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WAREWASHING

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There are a wide variety of different machine options and manufacturers available to buyers, the most important element is to identify the right machine with the right specification for your application. If the machine doesn't have the correct specification then it just won't do the job correctly and invariably won't offer the desired results. Simple affordable steps such as investing in dedicated racks for tall glasses or large trays can maximise the productivity levels and reduce operating times significantly on most machines.

There is no point investing in machines with great energy saving features if the operatives using it are going to use it incorrectly, such as leaving the machine door open in long periods where the machine isn't being used. This just allows all the saved energy to escape, greatly increasing energy consumption, as well as potentially damaging the machine. Most machines are simple to operate with only a few buttons but correctly training your staff on how to use the equipment both efficiently but also economically is vitally important to safeguard the investment and ensure maximum return.

Certain models on the market have innovative energy saving features and higher specification levels that make the machines much more economical to run on a day to day basis. Typical energy saving features include:

- Double skinned construction that reduces operating noise (good for front of house installations) and reduces heat loss / energy consumption compared to their single skinned equivalents
- Optional drain heat recovery units that use waste water to heat the fresh incoming water, reducing the amount of energy used and the size of the heating elements fitted
- Energy standby features that allow water temperatures to drop and then be maintained at safe but lower temperatures in periods when the machine isn't being used
- Lower rinse water consumptions and smaller wash tanks provide greater economic performance with reduced electric, water and chemical usage without compromising on hygiene standards or wash results.

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When buying a unit consider the cost of ownership and not just the purchase price (cost of ownership = purchase costs + running costs + life expectancy). The cheaper the machine the more likely it is to have the shortest life expectancy with the highest running costs including water, electricity and chemical usage and will therefore inevitably cost more to run long term, break down more frequently and require replacing much sooner than machines with better specification levels that cost that little bit more.

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