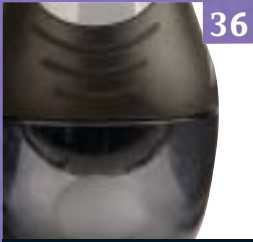


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*Our lab technician paints on the food that's used to test how well dishwashers clean*

## DISHWASHERS

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All of our tests aim to reproduce the conditions in your home as realistically as possible, but we do have to be a little bit more scientific.

Most full-sized dishwashers have 12 place settings. That's dinner, soup and dessert plates; cups and saucers; glasses and beakers; knives and forks; soup and coffee spoons; plus various serving dishes – 127 items, all told.

To find out how well the dishwashers remove muck, we patiently smear the dishes with specific doses of egg, spinach, oat flakes, tea, margarine, meat, milk and tomato juice. And it's all carefully controlled to make sure each test can be repeated with the same result. For example, we always use exactly the same spinach, which is grown specially for dishwasher testing at a farm in Reken, Germany.

If you think our lab technician looks fed up, it's because she's had to repeat this process 102 times to test the 18 dishwashers covered in this month's article...each time in exactly the same way. At least you get the pleasure of eating your dinner before doing the dishes.