TIPS

Doing the laundry is an important part of today's life so investing in a good washing machine is crucial, and buying quality clothing that lasts is just as important, but both can be ruined if you do your laundry incorrectly.

There's no escaping laundry, but there's useful tips that can help you improve the results that you get from your laundry duties.

We all know the panic and stir we get into when the machine breaks down, especially if you have small children who needs to be changed 3 times a day.

Being equipped with laundry tips and tricks help to keep your machine going, saves you valuable time, saves stress, gets the best wash results, saves you from unnecessary expenses and makes your washing machine serve you even longer.

7 IMPORTANT TIPS

1 USE THE CORRECT DETERGENT

Dirty laundry results could be due to not using enough soap powder, or using a cheap brand of soap powder.

Cheaper soap powders don't dissolve in water easily as they lack certain ingredients that soften the water. The soap doesn't lather as easily and as a result they don't wash the clothes properly and often leave white traces of soap on your clothing, and can cause the skin to itch.

Detergents not only remove dirt from your clothes, they also trap the dirt in the water until the drain pump expels it from the washing machine.

Cheap soap powder doesn't trap the dirt in the water, this causes grime to remain on the clothes, and stick to the inside corners of the washing machine drum.

They also lack the right ingredients to deal with high levels of calcium magnesium carbonates in hard water that make up limescale.

Limescale causes major damage in the machine, like blockages and leaks.

2 USING THE CORRECT SOAP POWDER DOSAGE

A common fault with washing machine users is over filling the soap box. This can lead to the soap box hose becoming blocked, and cause flooding from the soap box down the front of the washing machine.

It can also lead to the base of the soap box building up a layer of soap, which causes water to trickle into the top fascia panel of the machine and run down the inside of the machine, causing rust build up and corrosion all the way to the bottom of the washing machine.

Worse still water can find it's way inside the machine and blow the programme or the facial control panel. Always read users instructions on the soap powder box for correct dosage.

Ensure the fabric conditioner dispenser is also free from soap powder and sludge, as this will cause water to leak too.

What is the right amount of soap to use? I've seen some customers use 2 cups of soap powder, some 1 and a half cups, and some half a cup! No wonder washing results can vary from household to household!

The general recommended dosage for a 6kg load of clothes is 110 grams washing powder. If the laundry is very soiled you'll need to add another 70 grams, if you live in a hard water area add another 30 grams a total of 110 grams.

These variations of different types of dirt and grime on clothing, size of the laundry load, and the different types of detergents, liquid, capsules, tablets, powders with fabric conditioner in them, and powders without.

Always read the label on the soap powder box and the liquid bottle, capsule box for the correct dosage.

3 SOAP POWDER OR LIQUID SOAP, WHICH ONE IS BEST?

The truth is both are! Depending on the type and colour of the clothes that you choose to wash.

For whites it's best if you use washing powder as manufacturers are able to add bleach in the soap powder ingredients. Plus it makes white white.

4 DON'T OVER LOAD THE MACHINE WITH LAUNDRY

Resist the urge to get more laundry done in a shorter space of time by stuffing your drum to the top with laundry. Your clothes won't wash properly and won't be able to remove any stains on them.

There's also the risk of soap powder left in the clothing that contains bleach, which can burn small children's skin, or anyone with thin or sensitive skin.

The correct way to load a machine is to fill the drum two thirds of the way up, and leave the other third for water and air.

Overloading the machine can cause flooding through the soap box and strain the ball bearings in the washing machine drum. It can also cause the spring and the suspension legs to break.

An overloaded drum can spin unevenly and bang the sides or the back, breaking components in the process.

Your drum bearings have been made comfortably to deal with the capacity printed on the washing machine whether it be 6kg, 7kg, etc. Once I took clothes out of a drum that weighed 15kg from a machine with a 7kg capacity, the customer was complaining that her laundry wasn't washing properly!



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5 DON'T WASH YOUR TRAINERS IN WASHING MACHINE

This is another way to ruin the bearings in your washing machine.

The constant banging of trainers in your drum. Up and down, side to side can reduce the life span of the bearings. If you must wash your sports shoes first wrap them in sweat shirt and put them in a pillar case to soften the banging against the wall of the drum.

6 ENSURE YOUR LAUNDRY LOAD IS EVEN

Many a time we receive complaints from our customers that their machines are banging forward and backward, jumping up and down knocking side to side and hopping out into the kitchen.

Ok I've exaggerated a bit, but we really do get complaints like that sometimes.

Then we arrive only to find that our customer has decided to do a bed linen wash, in goes sheets, pillar cases, towels, and bed spreads.

When towels are washed together they roll up like a football, like weighted ball and cause the washing machine to do crazy things as a result.

What needs to be done is to ensure your wash is even and balanced, Wash your towels with your trousers, shirts, jumpers, shorts etc. So clothes don't stick together because they're all uneven.

7 ENSURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH CLOTHES IN THE MACHINE.

Underloading clothes is not as bad as overloading but again knowing how much clothes to put in your drum as well as how much detergent is very important.

Most new machines, these days under-loading is more likely to result in the washer simply refusing to spin so you end up with a finished cycle but wet laundry. If you have experienced some loads reaching the end of the cycle and not going into fast spin, then one possible explanation could be if you have under loaded it or are trying to wash and spin just one or two items.



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