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# **Instructions for the use and care of Z 818/Z 917 washing machine**

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Width	23.6 ins (600 mm)
Overall depth (excluding hose)	22.7 ins (550 mm)
Height	33.5 ins (850 mm)
Weight	178.5 lbs (80 kg)
Dry clothes capacity (excluding synthetic fabrics and wool)	10 lbs (4.5 Kg)
Revolutions during spinning	400/800 r.p.m.
Total power absorbed	2730 W
Heater rating	2300 W
Motor rating during washing	430 W
Motor rating during spinning	450/650 W
Water load: normal level	2.9 gals (13 l)
Water load: high level	4.4 gals (20 l)
Maximum water pressure	110 p.s.i. - 759 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Minimum water pressure (cold)	7 p.s.i - 48 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Minimum water pressure (hot)	4 p.s.i. - 27 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Supply voltage	220-240 V
Supply frequency	50 Hz

# Installation

## Unpacking

After removing outer carton, reinforcing angles and polythene wrapping, proceed as follows:

1)

Unscrew and remove, by means of the special spanner that comes with the machine, the three big screws to be found on the back of the appliance (fig. 1).

The spanner supplied with the machine is provided with an hexagonal insert which can be used according to the type of screws which are at the back of the appliance.

2)

Insert a screwdriver into the free holes left after removing the screws, and tilt it as required to cause the three plastic spacers inside the machine to fall down.

3)

Rest the washing machine on its back and remove the two inner angle packings by pulling the left string A first and then the right string B (Fig.2). This operation should be carried out very carefully to prevent the angle packings from damaging the internal components of the machine.

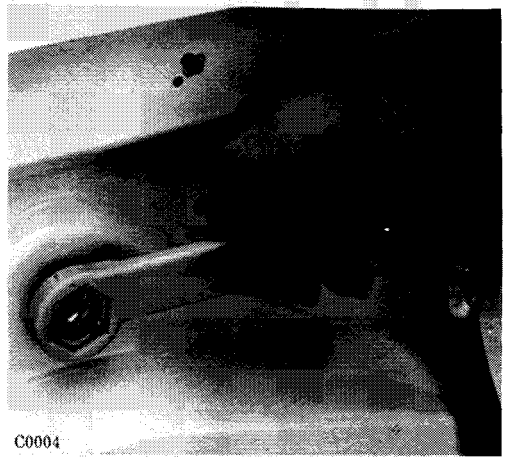
4)

Remove the polystyrene base packing and the three plastic spacers that fell down during the preceding operations.

**Note:** It is advisable to keep all parts, including the three screws as per para 1) above, of the inner packing for re-use in case the machine has to be transported again.

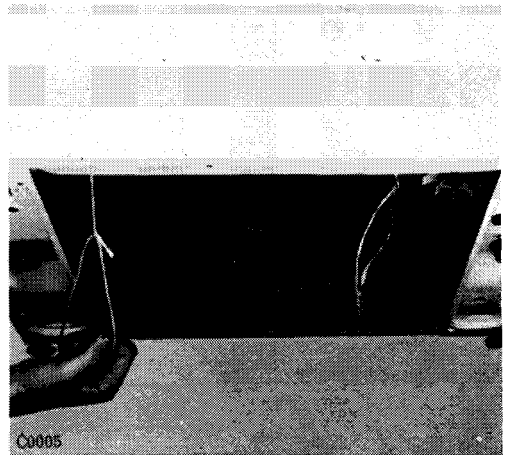
## Positioning & levelling

Set up the machine in its permanent operating position and then carefully level it adjusting the two levelling feet (Fig.3) by means of the special small wrench that comes with the machine.



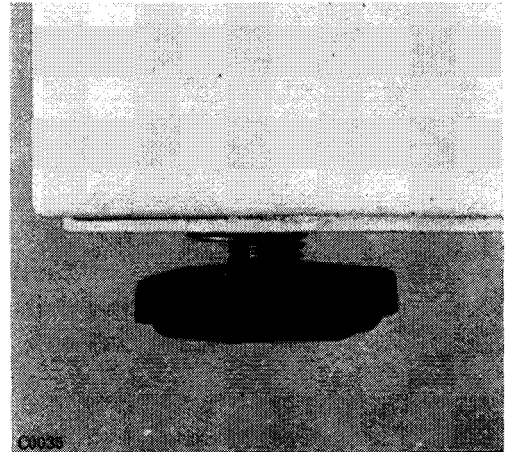
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Fig. 2



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Fig. 3

It is recommended to perform this work very accurately to avoid any vibration, noise or shifting of the appliance during operation.

Also make sure that the washing machine does not touch walls, furniture etc. whilst in operation.

## Water connection

The machine may either be plumbed in or connected to existing taps. Details are given below.

## Water supply

Separate supplies of hot and cold water are necessary.

Single outlet gas or electric heaters are not suitable.

If only cold water supply is available, connect the two hoses to a cold water tap.

## Water outlet connection

The drain pipe from this machine must connect into the main drain from the premises but not into the rainwater drain.

Information as to the type of drain servicing your premises can be obtained from a builder or the Local Authority. The curved end of the outlet hose should be firmly hooked over the edge of a sink or connected to a suitable drain pipe in the wall or under the sink; however, such a drain pipe should have a built-in air break in order to avoid water syphoning from the machine during draining.

The top of the drain hose (curved end) should not be lower than 50 cms (20 ins) or higher than 85 cms (34 ins) from floor level (Fig.4).

The water should be able to drain freely and the end of the outlet hose must not be under water. It is, therefore, advisable that the drain pipe, if fused, has an internal diameter of at least 4 cms (1.5 ins).

Also, ensure that the drain hose is not choked or placed in such a way as to

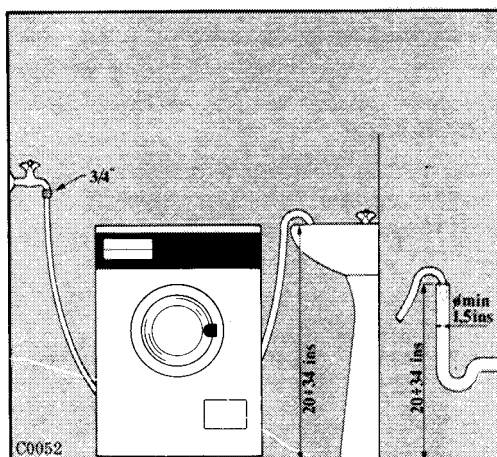


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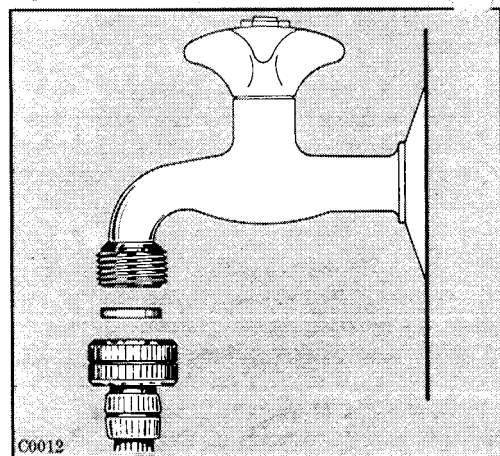


Fig. 5

obstruct the normal water flow. If the drain hose is to be hooked over the sink, ensure that the sink is empty and that the sink plug is not blocking the plug.

If an extension hose is required, it should not exceed a length of 180 cms (6 ft), its diameter should not be smaller than that of the original drain hose and the extension hose should not be choked (kinked) in any way.

The hose is to be positioned at floor level and only the terminal part should be placed at the requisite drain level previously indicated.

A failure to comply with these requirements may result in a malfunction of the drain pump.

To correctly carry out the extension of the drain hose, it is advisable to use the special connector with hose clamps which can be supplied as an optional attachment.

## Plumbed installation

It is important that work is carried out by a qualified plumber.

## Use from existing taps

- 1 - Mixer taps are unsuitable and must not be used.
- 2 - Connect the red pipe connection to the hot tap and the other to the cold tap (see note below).

## Important

Make sure that the water supply pressure is within the limits indicated under the technical data.

## Tap connections

For taps with a 3/4 inch gas thread, fit the washers to the inlet hoses and connect as shown (fig.5).

The other end of the water inlet hoses, which are connected to the appliance, can be turned in any required direction by unloosing their ring nuts. **After setting the inlet hoses as desired, be sure to tighten their ring nuts again to prevent leakages.** If the water supply is from new pipes or from pipes which have not been used for a long time, it is advisable to run off a certain amount of water before connecting the machine. This will avoid foreign matter blocking the filters.

## Electrical connection

**WARNING: THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED**

**The manufacturer declines to accept any liability should this safety measure not be observed.**

## Important

The wires in this mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

GREEN AND YELLOW - EARTH  
BLUE - NEUTRAL  
BROWN - LIVE

If you fit your own plug, the colours of the wires in the mains lead of your appliance may not correspond with the markings identifying the terminals in your plug, this is what you have to do: Connect the green and yellow (earth) wire to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter 'E' or the earth symbol  $\perp$  or coloured green or green and yellow.

Connect the blue (neutral) wire to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter 'N' or coloured black. Connect the brown (live) wire to the terminal which is marked with the letter 'L' or coloured red.

If the plug is not suitable it must be cut off and the appropriate plug fitted. The cut off plug should be disposed of to prevent the hazard of electric shocks in case it should be plugged into a 13 Amp socket in another part of your home.

The plug moulded on to the cord incorporates a fuse. For replacement use a 13 Amp BS 1362 fuse. Only ASTA approved fuses should be used.

The fuse cover/carrier must be replaced in the event of changing fuse.

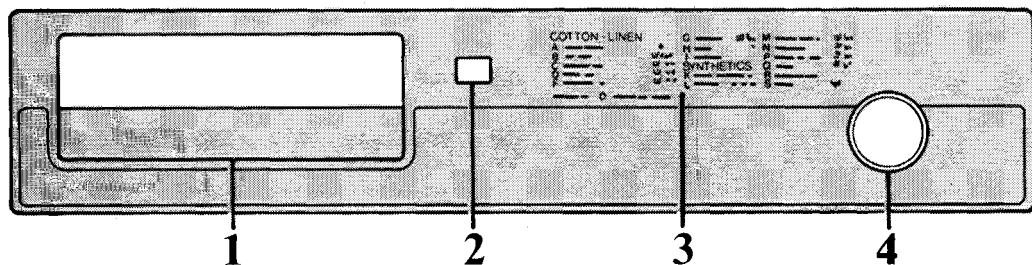
The right fuse cover/carrier colour is the one shown by the coloured insert at the base of the plug.

The plug must not be used if the fuse cover/carrier is lost.

A replacement cover/carrier must be obtained from Zanussi Service Agents whose addresses are listed on the attached 'Zanussi Service Agents Nationwide'.

**This appliance complies with E.E.C. directive No.76/889 of 4.11.76 relative to radio interference suppression.**

# Operating instructions



- 1 - Handle dispenser
- 2 - Pilot lamp
- 3 - Program chart
- 4 - Program selector

## Controls description

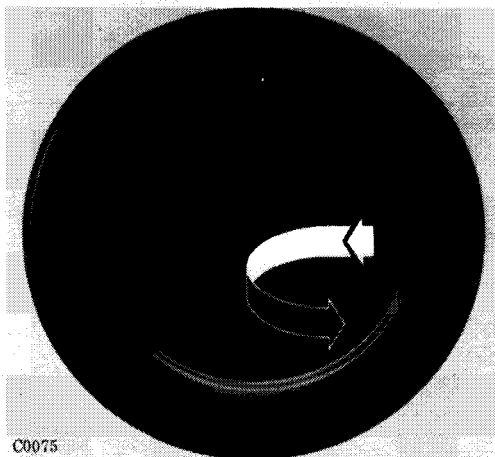
### Pilot lamp

When on, it shows that the appliance is operating.

When it goes out, it means that the wash cycle is completed.

### Program selector

This permits selection of the required wash cycle by turning the knob clockwise until the letter corresponding to the desired program coincides exactly with the pointer. Furthermore, by pulling it or pushing it, it lets you start or stop the machine.



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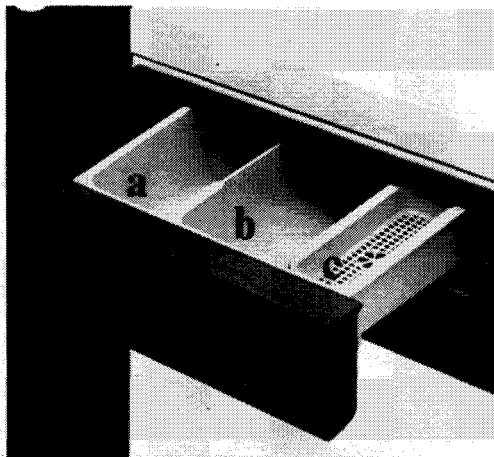


Fig. 7

## Loading the clothes

Open the door of the machine by pulling the small double-action catch (fig.6) to the left first and then outwards. Load the clothes spreading them out evenly and then close the door again.

## Filling with washing powder

The washing powder dispenser is located on the front left of the control panel.

It is very important to use a low sudsing powder (see paragraph 'Which powder') such as **Persil Automatic**, **Ariel Automatic** and **Bold**.

Pull out the dispenser and add washing powder. The amount of washing powder for the prewash should be put into section 'a' (fig.7) of the dispenser and the powder for the main wash should be put into section 'b'. Once the dispenser is filled, close by pushing in.

## Use of additives

The washing machine is designed to carry out special treatments such as the addition of fabric conditioners automatically at the end of some washing programmes. The conditioner liquids to be used should be put into compartment 'c' (fig.7) of the dispenser at the beginning of the programme. These additives will be automatically used by the machine at the appropriate time. Take care to use the correct amount of additive, following the manufacturer's instructions; under no circumstances should the level of the liquid additive exceed the level of the grid in compartment 'c' (fig.7).

If this level is exceeded, the liquid additive is **wasted** because it flows directly into the wash tub.

## Which powder?

**Do not use ordinary powders** like Radiant, Daz etc. in your new washing machine. The reason for this is very simple, these powders produce so much lather that clothes are prevented from tumbling freely and cannot get properly clean.

**Do use the right powder.** To get the best results, we recommend **Persil Automatic, Ariel Automatic and Bold.** Like all modern automatic machines the Z818/917 works at peak efficiency with a low lather product.

These products balanced lather is specially designed to complement the cleaning action of these machines. So use it regularly for trouble free washing and superb results.

## Selection of washing programme

The washing machine carries out 11 washing programmes and 4 additional programmes. Each programme has been specially designed for a specific type of fabric (e.g. cotton, synthetic fibres, wool etc.) and incorporates the H.L.C.C. care labelling scheme.

The appropriate programme must therefore be chosen according to the type of fabric to be washed.

The amount of powder in grams at full load			
Hardness of water in degrees French (°F)	Pre-wash	Wash when precedent by prewash	Main wash
Soft: up to 12	20	85	95
Average: 12 ÷ 25	60	135	160
Hard: 25 ÷ 37	90	185	230
Very hard: beyond 37	125	235	270

For hardness in ppm multiply indicated hardness value by 10.

For information regarding the degree of hardness in your area, enquire at your local Water Authority.

For reduced load or light soiling, reduce the quantities accordingly.

**Do use enough powder.** To get your clothes really clean it is essential that enough powder is used in the machine. The correct amount will depend on a number of things: the hardness of water, the size of the load, and the amount of soiling present.

As a guide we suggest you follow the table above and adjust the amounts in light of your personal experiences.






You may find it helps to use a measuring cup at first.



# Energetic wash cycle

## For Cotton, Linen and Hemp Fabrics

Recommended wash load: 10 lbs (4.5 Kgs) max.

Wash cycle	Position of program selector	Dispenser compartments to be used for washing powder	Dispenser compartments to be used for fabric conditioner, if any	Wash cycle description
Extra prewash	<b>A</b>	<b>a</b>		Prewash in water at 40° C (normal level) followed by a soaking phase (the laundry is left soaking in water). To drain the water, turn the program knob to cycle «R» (drain with a gentle spin) or «S» (drain).
Whites-heavy soil 	<b>B</b>	<b>a - b</b>	<b>c</b>	Prewash in water at 40° C (normal level). Main wash in water at 90° C (normal level). 4 cold water rinses (high level). Spinning.
Whites 	<b>C</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	Main wash in water at 90° C (normal level). 4 cold water rinses (high level). Spinning.
Whites* economy 	<b>D</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	Intake of hot water. Main wash in water at 90° C (normal level). 4 cold water rinses (high level). Spinning
Fast coloureds 	<b>F</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	Main wash in water at 60° C (normal level). 4 cold water rinses (high level). Spinning.
Non-fast coloureds 	<b>G</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	Main wash in water at 40° C (normal level). 4 cold water rinses (high level). Spinning.
Rinses	<b>H</b>		<b>c</b>	4 cold water rinses (high level). Spinning.
800 spin only	<b>I</b>			Spinning for about 6 minutes with simultaneous water draining. <b>This is preceded by slow rotations of the drum.</b>








\* This economic wash cycle is only for machines with hot water connection.

# Gentle wash cycle

## For Delicates, Synthetics, Mixed Fabrics and Woollens

Recommended wash load: max. 3-5 lbs (1.5-2 Kgs); wool max. 2 lbs (1 Kg).

**Important:** There is no water draining in the last rinse of the gentle wash cycles, to prevent the clothes from creasing they are left in the machine at the end of the wash cycle. To drain the water, turn the program selector knob to cycle «R» (draining & gentle spinning) or cycle «S» (draining without spinning).

Wash cycle	Position of Wash cycle selector	Dispenser compartments to be used for washing powder	Dispenser compartments to be used for fabric conditioner, if any	Wash cycle description
Whites heavy 	<b>K</b>	<b>a - b</b>	<b>c</b>	Prewash in water at 40° C (normal level) Main wash in water at 60° C (high level). 3 cold water rinses (high level).
Whites 	<b>L</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	Main wash in water at 60° C (high level). 3 cold water rinses (high level).
Minimum iron 	<b>M</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	Main wash in water at 50° C (high level). 3 cold water rinses (high level).
Delicates 	<b>N</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	Main wash in water at 40° C (high level). 3 cold water rinses (high level).
Woollens  	<b>P</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	Main wash in water at 40° C (high level). 3 cold water rinses (high level).
Silks 	<b>Q</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>c</b>	Main wash in water at 30° C (high level). 3 cold water rinses (high level).
Short 400 spin	<b>R</b>			Water draining followed by a short spin
Drain	<b>S</b>			Water draining with a steady drum.

## Starting

After loading the clothes, the washing powder and the fabric conditioners into the respective compartments, make sure-before you start the machine-that: the plug is in the wall socket

the water tap is turned on (fully open)

the drain hose is correctly placed

the loading door is correctly closed.

You may now select the required wash cycle by turning the program control knob clockwise after making sure that it is pressed in.

**It is very important that the timer knob is exactly pointed on the dial, especially when selecting spinning.**

At this point, to start the washing machine simply pull the program control knob (and the pilot lamp lights up).

Once it is started, the machine will automatically carry out all phases of the selected program.

## Stopping

When the program is completed (pilot lamp goes out), the machine stops automatically.

You should now press in the program control knob and wait for about 1-2 minutes after the wash cycle is completed before you open the door, so as to allow the door safety device (interlock) to release it.

Open the door only after the wash cycle is completed. In the case of the 'gentle wash cycles, don't forget to drain the water prior to opening the door.

If need be, you may stop the machine at any given moment during the cycle by pushing in the program control knob.

When the wash cycle is completed, it is advisable to unplug the machine from the wall socket and to turn off the water tap.

# Care and cleaning

## Cleaning the machine

**Important:** Make sure that the plug has been removed from the socket prior to undertaking any kind of maintenance. From time to time, carry out a complete cycle without a washing load, adding 1 oz of 'Calgon'. This should also be done when the washer has been out of use for a long time.

Leave the door ajar for about 2 hours after the wash to allow air to circulate freely inside the machine.

Plated, polished and plastic parts and the glass door should be cleaned with a soft damp cloth, never with an abrasive cleaning powder.

For the cabinet exterior use a lukewarm solution of mild soap, then rinse and dry carefully. It is also advisable to clean the cabinet, from time to time, with a wax polish applied with a soft cloth.

## Cleaning the drain filter

This machine incorporates a mechanical filter (located in the front side of the cabinet) the purpose of which is to collect lint and any small object inadvertently left in the articles to be washed. If this filter is allowed to clog, it could make water draining difficult. It should therefore be cleaned regularly as follows:

Detach the drain hose from its hanger on the back of the appliance and place the free end of the hose at floor level into a basin to collect any excess water. Open the small flap door (Fig.8). Then, using the special wrench that comes with the machine, unscrew and remove the filter (Fig.9-10). Clean the filter thoroughly and then replace it, making sure that it is screwed down firmly into its housing.

When replacing the filter, be sure to fit it exactly into its special guide.

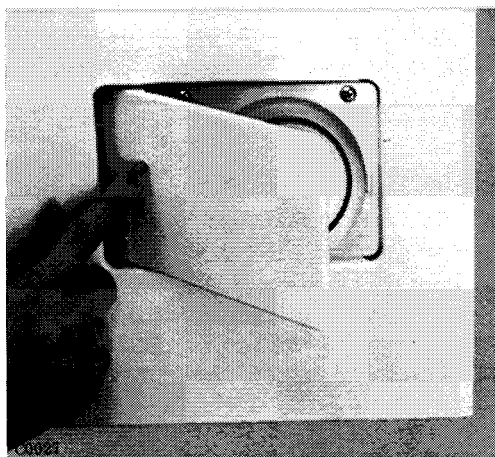


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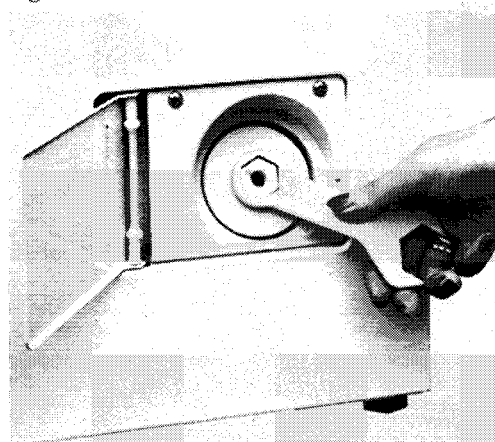


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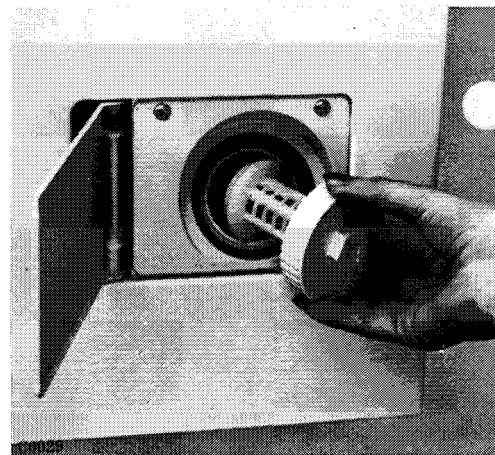


Fig. 10

## Hints for care of washing powder dispenser

We recommend that the washing powder dispenser is checked regularly to ensure that it is clean and dry. Do wipe the dispenser after each wash. Should the dispenser require special cleaning, the drawer can be completely removed, and the interior cleared of any deposit.

The drawer can be removed from the front of the appliance by giving a sharp pull outwards.

A sharp tap with the palm of the hand may be necessary when replacing the drawer.

## Helpfull tips for washing

Here are some practical hints to enable you to obtain the best washing results:

Use a low suds washing powder specially made for front loading washing machines.

An excessive formation of suds will cause unsatisfactory operation.

The quantity of washing powder required depends on the amount of laundry and on how soiled it is. It may therefore be necessary to vary the quantities suggested in this book according to experience.

In order to get good results when washing synthetic material use a maximum washing load of 4 to 5 lbs.

The cycle P is a special cycle for washing wool garments bearing the woolmark label 'Pure New Wool washing shrink resistant'.

To obtain the best results when washing wool do not wash more than 2 lbs. at a time.

If your water is hard it can be softened by adding special products such as 'Calgon' to the washing powder in the compartment B (fig.8).

These products facilitate the action of the washing powder and help to give better results.

Clothes should be sorted according to fabric type, degree of soil and colour fastness.

Tears and open seams should be mended, loose buttons secured, zippers closed and laces or belts collected in a cotton bag. Ensure pockets are emptied, and spots of rust, paint, ink etc., are removed before washing.

Always turn off water taps fully when the machine is not in use, even if it is plumbed in.

If, after commencing a wash, you find the wrong programme has been selected, push the control knob fully in turning the indicator knob clockwise to the correct programme. Then pull control knob fully out again.

Washing powder should only be placed in the dispenser immediately prior to the start of a programme. Do not leave washing powder in the dispenser for any length of time as it may form lumps which can be difficult to dissolve.

It is advisable to inspect the filters in the water inlet hoses periodically and clean if necessary.

# Servicing

Should servicing be required for this appliance contact your local Service Agent but before requesting service the following simple checks may save you inconvenience and expenses:

## **The machine won't start**

Check that:  
the plug is firmly in the wall socket and that there is an electricity supply by plugging in another appliance;  
the door of the machine is firmly closed;  
the program control knob is actually pulled out;  
the required programme is correctly selected;  
make sure the fuses of your electrical installation have not blown.

## **The machine won't fill**

Check that:  
the water tap is actually turned on and that there is sufficient pressure;  
the fill hose is not sharply bent.

## **The machine won't drain or spin**

Check that:  
the drain hose is not sharply bent (kinked) or placed in such a way as to obstruct a normal water flow;  
the drain filter is not clogged.

## **The machine fills, but the water empties from the drain hose**

Check that:  
the end of the drain hose is not placed too low from floor level.

## **The machine vibrates or is too noisy**

Check that:  
the inner packing (transit security) was correctly removed, as described in paragraph 'Unpacking';  
the machine is correctly levelled as described in the relevant paragraph;  
the washer is not too close to a wall or to the furniture.



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- The appliance has been correctly installed and used only on the electricity supply stated on rating plate.
- The appliance has been used for normal domestic purposes and in accordance with the manufacturer's operating and maintenance instructions.
- The appliance has not been serviced, maintained, repaired, taken apart or tampered with by any person not authorised by us.

- The appliance is still in the possession of the original purchaser.
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Should you require service on your Zanussi appliance consult the enclosed list for your nearest Zanussi network centre. If the product is under first year guarantee then you will be required to produce proof of date of purchase to the engineer. If it is under 5 year cover then you must show your cover card to the engineer.

Please ensure that the enclosed pre-addressed card is stamped, completed in full and forwarded to IAZ International (UK) Ltd, to enable the guarantee to be recorded. Also complete the space below as your own record of the guarantee.

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