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(54) **A laundry washing machine having a composite carrying structure.**

(57) In a laundry washing machine of the top-loading type having a housing mounted on a bottom structure (4) and closed on top by a hinged cover (3) and a tub and drum assembly (26) enclosed in said housing together with further operative components, the improvement of said housing being composed of at least two shell sections (1,2) adapted to be releasably secured to one another and to said bottom structure, and at least two brackets (17,18) releasably secured to upper portions of said shell sections (1,2) so as to interconnect them, and provided with engagement means for suspending said tub and drum assembly (26) from above, the lower portion of said tub and drum assembly being connected to vibration dampeners (8,9) or the like mounted on said bottom structure (4). Each shell section (1,2) is individually demountable for giving access to the operative components of the machine.



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