

Title (en)

METHOD FOR BALANCING THE LOAD OF LINEN IN A LINEN TREATMENT MACHINE, AND A LINEN TREATMENT MACHINE

Title (de)

VERFAHREN ZUM AUSGLEICH DER WÄSCHELAST IN EINER WÄSCHEBEHANDLUNGSMASCHINE UND  
WÄSCHEBEHANDLUNGSMASCHINE

Title (fr)

PROCÉDÉ D'ÉQUILIBRAGE DE LA CHARGE DE LINGE DANS UNE MACHINE DE TRAITEMENT DE LINGE ET MACHINE DE TRAITEMENT  
DE LINGE

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Abstract (en)

A method for balancing the load of linen in a linen drum (5) in a washing machine (1) or tumble dryer, comprises- before performing a spinning step (27), carrying out a linen load balancing check step (29) and a linen mass determination step (31), and- in the case of a balanced load, perform the spinning step (27),- in the case of an unbalanced load, not enabling the spinning step (27) and performing a linen load balancing step (29) through a sequence of movements of the linen drum (5) at lower speeds than the rotation speed of the linen drum (5) during the spinning step (27) and, after the balancing step (29), repeating the linen load balancing check step (28) until the load of linen is balanced with respect to the balancing check step (29),- in the case of an unbalanced load, before performing the linen load balancing step (29), comparing (32) the determined mass of linen with a reference mass value indicative of a low load of linen, and- if the determined mass of linen is greater than the reference mass value, performing the linen load balancing step (29) through a first drum movement sequence (29'),- if the determined mass of linen is less than the reference mass value, performing the linen load balancing step (29) through a second drum movement sequence (29") different from the first sequence of movements.

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