

WASHING MACHINE

ABSTRACT

5 A washing machine includes a main body; a water receiver tub which is placed
in the main body and has, inside thereof, a rotatable washing/dewatering tub; a pulsator
placed rotatably on a bottom portion of the washing/dewatering tub; and a fluid balancer
provided at an upper portion of the washing/dewatering tub. Further, the washing
machine includes a softening-agent automatic flow-out device which is placed in the
10 fluid balancer and is adapted to flow, therefrom, a softening agent into the water
receiver tub during a rinsing process; and a control portion adapted to control operations
including washing, rinsing and dewatering. Further, the washing machine includes a
softening-agent introducing port which is provided in the fluid balancer and
communicates with the softening-agent automatic flow-out device; and a softening-
15 agent introducing-port lid adapted to cover an opening portion of the softening-agent
introducing port.

Figure 1