The Effect of Pulsator on Washing Performance in a Front-Loading Washer

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Abstract : The object of this study is to investigate the effect of pulsator on washing performance quantitatively for frontloading washer. The front-loading washer with pulsator shows washing performance improvement of 18% and the particlebased body simulation technique has been applied to figure out the relation between washing performance and mechanical forces exerted on textile during washing process. As a result, the mechanical forces, such as collision force and strain force, acting on the textile have turned out to be about twice numerically. The washing performance improvement due to additional pulsate system has been utilized for customers to save 50% of washing time.

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