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50 washing machines models have been selected randomly for testing. These 50 appliances represent only a small sample of the manufacturers' product ranges. The published results therefore do not allow any statistically reliable inferences about the overall reliability of a manufacturer's declarations of conformity.