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(54) Title: A WASHING MACHINE WITH WASHING STEPS MONITORED REMOTELY

(57) Abstract: The present invention is related to a washing machine, preferably of the front-loading type, with the control and indicator panel provided on the loading door and which can be monitored from a remote distance. The loading door comprises one or more than one transparent pieces comprising the illuminating, controlling parts and equipment. Required symbols are marked on said pieces, using various printing techniques. Parts that are not desired to be shown are covered, again preferably by using printing techniques or by painting. Said loading door is connected to the cabinet by a hinge and the lighting, controlling parts and equipment can be connected to the required points by means of the hinged region and of the electrical cables in the protecting hose.

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1. Claims: 1-6

   Control/indicator panel mounted on loading door of washing machine.

2. Claim : 7

   Handle used as a remote controller

3. Claim : 8

   Locking mechanism connected to handle

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