

Don't ignore these little sounds from your washing machine!

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Washing machines make noise – that's how they work. But there's a difference between the normal hum of a machine running and the little sounds that signal something's wrong. The little sounds you barely notice are the most important warnings.

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1. How to identify Samsung washing machine errors and how to fix them

Small clicking sound during wash cycle



Do you hear a steady clicking noise during the wash cycle? The agitator blades are probably wearing out. These are the small plastic gears inside the agitator that help it grip and spin. If you wash a lot of jeans or towels, they will wear out faster.

It could also be the lid lock. A few clicks during each wash cycle are normal, but a constant click means something is blocking the lid from closing properly.

Sometimes the cause is simpler - coins, buttons or bra straps stuck in the washing machine drum or filter also create that characteristic sound.

If the rattling noise gets louder or is constant, don't wait. What may start out as a small noise could mean damage to the agitator shaft or drum.

Small humming sound when the machine is not running



Have you ever woken up at 2am to a low humming sound coming from the laundry room? The machine is off – or should be off. That humming sound means the drain pump is running even though the machine isn't.

A washing machine that hums when it is not running is usually due to a problem with the control board. The control board sends a signal to the pump when there is no water and no wash cycle. The meter is running, and the pump is running for no reason. Eventually, it will burn out.

Squeaking or low rumbling noise

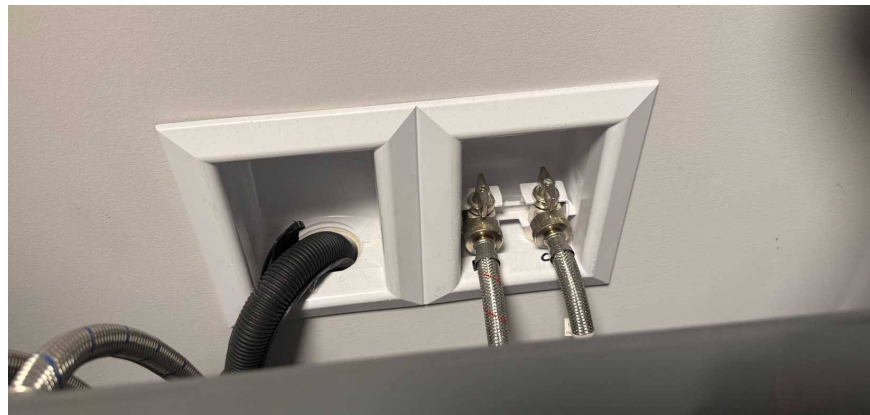


When you spin an empty washing machine by hand, it should run smoothly and quietly, so even a slight squeaking or rumbling noise could mean that the drum bearings are starting to wear out.

Bearings allow the drum to spin freely. In a top-loading washing machine, they're located below the outer water tank, where they support the weight of everything. When they fail, the drum can shake and damage other parts.

This problem usually doesn't go away. The low rumble gets louder over the next few months until it sounds like a rock in the dryer. As the problem gets worse, the drum starts to rub against the outer frame. This can wear away the plastic or even put a hole in it.

Intermittent ticking noise from the dashboard area



The solenoid valve acts like an electric faucet, controlling the flow of water. When it starts ticking during the water supply cycle, it means something is wrong. The valve may be partially clogged, the water pressure is too low, or the valve itself may be faulty.

The first thing to check is to make sure that both the hot and cold water supply valves are fully open. These are the knobs on the wall behind the washing machine, and they often get bumped when you clean there. The inlet strainer on the water hose gets clogged with debris over time. Remove the hoses at the back and look for the small strainers inside the connections. Clean them with an old toothbrush, and you may be able to solve the problem for free.

A very short (albeit piercing) screech



A short squealing noise during the spin cycle means the belt is slipping or worn. Not all washing machines have a belt – many newer ones use direct drive motors – but if you have an older machine, this is important.

One person ignored this noise on a previous washing machine for two weeks. The belt broke mid-cycle, leaving the person with a tub full of soggy clothes and a maintenance cycle costing nearly \$100. The person should have replaced the belt as soon as they heard the noise.

The squealing noise usually starts as soon as the spin cycle begins, then goes away as the belt warms up and grips better. Don't let that fool you into thinking it's okay. It causes the belt to wear out faster each time it happens.

If there is a burning rubber smell or a squealing noise, discontinue use. Remove the back panel or bottom and inspect the belt. Check for frayed edges, cracks, or other irregularities.

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