

ABSTRACT

WASHING MACHINE

5 A washing machine includes water tub 3 installed in
outer frame 1, washing/dewatering tub 4 rotatably disposed
in water tub 3, pulsator 5 rotatably disposed at an inner
bottom portion of washing/dewatering tub 4, dewatering shaft
23 connected to washing/dewatering tub 4 and a brake
10 mechanism for exerting a braking force on a rotation of
dewatering shaft 23. The washing machine further includes
brake release mechanism 40 for releasing the braking force
of the brake mechanism, setting input unit 59 for setting a
series of operations including a washing, a rinsing and a
15 dewatering operation and controller 58 for controlling
rotations of pulsator 5 and washing/dewatering tub 4 based
on information set by setting input unit 59. Controller 58
performs a brake release process for operating brake release
mechanism 40 to make washing/dewatering tub 4 rotatable
20 after a lapse of a predetermined time period from a time
when a power is inputted by power input unit 66.

SUITABLE DRAWING: FIG. 7