

Title (en)
WASHING MACHINE WITH LINEN MASS DETERMINATION

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WASCHMASCHINE MIT WÄSCHEMASSENBESTIMMUNGSMENGE

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MACHINE À LAVER AVEC DÉTERMINATION DE POIDS DU LINGE

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Abstract (en)
A method for determining a linen mass (M) through a washing machine (1) or dryer, with an electric motor (14) connected with a linen drum (5) for containing the linen, comprises:A) performing a first sequence of consecutive inrush steps, each inrush step comprising:- actuating a motor (14) of the washing machine (1) to accelerate the linen drum in rotation from an initial speed (v_init) equal to zero to a maximum predetermined speed (v_max), with a predetermined acceleration (STP_1),- upon reaching the maximum predetermined speed (v_max), slowing down the motor so as to make the linen drum (5) decelerate until reaching the initial speed (v_init) again, which is equal to zero,- in a detection time interval during the acceleration of the linen drum in rotation from the initial speed (v_init) equal to zero up to the predetermined maximum speed (v_max), detecting the inrush current (I_inrush) absorbed by the electric motor (14), the rotation speed (v) of the electric motor (14), and the time (t) (STP_2),B) calculating for each individual inrush step a rotational power parameter (P) generated by the electric motor (14) depending on the inrush current (I_inrush) (STP_3),C) calculating for the entire first sequence of consecutive inrush steps an average value (P_avg) of the rotational power parameters (P) calculated for the individual inrush steps (STP_5),D) determining the mass (M) of the linen in the linen drum (5) depending on the average value (P_avg) of the rotational power parameters (P) and predetermined parameters (P_0, A) characterizing the washing machine (1) (STP_13).

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