

Title (en)

Method for controlling the metered amount of detergent in an automatic washing machine or the like

Title (de)

Verfahren zur Überwachung der gemessenen Menge Waschmittel in einer automatischen Waschmaschine oder ähnlichem

Title (fr)

Procédé pour surveiller la quantité mesurée de détergent dans une machine à laver automatique ou similaire

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP1096051A2] In a clothes washing machine that comprises a washing tub (4) containing a drum (5), and is adapted to carry out a washing and rinse cycle followed by respective water discharge phases, the method calls for: during each water discharge phase, the time intervals (Tw, Tr) to be measured, which elapse from the instant in which the water in the tub (4) lowers down to a first level (L2), to the instant in which the water further decreases down to a level (L1); and when the ratio (R) between the so measured time intervals (Tw, Tr) is detected to be higher than a given threshold value (Rx), an alarm signal to be generated which is indicative of an excessively metered amount of detergent. <IMAGE>

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