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(54) **Machine and washing process for dishes and other ware**

(57) A washing machine (10, 100) for dishes and/or other ware comprising at least one washing area (11) equipped with supply means (12, 13) of a liquid substance on said dishes and/or said other ware, there also being at least two centrifugal feeding pumps (14, 15) of the liquid substance under pressure in the supply means (12, 13), wherein the at least two centrifugal pumps (14, 15) are positioned in series one after the other and can be independently activated.

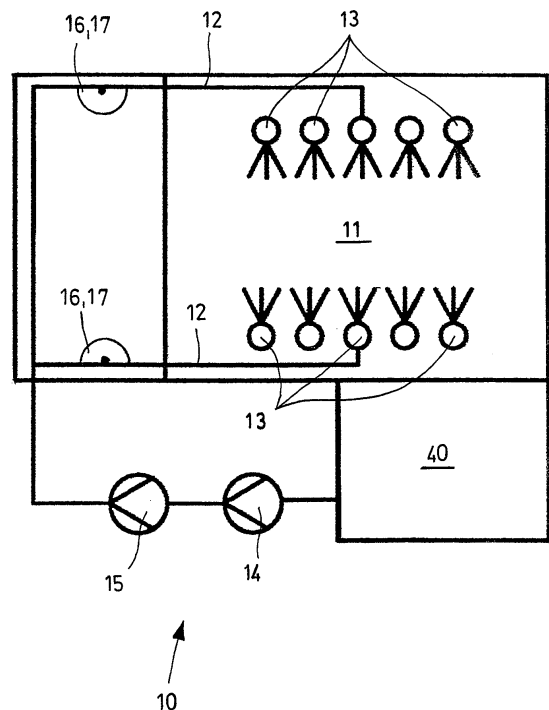


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1. claims: 1,2,10,11

A single-station washing machine

2. claims: 1,3-6,10,12

A tunnel washing machine

3. claims: 1,7-9,10,13-17

An automatic activation means

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