

## WASHING MACHINE

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A washing machine includes a washing/spin-drying tub having  
5 rear fans arranged at the bottom outer edge of the tub, an outer tank  
having a fixed top cover with a top inlet port and an outlet. The outer  
tank has a bottom inlet port at the inner circumference of the bottom  
thereof, and a water flow path communicated with the bottom inlet  
port and the top inlet port. In the rinse cycle, when the drain valve is  
10 in the closed state and the water level in the washing/spin-drying tub  
has reached a predetermined water level as low as the vicinity of the  
outer edge of the pulsator, the washing/spin-drying tub is started to  
rotate. Then, the rinsing water stored in the bottom of the outer tank  
is raised through the water flow path and sprinkled in a  
15 forced-circulation mode through the outlet of the top cover into the  
washing/spin-drying tub. This structure keeps constant the amount  
of water to be applied to the laundry regardless of the tap water  
pressure, thereby stabilizing the rinsing effect.

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