

**Launch of New Gas-Heated Hot Water Clothes Dryer**  
New product offering both flexible installation and fast drying speed to be released in  
fall 2026

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Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. (Representative Director and President: Masataka Fujiwara; hereinafter, "Osaka Gas") will launch a new gas-heated hot water clothes dryer in fall 2026.

In recent years, as the number of dual-income households has grown, demand for clothes dryers that help save time on household chores has increased. In particular, the gas clothes dryer "KANTA-KUN"<sup>\*1</sup> has been well received for its exceptional drying speed and soft, fluffy finish, with annual sales increasing approximately tenfold over the past decade.

Conventional gas clothes dryers, on the other hand, require exterior wall penetration for vent installation and a gas connection. As a result, installation costs tend to be high in newly constructed apartment buildings, and they may be difficult to install in some existing apartments and detached houses.

The new gas-heated hot water clothes dryer uses gas to heat water, which is then converted into hot air to dry clothes inside the drum. By sharing piping with the "KAWACK" bathroom heater and dryer, installation costs can be reduced. In certain cases, no new openings are required in exterior walls, further enhancing installation flexibility. Furthermore, it achieves drying in less than half the time of an electric clothes dryer, while delivering the same soft, fluffy finish as a conventional gas clothes dryer.

This product delivers a comfortable and fast drying experience for customers living in newly constructed apartments and existing homes, where installing a gas clothes dryer has previously been difficult. It also helps ease the burden of household chores.

Osaka Gas Marketing Co., Ltd. (Representative Director and President: Takeshi Morisaki), a wholly owned subsidiary of Osaka Gas, will oversee installation verification and sales activities related to the product's commercialization.

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New product: Gas-Heated Hot Water Clothes Dryer

<sup>\*1</sup>: KANTA-KUN is a registered trademark of Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.

## 1. Features of the new product

### **(1) Reduced installation costs and increased installation flexibility**

Gas clothes dryers require the exhaust of moist air during operation, which necessitates drilling a hole in the exterior wall to install a dedicated exhaust duct. In newly built apartment buildings, laundry areas—where gas clothes dryers are typically installed—are often located near the center of the unit. As a result, the exhaust duct must be extended to the exterior wall, resulting in higher installation costs. Moreover, installation can be difficult in existing apartments and detached houses because additional exterior wall openings are required.

The new gas-heated hot water clothes dryer can share piping with the “KAWACK” bathroom heater and dryer. In some cases, no new exterior wall openings are required, significantly reducing installation costs and enhancing installation flexibility. Furthermore, piping materials can be changed from conventional stainless steel to more cost-effective options, such as spiral ducts made of galvanized steel, reducing material costs by up to half.

### **(2) Achieving quick drying and a fluffy finish**

By converting gas-heated water into powerful hot air, the new product can dry clothes in less than half the time of an electric clothes dryer (approximately 84 minutes for a 6 kg load).<sup>\*2</sup> The fibers are lifted from the base, achieving a soft, fluffy finish comparable to that of a conventional gas clothes dryer.<sup>\*3</sup>

\*2: Based on Rinnai research. Calculation conditions: Comparison based on a 6 kg load of laundry (50% cotton, 50% synthetic fibers) with a spin-dry level of 70%.

\*3: Based on Rinnai research. When drying a total load equivalent to 3 kg, consisting of towels measuring approximately 60 cm × 130 cm.

## 2. Lineup

Model	162-R506	162-R509
<b>Suggested retail price</b>	182,600 yen including tax (166,000 yen excluding tax)	220,000 yen including tax (200,000 yen excluding tax)
<b>Drying capacity</b>	6 kg	9 kg
<b>Drying method (heat source)</b>	Gas hot water	
<b>Cycle</b>	Standard, Timer, Eco, Heavy, Delicates, Sheets/Blankets	
<b>Timer cycle</b>	10-120 minutes	10-150 minutes
<b>External dimensions (height, width, depth)</b>	710 (including hot water connection port) x 650 x 567 mm	710 (including hot water connection port) x 650 x 647 mm
<b>Weight</b>	33 kg	35 kg