

Appliance Info!

Your aircon/ac is very important! It can heat, cool, and keep your apartment's humidity relatively in check. Here's a basic guide to settings and to keeping it running properly:

Basic settings:

Japanese	Hiragana	Romaji	English
冷房	れいぼう	<i>reibou</i>	air conditioning
暖房	だんぼう	<i>danbou</i>	heating
除湿	じょしつ	<i>joshitsu</i>	dehumidify (may also see this as ドライ)
自動	じどう	<i>jidou</i>	automatic

Additional functions:

Japanese	Hiragana	Romaji	English
温度	おんど	<i>ondo</i>	temperature
ハイパワー	-	<i>haipawaa</i>	high power
スイング	-	<i>suingu</i>	swing (the fan will swing up and down) - you might also see swing as 上下風向
風向	かざむき or ふうこう	<i>kazamuki or fuukou</i>	direction of "wind" (the fan)
ランドリー	-	<i>randori-</i>	laundry function
省パワー	しょうパワー	<i>shoupawa-</i>	energy saving mode
風量切換	ふうりょう きりかえ	<i>fuuryou kirikae</i>	"wind" (fan) strength, amount of air flow
送風	そうふう	<i>soufuu</i>	ventilate
強風	きょうふう	<i>kyoufuu</i>	strong, high (fan, wind)
弱風	じゃくふう	<i>jyakufuu</i>	weak, low (fan, wind)
微風	びふう	<i>bifuu</i>	very low, breeze
静音	せいおん	<i>seion</i>	quiet mode
運転	うんてん	<i>unten</i>	operate

Maintenance:

Believe it or not, your AC has a small, reusable mesh filter. Depending on how dusty the air is, you'll want to take this out and clean it monthly. Furthermore, it is recommended to use an aircon cleaning spray once or twice a year to prevent mold growth. More on that can be found here:

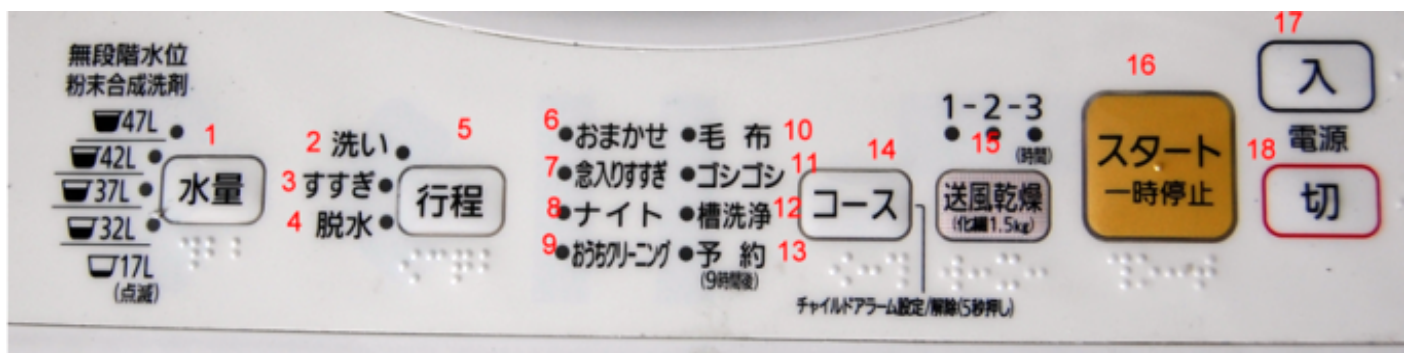
<https://okinawahai.com/how-to-clean-your-japanese-air-conditioner/>

Washing Machine

Most washing machines are simple to operate and will automatically choose the right settings for you. Unlike most western machines, they also have a lint filter that you'll need to regularly empty. Operation typically goes like this:

- 1) Turn on and open your machine then throw your clothes in ***Keep lid open**
- 2) Press start, machine will now weigh clothes and choose the water level
- 3) Add detergent based on the water level chosen (this often goes into the flap above the lint filter for liquid detergents)
- 4) Close lid and machine will start the cycle
- 5) After it's done, be sure to clean your lint filter and **leave the lid open** so that your machine dries out. If your machine doesn't dry out properly, it may begin to grow mold making your clothes smell and requiring a cleaning process.

Sample washing machine settings:



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| 1. water amount | 11. intensive wash |
| 2. wash | 12. cleaning of machine tub |
| 3. rinse | 13. timer (washing will start in 9 hours) |
| 4. dehydrate | 14. course |
| 5. button to select specific steps | 15. ventilation and dryer (choose from 1, 2 or 3 hours) |
| 6. automatic course set by machine* | 16. start/pause |
| 7. intensive rinse | 17. power on |
| 8. night mode with less noise | 18. power off |
| 9. home laundry mode (gentle wash) | |
| 10. blanket wash | |

Cleaning:

If your washing machine begins to grow the dreaded black mold, you'll need to utilize the tub cleaning cycle (setting 12 above). Sometimes you'll need to run this multiple times before your tub is fully cleansed of the taint. When you run it, you'll load 洗濯機クリーナー ("sentakuki cleaner") into the machine. Sentakuki cleaner can be found at most supermarkets, homegoods stores, and 100-yen stores in various brands. Some machines have specific sequences to follow when cleaning, in which cases you'll need to consult the respective manual. If there is no available cycle, you can fill up your machine with hot water and the cleaner and let it sit overnight before draining.