

**GUIDANCE ON THE
ADVISABILITY OF CARRYING
OUT A 'MAINTENANCE WASH'**

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1. Issue

Using too little detergent or continued washing at low temperatures can cause a build up of grease, dirt and hard water salts. This can, over time, damage your machine and your clothes.

2. Recommendation

AMDEA recommend you carry out a maintenance wash two or three times a year to avoid a build-up of greasy deposits and water hardness residue.

3. Maintenance Wash

A maintenance wash consists of running a 95°C programme without laundry in the drum, using the usual amount of the manufacturer's recommended detergent for normal soiling. The detergent should contain bleach, i.e. not be a colour or liquid detergent.