

Front-Load vs Top-Load Washer Buying Guide

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How to pick the washer that lasts longer

1 Match the type to your household

Front-load for efficiency and big loads; top-load for convenience and lower cost.

2 Expect about 10 to 14 years

Both HE types last similar; agitator top-loaders wear out a bit sooner.

3 Front-load: wipe the gasket

Leave the door ajar and run a monthly hot clean to prevent mold and leaks.

4 Top-load: keep loads balanced

Clean dispensers and do not overload the agitator.

5 Repair vs replace rule

If one repair tops half the cost of a new machine and it is past 10 years, replace.

6 Get a diagnosis first

A small part often revives a washer you thought was dead.

Typical Montreal washer repair costs (2026)

Door gasket / boot seal (front-load)	\$200 to \$450
Drain pump	\$180 to \$380
Drum bearings (front-load)	\$350 to \$700
Agitator / transmission (top-load)	\$250 to \$550
Control board	\$250 to \$500

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