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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.

# A WARNING!

For your safety, the information in this manual must be followed to minimize the risk of fire, electric shock or personal injury.



## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Use this appliance only for its intended purpose as described in this Owner's Manual.
- This air conditioner must be properly installed in accordance with the Installation Instructions before it is used.
- Never unplug your air conditioner by pulling on the power cord. Always grip plug firmly and pull straight out from the receptacle.
- Repair or replace immediately all electric service cords that have become frayed or otherwise damaged. Do not use a cord that shows cracks or abrasion damage along its length or at either the plug or connector end.

Turn the mode control to *OFF* and unplug your air conditioner before making any repairs or cleaning.

**NOTE:** We strongly recommend that any servicing be performed by a qualified individual.

For your safety...do not store or use combustible materials, gasoline or other flammable vapors or liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.



### HOW TO CONNECT ELECTRICITY

Do not, under any circumstances, cut or remove the third (ground) prong from the power cord. For personal safety, this appliance must be properly grounded.

The power cord of this appliance is equipped with a 3-prong (grounding) plug which mates with a standard 3-prong (grounding) wall outlet to minimize the possibility of electric shock hazard from this appliance.

Have the wall outlet and circuit checked by a qualified electrician to make sure the outlet is properly grounded.

Where a 2-prong wall outlet is encountered, it is your personal responsibility and obligation to have it replaced with a properly grounded 3-prong wall outlet. The air conditioner should always be plugged into its own individual electrical outlet which has a voltage rating that matches the rating plate.

This provides the best performance and also prevents overloading house wiring circuits which could cause a fire hazard from overheated wires.

See the Installation Instructions, *Electrical Requirements* section for specific electrical connection requirements.

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# A WARNING!



USE OF EXTENSION CORDS-115-Volt models only

Because of potential safety hazards under certain conditions, we strongly recommend against the use of an extension cord.

However, if you must use an extension cord, it is absolutely necessary that it be a UL-listed, 14 gauge, 3-wire grounding type appliance extension cord having a grounding type plug and outlet and that the electrical rating of the cord be 15 amperes (minimum) and 125 volts. **A CAUTION:** DO NOT use an extension cord with any of the 230/208 volt models.



### USE OF ADAPTER PLUGS-115-Volt models only

Because of potential safety hazards under certain conditions, we strongly recommend against the use of an adapter plug.

However, if you must use an adapter, where local codes permit, a *temporary connection* may be made to a properly grounded 2-prong wall outlet by use of a UL-listed adapter available at most local hardware stores.

The larger slot in the adapter must be aligned with the larger slot in the wall outlet to provide proper polarity in the connection of the power cord. When disconnecting the power cord from the adapter, always hold the adapter in place with one hand while pulling the power cord plug with the other hand. If this is not done, the adapter ground terminal is very likely to break with repeated use.

If the adapter ground terminal breaks, **DO NOT USE** the air conditioner until a proper ground has been established.

Attaching the adapter ground terminal to a wall outlet cover screw does not ground the appliance unless the cover screw is metal, and not insulated, and the wall outlet is grounded through the house wiring. You should have the circuit checked by a qualified electrician to make sure the outlet is properly grounded.



READ AND FOLLOW THIS SAFETY INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

### About the controls on the air conditioner.

Features and appearance will vary.



# **TEMP CONTROL**



### Controls



#### **Temp Control**

The temp control is used to maintain the room temperature. The compressor will cycle on and off to keep the room at the same level of comfort. Turn the knob clockwise to COOLER (blue) and the indoor air will become cooler. Turn the knob counterclockwise to WARMER (red) and the indoor air will become warmer.

Mode Control 2

> HIGH COOL and LOW COOL provide cooling with different fan speeds.

HIGH HEAT and LOW HEAT provide heating with different fan speeds.

FAN settings provide air circulation and filtering without cooling or heating.

NOTE: If you move the mode control from a cool setting to OFF, a fan setting, or a heat setting wait at least 3 minutes before switching back to a cool setting.

#### **Cooling Descriptions**

For Normal Cooling—Select HIGH COOL or LOW COOL with the temp control at midpoint.

For Maximum Cooling—Select HIGH COOL with the temp control turned clockwise as far as possible.

For Quieter & Nighttime Cooling—Select LOW COOL with the temp control at midpoint.

#### Heating Descriptions

For Normal Heating—Select HIGH HEAT or LOW HEAT with the temp control at midpoint.

For Maximum Heating—Select HIGH HEAT with the temp control turned counterclockwise as far as possible.

For Quieter & Nighttime Heating—Select LOW HEAT with the temp control at midpoint.

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Additional controls and important information.

#### Vent Control

The vent control is located above the control knobs.

When set at **CLOSE**, only the air inside the room will be circulated and conditioned. When set at **OPEN**, some inside air is exhausted outside.

To open the vent, pull the lever toward you. To close it, push it in.

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#### Air Direction—Side-to-Side

#### CIRCULAIRE (on some models)

For fixed side-to-side air direction, set the Circulaire switch to **ON** until the desired air direction is obtained, then move it to **OFF**.

For continuous side-to-side air circulation (cool settings only), set the Circulaire switch to **ON**.

#### Air Direction—Up and Down

Fingertip pressure on the bank of horizontal louvers adjusts the air direction up or down.



**OFF** 

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#### Grille and Case

Turn the air conditioner off and remove the plug from the wall outlet before cleaning.

To clean, use water and a mild detergent. Do not use bleach or abrasives.

#### **Outdoor Coils**

The coils on the outdoor side of the air conditioner should be checked regularly. If they are clogged with dirt or soot they may be professionally steam cleaned, a service available through your GE service outlet.

#### Air Filter

The air filter behind the front grille should be checked and cleaned at least every 30 days or more often if necessary.

#### To remove (on some models):

- Open the inlet grille upward by pulling out the bottom of the inlet grille.
- Using the tab, pull up slightly on the filter to release it and pull it down.



Clean the filter with warm, soapy water. Rinse and let the filter dry before replacing it.

**CAUTION:** DO NOT operate the air conditioner without a filter because dirt and lint will clog it and reduce performance.

#### To remove (on some models):

- Open the inlet grille downward by pulling out the top of the inlet grille.
- Using the tab, push down slightly on the filter to release it and pull it up.



#### Read these instructions completely and carefully.



### Before You Begin

**NOTE TO INSTALLER:** Leave these instructions with the air conditioner after installation is completed.

**NOTE TO CONSUMER:** Keep this Owner's Manual and Installation Instructions for future use.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

For personal safety, this air conditioner must be properly grounded.

It is important to have the wall outlet and circuit checked by a qualified electrician if there is any doubt as to whether a proper ground exists.

Follow National Electric Codes (NEC) and/or local codes and ordinances.

## A CAUTION:

Do not, under any circumstances, cut or remove the third (ground) prong from the power cord.

Do not change the plug on the power cord of this air conditioner.

Aluminum house wiring may present special problems—consult a qualified electrician.



### Electrical Requirements

Some models require 115/120-volt a.c., 60 Hz grounded outlet protected with a 15-amp time delay fuse or circuit breaker.

The 3-prong grounding plug minimizes the possibility of electric shock hazard. If the wall outlet you plan to use is only a 2-prong outlet, it is your responsibility to have it replaced with a properly grounded 3-prong wall outlet.

Some models require 230/208-volt a.c., protected with a time delay fuse or circuit breaker. These models should be installed on their own single branch circuit for best performance and to prevent overloading house or apartment wiring circuits, which could cause a possible fire hazard from overheating wires.



### Tools You Will Need

Phillips-head screwdriver
 Flat-blade screwdriver
 Ruler or tape measure
 Scissors or knife

- I Pencil
- IIII Level
- 💹 Hammer

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### Window installation instructions.

Parts included.

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#### Window Requirements

- These instructions are for a standard double-hung window. You will need to modify them for other types of windows.
- The air conditioner can be installed without the accordion panels if needed to fit in a narrow window. See the window opening dimensions to the right.
- All supporting parts must be secured to firm wood, masonry or metal.
- The electrical outlet must be within reach of the power cord.





#### Storm Window Requirements

A storm window frame will not allow the air conditioner to tilt towards the outside and will keep it from draining properly. To adjust for this, attach a piece of wood to the stool.



#### WOOD PIECES—

#### **WIDTH:** 2″

**LENGTH:** Long enough to fit inside the window frame.

**THICKNESS:** To determine the thickness, place a piece of wood on the stool to make it 1/2'' higher than the top of the storm window frame.

Attach securely with nails or screws provided by the installer.

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#### **Remove the Air Conditioner From the Case**

Remove the 2 shipping screws from the A back of the case.

case. Keep these for later use.

Remove the 2 screws on each side of the

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Slide the air conditioner from the case by C gripping the base pan handle and pulling forward while bracing the case.





#### Prepare the Window and the Case

Cut the window sash seal to the proper Α length. Peel off the backing and attach the seal to the underside of the window sash.



Carefully insert the plastic frame guides B into the bottom of the case on each side.



Remove the backing from the top mounting C rail seal strip and attach the seal to the bottom of the top mounting rail.



Install the top mounting rail with 3 type A D screws on the inside of the case. Insert the frames for the accordion panels into the top mounting rail and the frame guides. Attach the accordion panels to the side of the case using 5 type A screws.



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#### Prepare the Window

Loosely attach the sill brackets to the support brackets using the 2 carriage bolts and 2 lock nuts.



**B** Open the window and mark the centerline of the window stool. Measure and mark 11" to the left and right of the centerline.





#### Install the Case in the Window

- Align the inside edge of the sill brackets with the 11" marks from the centerline and attach them to the window sill using 2 type B screws on each side.
- **B** Carefully place the case on the window stool aligning the center front on the bottom with the centerline marked on the window stool. Close the window making sure the window sash is behind the top mounting rail.
- **C** Using the larger diameter hole in the case, attach the brackets to the case using two type D screws and 2 lock nuts on each side.



**D** Adjust the carriage bolts and the lock nuts in each support so that the case is installed with a slight tilt to the outside. Use a level; about 1/3 bubble will be the correct case slant to the outside. Tighten the bolts.

**CAUTION:** DO NOT drill a hole in the base pan. The unit is designed to operate with approximately 1/2" of water in the base pan.

**E** Secure the case to the window stool by using 3 type B screws.



**F** Pull the accordion panels to each window sash track. Attach them on each side to the window sash and the window stool using 4 type C screws.



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#### Install the Window Locking Bracket and the Foam Top Window Gasket

Attach the window locking bracket with A a type C screw.



- Cut the foam top window gasket to the B window width.
- Stuff the foam between the glass and the C window to prevent air and insects from getting into the room.





#### Install the Air Conditioner in the Case

- Slide the air conditioner into the case. A Reinstall the 2 screws removed earlier on each side of the case.
- Before installing the front grille, pull out B the vent control lever located above the unit control knobs, as shown.



Attach the front grille to the case by C inserting the tabs on the grille into the slots on the front of the case. Push the grille in until it snaps into place.



Lift the inlet grille and secure the front D frame with a type A screw. Lower the inlet grille into place.



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Troubleshooting Tips Save time and money! Review the chart below first and you may not need to call for service.

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Problem	Possible Causes	What To Do
Air conditioner does not start	The air conditioner is unplugged	• Make sure the air conditioner plug is pushed completely into the outlet.
	The fuse is blown/circuit breaker is tripped	• Check the house fuse/circuit breaker box and replace the fuse or reset the breaker.
	Power failure	• If power failure occurs, turn the air conditioner <b>OFF</b> . When power is restored, wait 3 minutes to restart the air conditioner to prevent tripping of the compressor overload.
Air conditioner does not cool as it should	Airflow is restricted	<ul> <li>Make sure there are no curtains, blinds or furniture blocking the front of the air conditioner.</li> </ul>
	The temp control may not be set correctly	• Turn the temperature knob clockwise as far as possible.
	The air filter is dirty	• Clean the filter at least every 30 days. See the <i>Operating Instructions</i> section.
	The room may have been hot	• When the air conditioner is first turned on you need to allow time for the room to cool down.
	Cold air is escaping	• Check for open furnace floor registers and cold air returns.
		• Set the air conditioner's vent to the closed position.
	Cooling coils have iced up	• See "Air conditioner freezing up" below.
Air conditioner freezing up	Ice blocks the air flow and stops the air conditioner from cooling the room	• Set the mode control at <i>FAN</i> or <i>HIGH COOL</i> with the temp control at a warmer setting.
Water drips outside	Excessively hot and humid weather	• This is normal.
Water drips indoors	The air conditioner is not tilted to the outside	• For proper water disposal, make sure the air conditioner slants slightly from the case front to the rear.
Water collects in base pan	Moisture is removed from indoor air and drains into rear of a cabinet where a fan blows it against the outdoor condenser coil	• This is normal for a short period in areas with little humidity; normal for a longer period in very humid areas.
Air conditioner does not warm as it should	Airflow is restricted	• Make sure there are no curtains, blinds or furniture blocking the front of the air conditioner.
	The temp control may not be set low enough	• Turn the knob counterclockwise as far as possible. The lowest setting provides maximum warming.
	The air filter is dirty	• Clean the filter at least every 30 days. See the <i>Operating Instructions</i> section.
	The room may have been cold	• When the air conditioner is first turned on, you need to allow time for the room to warm up.
	Warm air is escaping	• Check for open furnace floor registers and cold air returns.

#### Normal Operating Sounds

- We water being picked up and thrown against the condenser on rainy days or when the humidity is high. This design feature helps remove moisture and improve efficiency.
- We You may hear the thermostat click when the compressor cycles on and off.
- Water will collect in the base pan during high humidity or on rainy days. The water may overflow and drip from the outdoor side of the unit.
- The fan may run even when the compressor does not.

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*General Electric Company* Warranty Registration Department P.O. Box 32150 Louisville, KY 40232-2150

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### Air Conditioner Warranty.



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For The Period Of:	We Will Replace:
<b>One Year</b> From the date of the original purchase	<b>Any part</b> of the air conditioner which fails due to a defect in materials or workmanship. During this <b>full one-year warranty</b> , we will also provide, <b>free of charge</b> , all labor and in-home service to replace the defective part.
Five Years From the date of the original purchase	<b>Any part of the sealed refrigerating system</b> (the compressor, condenser, evaporator and all connecting tubing) which fails due to a defect in materials or workmanship. During this <b>four-year additional warranty</b> , we will also provide, <b>free of charge</b> , all labor and in-home service to replace the defective part.

#### What Is Not Covered:

- Service trips to your home to teach you how to use the product.
- Improper installation. If you have an installation problem, or if the air conditioner is of improper cooling or heating capacity for the intended use, contact your dealer or installer. You are responsible for providing adequate electrical connecting facilities.
- Failure of the product resulting from modifications to the product or due to unreasonable use including failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance.
- In commercial locations labor necessary to move the unit to a location where it is accessible for service by an individual technician.

- Replacement of house fuses or resetting of circuit breakers.
- Failure due to corrosion on models not corrosionprotected.
- Damage to the product caused by improper power supply voltage, accident, fire, floods or acts of God.
- Incidental or consequential damage caused by possible defects with this air conditioner.

This warranty is extended to the original purchaser and any succeeding owner for products purchased for home use within the USA. In Alaska, the warranty excludes the cost of shipping or service calls to your home.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. To know what your legal rights are, consult your local or state consumer affairs office or your state's Attorney General.

Warrantor: General Electric Company. Louisville, KY 40225

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