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vhbw Washing Machine Door Handle Replacement Manual

For Siemens Wash & Dry 1260 Series (WXD1260EU, WXD1260GB, WXD1260KR, WXD1260NL)

Introduction

This manual provides instructions for the vhbw replacement door handle, designed for specific Siemens Wash & Dry 1260 series washing machines. This handle is intended to replace a broken or damaged original door handle, restoring full functionality to your appliance. Please read these instructions carefully before proceeding with installation.
Product Overview: The vhbw replacement door handle is a white, curved plastic component, measuring 210 x 62 x 22 mm, and includes two metal bolts for secure attachment. It serves as a direct replacement for original part numbers 171266 and 00266751.

Setup and Installation

Safety First: Before beginning any repair work, always ensure the washing machine is disconnected from the main power supply. Turn off the appliance and unplug it from the wall socket to prevent electrical shock.

1. **Prepare the Appliance:** Ensure the washing machine door is open. If the door is stuck, carefully try to release the latch mechanism if possible.
2. **Remove the Old Handle:**
   - Locate the screws or clips holding the existing door handle in place. These are typically found on the inside of the door panel or under a decorative cover.
   - Using an appropriate screwdriver, carefully remove all fasteners.
   - Gently detach the old handle from the door assembly. Note how the spring mechanism (if present) and latch rod are connected.
3. **Install the New Handle:**
   - Position the new vhbw door handle in the correct orientation on the washing machine door.
   - Ensure the two metal bolts on the new handle align with the corresponding holes in the door assembly.
   - Carefully reattach any spring mechanisms or latch rods to the new handle, ensuring they move freely.
   - Secure the new handle using the original screws or clips, or the provided fasteners if applicable. Do not overtighten.

4. **Test Functionality:** Gently open and close the door several times to ensure the handle operates smoothly and the door latches securely.
5. **Reconnect Power:** Once satisfied with the installation, plug the washing machine back into the power socket.



Image 1: Interior view of the vhbw replacement door handle, highlighting the structural components and attachment points. This view helps in understanding how the handle connects to the washing machine door mechanism.



Image 2: Angled perspective of the vhbw door handle's interior, illustrating its curved form and the integrated metal pins for secure mounting. This image provides a clearer view of the handle's depth and curvature.



Image 3: Exterior view of the vhbw replacement door handle, showcasing its smooth, white, curved surface. This is the visible part of the handle once installed on the washing machine door.

Operating the Door Handle

The vhbw replacement door handle functions identically to the original. To open the washing machine door, gently pull the handle outwards. To close the door, push it firmly until you hear a click, indicating that the latch mechanism has engaged securely. Ensure the door is fully closed before starting a wash cycle.

Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and proper function of your door handle:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the handle regularly with a soft, damp cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners, solvents, or harsh chemicals, as these can damage the plastic finish.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check the handle for any signs of wear, cracks, or looseness. Ensure the mounting screws remain tight.
- **Gentle Use:** Always operate the handle with gentle, firm movements. Avoid excessive force when opening or closing the door.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
New handle does not fit.	Incorrect model compatibility or improper alignment during installation.	Verify that your washing machine model is listed in the compatibility section. Re-check the handle's orientation and alignment with the door assembly.
Door does not latch securely.	Handle not fully installed, latch mechanism obstructed, or door misaligned.	Ensure all mounting screws are tightened. Check for any foreign objects obstructing the latch. Verify the door itself is properly aligned with the washing machine frame.
Handle feels loose after installation.	Mounting screws are not sufficiently tightened.	Carefully tighten the mounting screws, ensuring not to overtighten and strip the threads.

Specifications

- **Brand:** vhbw
- **Material:** Plastic
- **Color:** White
- **Dimensions (L x W x H):** 210 x 62 x 22 mm (8.27 x 2.44 x 0.87 inches)
- **Weight:** 55 g (approx. 0.12 lbs)
- **Finish:** Curved
- **Included Components:** 1x Door Handle, 2x Metal Bolts
- **Replaces Part Numbers:** 171266, 00266751

Compatibility

This vhbw replacement door handle is compatible with the following Siemens Wash & Dry 1260 series washing machine models:

- Siemens Wash & Dry 1260 WXD1260EU
- Siemens Wash & Dry 1260 WXD1260GB
- Siemens Wash & Dry 1260 WXD1260KR
- Siemens Wash & Dry 1260 WXD1260NL

Please ensure your appliance model matches one of the listed models for proper fit and function.

Warranty and Support

For information regarding product warranty, returns, or technical assistance, please refer to the official vhbw website or contact the retailer from whom you purchased this product. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

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