

# Washing Machine Noise Diagnosis Quick Guide

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## What the noise is telling you

Noise Type	Most Likely Cause	DIY Fix?
Banging / Thumping	Unbalanced load or worn shock absorbers	Try redistributing load first
Grinding / Scraping	Foreign object or worn drum bearing	Check drum; bearing = call a tech
Squealing / Squeaking	Worn drive belt or pump bearing	Belt may be DIY; bearing = call
Clanking / Rattling	Loose coin/zipper or worn spider arm	Check pockets before washing
Vibrating / Walking	Unlevel machine or worn springs	Check level; adjust feet
Humming (no spin)	Motor or door latch issue	Call a technician

## Step-by-step diagnosis checklist

1. Stop the machine mid-cycle and remove all laundry
2. Redistribute the load evenly around the drum and restart
3. If noise continues: check the drum interior for trapped objects (coins, underwire, etc.)
4. Run an empty cycle. If noise is gone, the problem was an unbalanced load
5. Check if the machine is level. Place a spirit level on top and adjust the feet
6. Listen for where the noise comes from. Front/back/bottom helps identify the part
7. If the drum wobbles visibly when pushed: drum bearing is likely worn
8. Squealing only at start of spin: drive belt is likely slipping

## When to call a technician

If noise does not stop after redistributing the load and checking for trapped objects, call a technician. Worn drum bearings and failing spider arms cause secondary damage to the drum and outer tub if left running. Catching these early saves money.

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