

Title (en)  
A SENSING MULTI-MATERIAL DETERGENT DISPENSING SYSTEM

Title (de)  
ERFASSENDES SYSTEM ZUR AUSGABE EINES MEHRMATERIALREINIGUNGSMITTELS

Title (fr)  
SYSTÈME DE DISTRIBUTION DE DÉTERGENT À PLUSIEURS MATÉRIAUX DE DÉTECTION

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Abstract (en)  
A washing machine (10) has a reservoir (12) configured to hold materials to be washed, the reservoir (12) positioned to receive water from a water source, a drain pipe (14) connected to the reservoir (12), at least two cleaning agent dispensers (20), a controller (18) connected to the cleaning agent dispensers (20), the controller (18) arranged to control water flow into and out of the reservoir (12), and dispensing of agents from the cleaning agent dispenser (20), and at least one sensor (16) arranged to sense contents of one of either the water or materials to be washed and communicate the contents to the controller (18), the controller (18) to dispense cleaning agents based upon the contents. A method of dispensing cleaning agents includes receiving signals from at least one sensor, wherein the signals provide information about soil in a reservoir, using the information to select appropriate cleaning agents from a set of cleaning agents, and dispensing selected cleaning agents into the reservoir.

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