

# WASHING WELL

## Finding the best washing machine for your household



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Semi-automatic machines require you to move clothes manually from the wash tub to the spinning tub. This type allows users to control their water intake and is often seen as an economical solution that fits well in many budget-conscious homes or areas

can be a good choice in areas with water supply issues or for users who prefer a hands-on approach to their laundry," says the Walton expert.

There are also portable and compact washers, ideal for those who are short on space, portable washers can be stored away when not in use and rolled out to a sink or another water source for operation. Compact washers, on the other hand, are permanently installed but take up less space than traditional models. These are perfect for small households or single-person dwellings.

Thus, understanding the different types of washing machines and their distinct features is the first step in making an informed choice that suits your needs and lifestyle.

laundry volume – a larger family might benefit from a machine with a higher capacity, while a single individual or a couple might find a smaller capacity adequate," explains the Walton expert.

The drum size of a washing machine is an important factor to consider. It's measured in kilograms or cubic feet, indicating the amount of laundry it can handle in a single cycle. For individuals or couples, a smaller machine (5-7 kg) might suffice, whereas larger households would benefit from a capacity of 8 kg or more.

Overloading a machine can lead to poor wash results and strain the motor while underloading leads to wastage of water and energy. That said, energy efficiency equally matters.



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Choosing the right washing machine is essential, especially in a country like Bangladesh, where climate, family size, and energy considerations play important roles in household decisions. However, as there are numerous models and features on the market, selecting the right washing machine can be a daunting task.

### UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENT TYPES OF WASHING MACHINES

With various types and features available nowadays, picking the right washing machine can feel overwhelming. Nonetheless, whatever the brand or features of a washing machine are, there are three primary types of washing machines on the market – top-load, front-load, and semi-automatic – each catering to different user needs, budgets, and

utility considerations.

So, which one might be more user-friendly you may ask.

An expert from Walton details, "Top-load machines are favoured for their ease of use. Users can add clothes without bending over, and these models often come at a lower price point. However, they can be less water and energy-efficient compared to other types."

He adds, "Front-load washing machines are generally more efficient in terms of water and energy usage, which can lead to savings in operating costs. They also often feature a wider range of wash settings and better handling of delicate clothes."

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with specific utility concerns. "Semi-automatic machines represent a budget-friendly option that requires some manual intervention, such as filling the machine with water. They

### CHOOSING THE RIGHT MACHINE FOR YOUR NEEDS

Different families or individuals have different requirements. Therefore, washing machines will vary according to the person's needs. When it comes to picking the right machine, you need to consider several factors.

"First and foremost, capacity should align with the household's

The Walton expert shares, "Energy and water efficiency are paramount not only for environmental sustainability but also for reducing utility bills. Machines with high energy efficiency ratings and water-saving programs are preferable. Ease of use, such as intuitive controls and programmable settings, can greatly enhance user experience."

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