

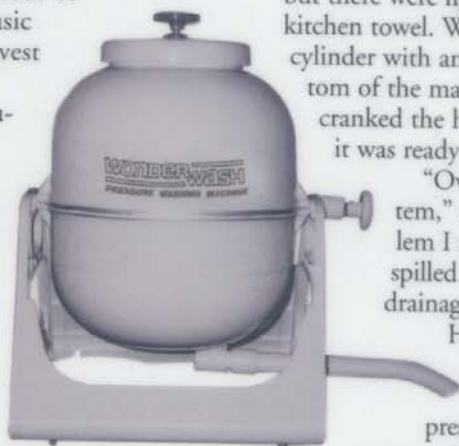
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There is an Alternative

Laundry can pose a problem to houseboaters if they plan to be on the water for long periods of time. Until now, there were three basic options: do it manually (bucket), invest in a fairly expensive washer/dryer, which takes up a lot of space (invaluable on a houseboat) or altogether forgo doing laundry onboard.

Then *Houseboat* was introduced to the Wonderwash. It was quick and easy to assemble, so we had the apparatus put together in under five minutes (you will want to be careful when assembling, so you don't pinch your fingers on the tough plastic). Suction cup legs secured it to the bathroom counter, with drainage positioned in the bathroom sink. The Wonderwash requires no electricity, so it was great that we didn't have to place it in relation to an outlet. We wanted to really see what this laundry alternative could do, so we put it through a pretty tough test.

We found three different towels that had been used for a



variety of purposes. The first one had spaghetti sauce, the second had makeup and the third had only a few dirt spots. We used approximately six cups of hot water, a tablespoon of powdered laundry detergent and a couple minutes of our time—the results were surprisingly good. We performed our initial inspection before running the fabrics through a rinse cycle. The dirt and makeup dissolved with no problem at all, but there were light spaghetti sauce stains remaining on the kitchen towel. We then drained the dirty water from the cylinder with an easy attachment that is inserted at the bottom of the main body. Clean water was then added, we cranked the handle for another minute, wrung it out and it was ready to hang.

“Overall, I would recommend the [pressure] system,” says tester Nathan Downey. “The only problem I noticed was a very small amount of water that spilled from the system when we removed the drainage pipe.”

How does it all work? The patented pressure system forces detergent into the fabric at a high speed for an effective wash. The pressure washer can handle about eight T-shirts or two pairs of jeans. We really liked the compact design, quickness of the wash and the overall results. If you are looking for a great option to laundry on the water, the Wonderwash just might be the alternative for you.

The Wonderwash retails for \$42.95. For more information, visit www.laundry-alternative.com.

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