

# Your washing machine

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### Environmental protection/Conservation tips

- Always fill the washing machine with a maximum amount of laundry for the relevant programme.
- Wash normally soiled washing without a pre-wash.
- The selectable temperatures apply to the care labels on the textiles. The temperatures in the machine may deviate from this so that you get the optimum mix of energy-saving and washing results
- Measure the detergent according to the manufacturer's instructions and water hardness.
- If the laundry is then dried in the tumble dryer, select the spin speed according to the instructions of the dryer manufacturer.

## Intended use

- for use in the household only,
- for machine-washable fabrics and hand-washable wool in detergent solution,
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- The washing machine may be operated by children from 8 years of age, by persons who have limited physical, sensory or mental abilities and by persons who have inadequate experience or knowledge, provided they **are supervised or have been instructed** by a responsible person.

- ⚠ - Observe the safety instructions on page 8.
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- ⚠ - The washing machine is not to be used by children or persons not familiar with the operating instructions.
- ⚠ - Keep pets away from the washing machine.
- 📖 Read these instructions and the separate installation instructions before operating the washing machine.

## Preparation

Correct installation according to the separate Installation instructions.

**Checking the machine**

- Never use a damaged machine.
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**Connecting the mains plug**

- ⚠ Make sure your hands are dry. Take hold of the plug only.

**Turning the tap on**

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**Sorting and loading laundry**

Follow the manufacturer's care information. According to the information on the care labels. According to type, colour, soiling and temperature. Do not exceed the maximum load → *page 7*.

Observe the important information → *page 6*. Insert large and small items of laundry. Take care not to trap items of laundry between the washing machine door and the rubber seal.

**Add detergent and care products**

Measure accordingly: Amount of laundry, soiling, water hardness (ask your water supply company) and manufacturer's instructions. Pour liquid detergent into the appropriate dispenser and place in the drum.

ⓘ Dilute thick fabric softener and fabric conditioner with water. This prevents blockages.

**Compartment II:** Detergent for the main wash, water softener, bleach, stain remover

**Compartment ☼:** Fabric softener, starch

**Compartment I:** Detergent for pre-wash

## Setting and adjusting programmes

**Display panel**

**Additional function**

**Start/Soaking**

**Programme selector**

Additional function → Individual settings, *page 5*.

**Select Start/Soaking** ▶▶▶

6.0 kg 800 rpm

---- - 1400\* Rpm Ⓢ Select the spin speed (\* depending on the model) or ---- (Rinse stop (Spülstop) = no final spin, laundry soaks in the last rinsing water, display panel ----)

1h - 24h Ready in Ⓢ Programme end after

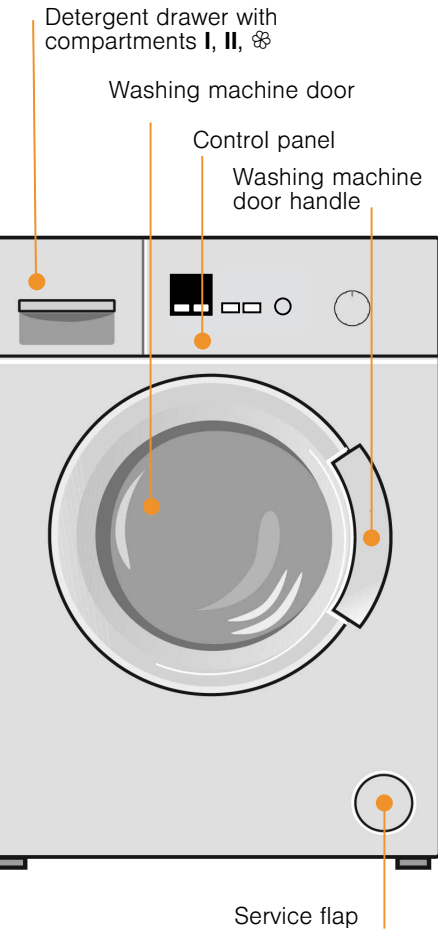
Status indicators

🌀 🌀 🌀 End Programme status indicators: Wash, rinse, spin, programme duration or end

🔒 Childproof lock → *page 5*

Programme selector for switching the machine on and off and for selecting the programme. Can be turned in either direction.

## Washing



## Removing the washing

Open the washing machine door and remove the washing.

- ⓘ - Remove any foreign objects - risk of rusting.
- ⓘ - Leave the washing machine door and detergent drawer open so that any residual water can evaporate.

## Turning the tap off

Not required for AquaStop models → *Hinweise Installation Instructions, page 7*.

## Switching off

Turn the programme selector to **Off**.

## End of programme when ...

... **End** appears on the display panel.

## Interrupting the programme

- Programmes at high temperatures:
- Cool washing: Select **Rinse** 🌀.
  - Select **Start/Soaking** ▶▶▶.
- Programmes at lower temperatures:
- Select **Spin/Drain** 🌀/🌀.
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## Changing the programme, if ...

- ... you have selected the wrong programme by mistake:
- Reselect the programme.
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## Individual settings

**Additional functions** → and overview of programmes, see *page 7*.

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**Protecting the washing and the machine**

- When measuring the amount of all detergents/additives and cleaning agents, always check the manufacturer's instructions.
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- Brush sand out of pockets and collars.
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**Washing with varying degrees of soiling**

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## Programmes

Detailed overview of programmes → *page 7*.

Cottons	hard-wearing fabrics
Rinse	with subsequent spin cycle
Spin/Drain	laundry washed by hand, the rinsing water
Daily Wash	different types of laundry
Wool	hand/machine-washable textiles
Hygiene	hard-wearing fabrics
Delicate/Silk	delicate washable fabrics
Synthetics	easy-care fabrics

## Preparation

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### Turning the tap on

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Display panel

Additional function

Start/Soaking

Program

6.0 kg 800 rpm

Speed Perfect Water plus Start Soaking

Synthetics 30° Off 40° 60°

Hygiene 60°

Daily Wash 40°

Delicate/Silk 30°

Wool 30°

Spin/Drain

Rinse

1400\* Rpm

ih - 24h Ready in

Status indicators

Wash, rinse, spin, programme duration or end

Childproof lock → *page 5*

**Before washing for the first time**  
Wash once without any laundry → page 9.

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Close the washing machine door. Take care not to trap items of laundry between the washing machine door and the rubber seal.

## Add detergent and care products

Measure accordingly:

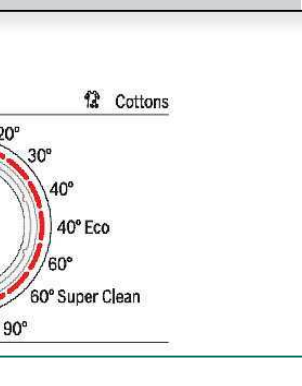
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## Setting and adjusting programmes

Programme selector



Additional function → Individual settings, page 5.

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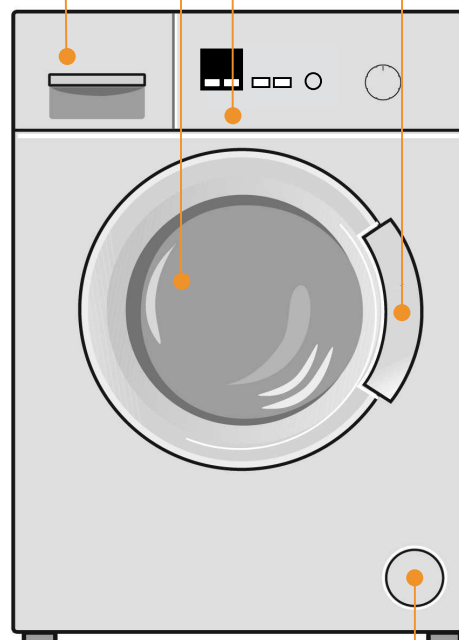
# Washing

Detergent drawer with compartments **I, II**, ☼

Washing machine door

Control panel

Washing machine door handle



Service flap

# Washing

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




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# Important information




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	Wash new items of clothing separately.
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# Overview of programmes

→ Refer to the table of consumption values on page 8 and notes on page 6.

Programmes	°C	Type of laundry	max.	Additional functions; information
<b>Cottons</b>	20, 30, 40, 60, 90 °C		6 kg / 3,5 kg*	
<b>Hygiene</b>	60 °C			
<b>Cottons</b> Eco, Super Clean	40, 60 °C	Hard-wearing fabrics, heat-resistant fabrics made of cotton or linen	6 kg	⇒ Speed Perfect*,  Water plus
<b>Synthetics</b>	30, 40 °C	Easy-care fabrics made of cotton, linen, synthetic fibres or blended fabrics	3 kg	⇒ Speed Perfect*,  Water plus
<b>Daily Wash</b>	40 °C	Fabrics made of cotton or easy-care fabrics	2,5 kg	⇒ Speed Perfect,  Water plus
<b>Delicate/Silk</b>	40 °C	For delicate, washable fabrics, e.g. made of silk, satin, synthetic fibres or blended fabrics (e.g. curtains)	2 kg	⇒ Speed Perfect,  Water plus; No spin between rinse cycles
<b>Wool</b>	40 °C	Hand- or machine-washable fabrics made of wool or containing wool		Particularly gentle wash programme to prevent shrinkage of laundry. Longer programme breaks (fabrics rest in the detergent solution)
<b>Additional programmes</b>				

- \* Reduced load when using the ⇒ Speed Perfect option.  
i Programmes without prewash - add detergent to compartment **II**, programmes with prewash - distribute the detergent between compartments **I** and **II**.

**Rinse, Spin/Drain**

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## Safety instructions

- Read the instruction manual and installation instructions and all other information enclosed with the washing machine and act accordingly.
  - Retain the documents for subsequent use.
- Risk of electric shock**
- Never pull the cable to disconnect the mains plug.
  - Never insert/disconnect the mains plug with damp hands.
- Danger to life**
- For worn-out appliances:
- Disconnect the mains plug.
  - Sever the mains cable and discard along with the plug.
  - Destroy the lock on the washing machine door. This will prevent children from locking themselves in and risking their lives.
- Danger of suffocation**
- Keep packaging, film and packaging parts out of the reach of children.
- Risk of poisoning**
- Keep detergents and care products out of the reach of children.
- Risk of explosion**
- Items of laundry pretreated with cleaning agents containing solvents, e.g. stain remover/cleaning solvent may cause an explosion after being loaded into the washing machine. Rinse items of laundry thoroughly by hand beforehand.
- Risk of injury**
- The washing machine door can become very hot.
  - Be careful when draining hot detergent solution.
  - Do not climb onto the washing machine.
  - Do not lean on the open washing machine door.
  - Do not reach into the drum if it is still rotating.
  - Be careful when opening the detergent drawer while the machine is in operation.

## Consumption values

Programme	Load	Energy***	Water***	Programme duration (h)***
Cottons 20 °C	6 kg	0.30 kWh	68 l	2 ¼ h
Cottons 40 °C*	6 kg	0.95 kWh	68 l	2 ¼ h
Cottons 60 °C	6 kg	1.60 kWh	68 l	2 ¼ h
Cottons 90 °C	6 kg	2.45 kWh	76 l	2 ¼ h
Synthetics 40 °C*	3 kg	0.70 kWh	46 l	1 ¾ h
Daily Wash 40 °C	2,5 kg	0.40 kWh	44 l	1 h
Delicate/Silk 30 °C	2 kg	0.30 kWh	37 l	¾ h
Wool 30 °C	2 kg	0.20 kWh	43 l	¾ h

\*Programme setting for testing in accordance with currently applicable EN60456 standard.  
Note on comparative tests: When testing the test programmes, wash the specified load using the maximum spin speed.

Programme	Load	Annual energy consumption	Annual water consumption
Cottons Eco, Super Clean 40, 60 °C**	6/3 kg	153 kWh	10560 l

\*\* Programme settings for testing and energy labelling in accordance with EU directive 2010/30/EU with cold water(15 °C).  
\*\*\* The values may deviate from the specified values depending on water pressure, water hardness, and inlet temperature, ambient temperature, type, amount and level of laundry soiling, detergent used, fluctuations in the power supply and selection of options.



# Before washing for the first time

**i** Do not load any laundry into the machine. Turn on the tap. Add the following to compartment **II**:

- approx. 1 litre water
- detergent (dosage according to the manufacturer's instructions for light soiling and the appropriate degree of water hardness)

Set the programme selector to **Cottons 60 °C** and select **Start/Soaking**. At the end of the programme, turn the programme selector to **Off**.

## Care

**! Risk of electric shock. Disconnect the mains plug.**  
**! Risk of explosion. No solvents.**

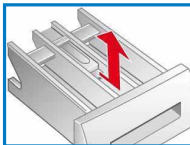
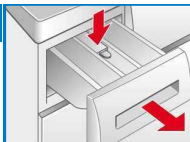
### Machine housing, control panel

- Remove detergent residue immediately.
- Wipe off with a soft, damp cloth.
- Do not clean with a jet of water.

### Cleaning the detergent drawer ...

... if it contains detergent or fabric softener residues.

1. Pull out, press insert down, remove drawer completely.
2. To remove the insert: press the insert upwards from below with your finger.
3. Clean the detergent dispenser tray and insert with water and a brush and dry it.
4. Attach the insert and engage (connect the cylinder to the guide pin).
5. Push in the detergent drawer.



**i** Leave the detergent drawer open so that any residual water can evaporate.

### Drum

Leave the washing machine door open so that the drum can dry out. Rust stains - use chlorine-free cleaning agent, not steel wool.

### Descaling

Ensure there is no laundry in the machine

This should not be necessary if the correct detergent dosage has been used. If it is necessary, however, proceed according to the descaling agent manufacturer's instructions. Suitable descalers can be obtained via our website or from our after-sales service (→ page 1).

# Information on the display panel

depending on model

E: 17	Turn the (cold water) tap on fully; supply hose kinked/trapped; water pressure too low; service, clean the filter → page 10,
E: 18	Detergent solution pump blocked; service, clean the detergent solution pump → page 10. Drainage hose/waste pipe blocked; service, clean the drainage hose at the siphon → page 10.
E: 23	Water in the base tub, appliance leaking. Turn off the tap. Call the after-sales service.
🔒	Childproof lock active; Deactivating → page 5.
Other displays	Switch off the appliance, wait for 5 seconds and switch it back on again. If the display appears again, call the after-sales service.

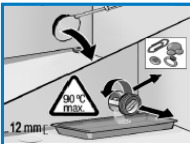
# Maintenance

**! Risk of scalding. Allow the detergent solution to cool down.**  
**! Turn off the tap.**

### Detergent solution pump

Turn the programme selector to **Off** and disconnect the mains plug.

1. Remove the service flap for detergent solution pump.
2. Carefully unscrew the pump cover (residual water).
3. Clean the interior, pump cover thread and pump housing (the impeller in the detergent solution pump must rotate).
4. Replace the pump cover and screw it tightly.
5. Place the service flap back.



To prevent unused detergent from flowing straight into the drain during the next wash: Pour 1 litre of water into compartment **II** and start the **Spin/Drain** programme.

### Drainage hose at the siphon

Turn the programme selector to **Off** and disconnect the mains plug.

1. Loosen the hose clamp, carefully remove the drainage hose (residual water).
2. Clean the drainage hose and siphon connecting piece.
3. Reattach the drainage hose and secure the connection with the hose clamp.



### Filter in the water supply

**! Risk of electric shock**  
Do not immerse the HydroSafe safety device in water (contains an electric valve).

Reduce the water pressure in the supply hose:

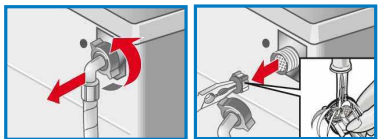
1. Turn off the tap.
2. Select any programme (except **Spin/Drain**).
3. Select **Start/Soaking**. Let the programme run for approximately 40 seconds.
4. Turn the programme selector to **Off**. Disconnect the mains plug.
5. Clean the filter:  
Disconnect the hose from the tap.  
Clean the filter using a small brush.








and/or for Standard and Aqua-Secure models:

Remove the hose on the rear of the appliance,  
Remove the filter with pliers and clean.

6. Connect the hose and check the leak tightness of the connection points.



## What to do if ...

● Water is leaking out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Attach/replace the drainage hose correctly.</li> <li>– Tighten the screw connection of the supply hose.</li> </ul>
● No water supply. Detergent not dispensed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Start/Soaking</b>  not selected?</li> <li>– Tap not turned on?</li> <li>– Filter blocked? Clean the filter → <i>page 10</i>.</li> <li>– Supply hose kinked or trapped?</li> </ul>
● Washing machine door cannot be opened.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Safety function active. Wait approx. 2 minutes.</li> </ul>
● Programme does not start.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Start/Soaking</b>  selected?</li> <li>– Washing machine door closed?</li> </ul>
● Detergent solution is not drained.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Clean the detergent solution pump → <i>page 10</i>.</li> <li>– Clean the waste pipe and/or drainage hose.</li> </ul>
● Water not visible in the drum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Not a fault - water below the visible area.</li> </ul>
● Unsatisfactory spin result. Laundry wet/too damp.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Not a fault - the unbalanced-load detection system has cancelled the spin cycle because of uneven distribution of the laundry. Distribute small and large items of laundry evenly inside the drum.</li> <li>– Selected speed too low? → <i>page 5</i>.</li> </ul>
● Spin cycle performed several times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Not a fault - unbalanced load detection system adjusts the imbalance.</li> </ul>
● Residual water in the compartment  for care products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Not a fault - the action of the care product is not affected.</li> <li>– Clean the insert if necessary → <i>page 9</i>.</li> </ul>
● Odour formation in the washing machine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Run programme  <b>Cottons 90 °C</b> without laundry. Use standard detergent.</li> </ul>
● Foam escaping from the detergent drawer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Too much detergent used? If foam is escaping from the detergent drawer: Mix 1 tablespoon of fabric softener with ½ litre of water and pour into compartment <b>II</b> (<i>not with outdoor or down fabrics</i>).</li> <li>– Reduce the detergent dosage for the next wash cycle.</li> </ul>
● Intense noise formation, vibrations and “wandering” during the spin cycle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Are the appliance feet fixed? Secure the appliance feet → <i>Installation instructions</i>.</li> <li>– Transportation safety devices removed? Remove the transportation safety devices → <i>Installation instructions</i>.</li> </ul>
● Indicator lamps do not function during operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Power cut?</li> <li>– Fuses triggered? Reset/change the fuses.</li> <li>– If the fault occurs repeatedly, call the after-sales service.</li> </ul>
● Programme sequence longer than usual.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Not a fault - unbalanced load detection system adjusts imbalance by repeatedly distributing the laundry.</li> <li>– Not a fault - foam detection system active - adds an additional rinse cycle.</li> </ul>
● Detergent residues on the laundry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Occasionally, phosphate-free detergents contain water-insoluble residues.</li> <li>– Select <b>Rinse</b>  or brush the laundry after washing.</li> </ul>

If you cannot correct a fault yourself or a repair is required:

- Turn the programme selector to **Off** and remove the mains plug from the socket.
- Turn off the water supply and call the after-sales service → *Installation instructions*.



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