

Washing machines

Safe use advice for electric washing machines intended for washing clothes and textiles for household and similar use. With a rated voltage no more than 250V for single phase appliances and 480V for other appliances.

This **safe use** advice also applies to appliances not intended for normal household use, and may be useful to laypersons in shops, light industry and on farms and other premises for normal housekeeping.

Washing machines may incorporate means for heating water, water extraction and drying.

Washing machines having a spin extraction function should also be used with the **Safe Use** Advice for spin extractors.

Washing machines that have a drying function should be used with the **Safe use** advice for dryers.

This advice is not intended to replace specific manufacturer's information but can be used as a general guide.

This advice does not cater for young children or people who are physically weak.

When using the appliance:

- Ensure the machine is switched off before you put your hands in the washer to remove, add or rearrange the load.
- For washing machines incorporating a power-driven wringer:
- The wringer must be disengaged or switched off when not in use.
- Children must not be allowed to operate the appliance.

When connecting to the water supply observe the manufacturers ratings for:

- The maximum permissible inlet water pressure, in Pascals or bars.
- The minimum permissible inlet water pressure, in Pascals or bars, if this is necessary for correct operation.

The appliance should be connected to the water mains using new hose-sets. Old hose-sets should not be reused, unless the hoses are permanently attached to the appliance.

If the appliance is supplied from a cord extension set or an electrical portable outlet device, it must be positioned so that it is not subject to splashing or moisture getting in.

You are urged to:

- Use the appliance only for its intended purpose.
- If the appliance is for indoor use only, do not use outdoors.
- Do not immerse the appliance in water unless it is designed for this purpose.
- Keep hands, fingers, feet, toes and hair away from dangerous moving parts, cutting blades and the like.
- Do not use electrical appliances in the rain.
- Make sure you have dry hands when operating an electrical appliance.
- Do not use a damaged appliance.
- An appliance may not be intended for use by children or people with an illness or disability without supervision.
- Young children should not be allowed to play with the appliance.
- Some appliances require special precautions for installation or user maintenance or both.
- The plug must be removed from the socket-outlet before any cleaning or maintenance is done.
- Do not place cord extension sockets or portable power outlet boards where they may be splashed or where moisture may get in.
- Ensure ventilation holes or outlets are not blocked or partially obstructed.
- If a fixed appliance does not have a supply cord and plug or other means for disconnection from the supply, a means for disconnection must be incorporated into the fixed wiring according to the Wiring Rules.
- If the supply cord or plug is damaged:
 - The manufacturer or its service agent or a similarly qualified person must replace the cord to prevent an accident.
 - Appliances with specially prepared cords must be replaced by a special cord or assembly available from the manufacturer or its service agent.
 - Other appliances that have a supply cord that cannot be replaced, should be scrapped.
- The appliance should be maintained in order to ensure a long, useful life and to protect the operator against electric shock or mechanical mishaps.
- A safety switch can enhance electrical safety when using electrical appliances