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(54) **Household washing machine, in particular a dishwasher, comprising an improved upper hydraulic circuit**

(57) The invention relates to a washing machine, in particular a dishwasher, of the type comprising a wash tub (10), a liquid supply duct (11) connected to a hydraulic outlet (70) located on a wall of said tub (10), and at least one upper rack (20) associated with an upper hydraulic circuit which comprises:

- a sprayer (30) made of plastic material;
- a tubular element (40) comprising a first end (41) and a second end (42);
- connection means (50) providing the hydraulic and mechanic connections between said first end (41) of the tubular element (40) and said sprayer (30); and
- a linking device (60) adapted to engage into said hydraulic outlet (70).

The invention is mainly **characterized in that** said linking device (60) comprises fins (66) adapted to be coupled to at least one rib (74) being present on the hydraulic outlet (70).

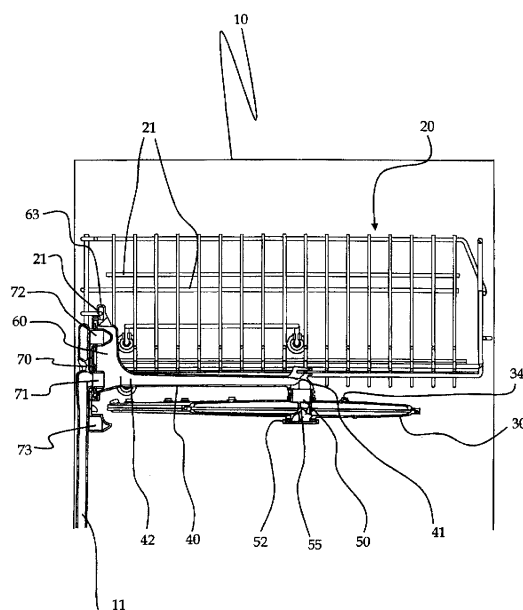


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1. claims: 1-5

A washing machine comprising a linking device having fins.

1.1. claims: 2-5

A washing machine comprising a bush and a sprayer made each from a different plastic material.

2. claims: 6, 7

A washing machine comprising a sprayer having an upper and a lower shell.

3. claims: 8-15

A washing machine comprising a rack adjustable to two different height positions.

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