

If you have been to the Appliance store and purchased a new washing machine, loaded it up and brought it home to install yourself, there are some traps you may like to know about

Before the installation tips are listed you must be sure that you are prepared to accept and risks that go along with self-installation. Should you damage the machine for any reason, or cause injury to yourself or and person, then the consequences must be accepted by you. No responsibility is taken by the author of these tips. Should you be prepared to accept this then you are invited to read the tips and to carry out self-installation as best you can. If you do not want to take the risk then go to the home page of www.appliances.cjb.net and press the contact button to Ask Tony for assistance.

Before the tips are listed you should have some idea of the water pressure at your house. Pressure above 800 Kpa is potentially damaging to your appliance and will void warranties should a pressure related problem occur. If there is any doubt then have your appliance installed by a professional who does have facilities and understanding about water pressures. If the so called installer does not have facilities to measure water pressure then give that person a miss and Ask Tony for advice by going to www.appliances.cjb.net and press the contact button. Furthermore hot water connections should be below sixty degrees. Above sixty degrees is too hot for the water inlet valves of modern appliances.

The self-installation tips are as follow.

- Place the new appliance in a position near the laundry and unpack the machine. Dispose of the packaging straight away to keep the work are clean and free from the possibility of tripping over it.
- Remove any transport stabilisers. Transit bolts for a front load machine or bowl supports for a top load machine
- Remove the old machine from the laundry and dispose of it right away from the work area.
- Clean the floor where the new machine is to be placed
- Identify the best you can the part of the floor that is the highest at the back of the machine nearest to the wall, and set the adjustable leg of the new appliance right up into the machine and tighten the locking nut to secure the leg from turning during spin cycles where there is vibration.
- Loosen the other three legs
- Place the machine into position and, working from the set leg where the floor is the highest go across the back and adjust the other rear leg until the machine is level across the back. Use a spirit level for this setting.
- Once the machine is level across the back, set the locking nut on this leg tight to prevent the leg from turning during the spin cycle where vibration occurs.
- Now work towards the front legs from either back leg and set the machine level from the back to the front. Set both front legs in turn and leave the locking nuts loose at this point.
- Once the machine is level at all four corners, ever so slightly turn the front legs to allow the machine to slope to the back just a tiny bit. The bubble in the spirit level would just be slightly away from dead centre. This it to cause any spillage or splashing of water or solution to run back into the machine and not run down the front panel. Detergent solutions can cause corrosion of the metal joins in the panels over time.
- Now ensure the machine cannot be moved at all, that is hold onto it and if you feel the slightest movement then trim the appropriate front leg to make it rock solid.

- Now tighten the front locking nuts, being careful not to upset the leg adjustment while doing so.
- Reach behind the machine or move it out slightly to connect the supply cord, drain hose and fill hose.
- Place the machine back in position.
- Now the machine is 'set up' for use you will need to understand the principal of use, or will you just chuck the clothes in and hope for the best.
- To get the best result from your new valuable appliance go to www.appliances.cjb.net and seek out the type of machine you have from the menu bar at the top. The take just a few minutes to grasp the simple tips given and so understand the principle of operation of your machine. The user guild that is no doubt with your new machine it often does not go into a description of the way the machine works.
- Good luck and happy washing.

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