

History of the dishwasher

In 1899, Mrs Cockran, a housewife in Indiana, USA, designed the earliest dishwasher. A hand operated pump was used to spray water from the centre of a tub around the edge where the dishes were stacked.

The first commercially made dishwasher was shown in New York in 1910 but it wasn't until 1932 that a practical model came on sale in America. Five years later a dishwasher was on sale in Great Britain.

An American company called Kelvinator showed a new form of dishwasher in 1962; it used ultrasound to clean the dishes instead of soap and water.