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Name (Model, etc.)	The first Japanese-made agitator-type electric washing machine
Location	Kawasaki City, Kanagawa Pref
	Toshiba Science Museum, Toshiba Corporation
Owner (Custodian)	Toshiba Science Museum, Toshiba Corporation
Manufacturer (Company)	Shibaura Engineering Works
Year Manufactured	1930
Reason For Selection	Shibaura Seisakusho (the predecessor of the current Toshiba Corporation) introduced technology of its Solar brand that came from the United States' Hurley Machine Corporation, and this was the first electric washing machine produced in Japan. At the time, washing machines were making a transition from the cylinder type, which is the origin of the current drum type, to an agitation type. The shape of the agitation blades was different from that of the Solar brand blades. This shape was the same as that of the blades used by GE when it later entered the market for washing machines. GE, which was a licensor of Shibaura Seisakusho in other home appliance fields, had been developing the washing machine for market entry, and it appears that GE granted Shibaura Seisakusho the rights to use its washing machine blade design. After that, the agitation type washing machine was produced in Japan for almost 40 years. This exhibit shows us the earliest archetype of the current washing machines in Japan.
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