

ABSTRACT

FRONT-LOADING WASHING MACHINE

A packing member (18) includes: a cylindrical section (18b) extending
5 rearward from a front plate opening (17a); a lip (18a) formed in the inner
periphery of a front end of the cylindrical section (18b) and configured to, when
a cover (16) is closed, come into contact with an inner cover (16a) to perform
watertight sealing; and a bulging section (18c) having flexibility and turning
forward and outward from the vicinity of a rear end of the cylindrical section
10 (18b) to bulge on the outer periphery side and be coupled to a water tub opening
(9a). Furthermore, in the packing member (18), a protruding rib (18d)
protruding to be closer to the rotation axis of a rotary drum (10) than to the
inner periphery of a drum opening (10b) is formed on the inner periphery side of
the cylindrical section (18b). This configuration can prevent the occurrence of
15 a problem in which, during washing or on completion of washing, small-sized
laundry comes out of the rotary drum (10), runs onto the packing member (18),
and stays on the packing member (18).

Fig. 3

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