

ABSTRACT

An ion elution unit (100) has electrodes (113, 114) in a case (110) thereof. The case (110) is provided with an inflow port (111) for connecting a water supply hose (180) and outflow port (112) detachably connecting with the water supply valve (50) of a washing machine (1). When a voltage is applied to the electrodes (113, 114) by a power supply unit (101) while water is being supplied into the case (110), metal ions elute into water. Water containing metal ions is received by a washing tank (30), and washing is rinsed with this water to perform an antibacterial treatment on the washing. At least part of the case (110) consists of a transparent part to permit the visual recognition of electrodes (113, 114), thereby allowing the user to directly recognize the degrees of deterioration of the electrodes (113, 114) visually and determine the replacing timing of the ion elution unit (100).