



Use and Care Guide

Refrigerator



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*Top-Mount No-Frost 22 and 25 models
with Ice Dispenser*



HELP US HELP YOU...

Read this book carefully.

It is intended to help you operate and maintain your new refrigerator properly.

Keep it handy for answers to your questions.

If you don't understand something or need more help, write (include your phone number):

Consumer Affairs
GE Appliances
Appliance Park
Louisville, KY 40225

Write down the model and serial numbers.

You'll see them on a label on the left side, near the top of the fresh food compartment.

These numbers are also on the Consumer Product Ownership Registration Card that came with your refrigerator.

Before sending in the registration card, please write these numbers here:

Model Number

Serial Number

Use these model and serial numbers in any correspondence or service calls concerning your refrigerator.

If you received a damaged refrigerator...

Immediately contact the dealer (or builder) that sold you the refrigerator.

Save time and money. Before you request service...

Check the Problem Solver in the back of this book. It lists minor operating problems that you can correct yourself.

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

• Location of your refrigerator is important. Avoid locating it next to your range, a heating vent or where the sun will shine directly on it.

• Close the doors as soon as possible, particularly in hot, humid weather.

• Keep Power Saver Switch in the power saver position unless moisture forms on the outside of the refrigerator.

• Be sure the doors are closed tightly. Before leaving the house or retiring for the night, check to be sure the doors haven't been left open accidentally.

• Keep foods covered to reduce moisture buildup inside the refrigerator.

IF YOU NEED SERVICE

To obtain service, see the Consumer Services page in the back of this book.

We're proud of our service and want you to be pleased. If for some reason you are not happy with the service you receive, here are three steps to follow for further help.

FIRST, contact the people who serviced your appliance. Explain why you are not pleased. In most cases this will solve the problem.

NEXT, if you are still not pleased, write all the details—including your phone number—to:

Manager, Consumer Relations
GE Appliances
Appliance Park
Louisville, KY 40225

FINALLY, if your problem is still not resolved, write:

Major Appliance Consumer
Action Panel
20 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Read all instructions before using this appliance.



A WARNING—When using this appliance, always exercise basic safety precautions, including the following:

• Use this appliance only for its intended purpose as described in this Use and Care Guide.

• This refrigerator must be **properly** installed in accordance with the Installation Instructions before it is used. See grounding instructions in Installation section.

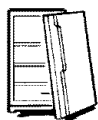


• Never unplug your refrigerator by pulling on the power cord. Always grip plug firmly and pull straight out from the outlet.

• 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.

• When moving your refrigerator away from the wall, be careful not to roll over or damage the power cord.

• Do not allow children to **climb**, stand or hang on the shelves in the refrigerator. They could damage the refrigerator and seriously injure themselves.



• If your old refrigerator is still around the house but not in use, be sure to remove the doors. This will reduce the possibility of danger to children.

• After your refrigerator is in operation) do not touch the cold surfaces in the freezer compartment particularly when hands are damp or wet. Skin may adhere to these extremely cold surfaces.

• If your refrigerator has an automatic icemaker, avoid contact with the moving parts of the ejector mechanism? or with the heating element that releases the cubes. Do not place fingers or hands on the automatic icemaking mechanism while the refrigerator is plugged in.

• Don't refreeze frozen foods which have thawed completely. The United States Department of Agriculture in Home and Garden Bulletin No, 69 says:

“...You may safely refreeze frozen foods that have thawed if they still contain ice crystals or if they are still cold—below 40°F.

“...Thawed ground meats, poultry or fish that have any off-odor or off-color should not be refrozen and should not be eaten. Thawed ice cream should be discarded. If the odor or color of any food is poor or questionable, get rid of it. The food may be dangerous to eat.

“Even partial thawing and refreezing reduces the eating quality of foods, particularly fruits, vegetables and prepared foods. The eating quality of red meats is affected less than that of many other foods. Use refrozen foods as soon as possible to save as much of their eating quality as you can.”



• Unplug your refrigerator before cleaning and making repairs. NOTE: We strongly recommend that any servicing be performed by a qualified individual.

• Before replacing a burned-out light bulb, unplug the refrigerator or turn off power at circuit breaker or fuse box in order to avoid contact with a live wire filament. (A burned-out light bulb may break when being replaced.) NOTE: Turning control to OFF position does not remove power to the light circuit.

• Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



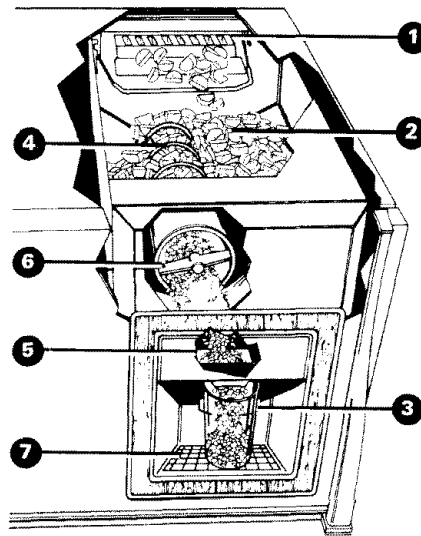
AUTOMATIC ICEMAKER & ICE DISPENSER

How Automatic Icemaker and Ice Dispenser Work

Your refrigerator has an automatic icemaker and a dispenser that dispenses ice cubes and crushed ice through the freezer compartment door. Here's how they work.

When the selector switch is set at ICE CUBES . . .

- (1) Automatic icemaker fills the
- (2) ice storage bin.
- (3) Pressure on ice cradle activates
- (4) motor-powered auger and feeds cubes into glass through the
- (5) chute,



When the selector switch is moved to CRUSHED ICE, a baffle in the housing channels cubes through the

(6) crusher and crushed ice falls into the glass through the chute.

Spills are caught in a (7) recessed area.

Water is supplied automatically to the icemaker by a solenoid valve. A connection to the household cold water system is all that's needed.

CAUTION: Never put fingers or any other objects into the ice crusher discharge opening.

Important Facts about Your Dispenser

•Your icemaker will produce an average of eight cubes per cycle—approximately 120 cubes in a 24-hour period—depending on freezer compartment temperature, room temperature, number of door openings and other use conditions.

•Intermittent dispensing of ice is normal. If ice flow interruption is more than brief, ice clumps may be the cause and should be removed.

•Avoid overfilling glass with ice and use of narrow or extra-tall glasses. Backed-up ice can jam the chute or cause the door in the chute to freeze shut. Periodically open the freezer compartment door and look down into the chute. If ice is blocking the chute, poke it through with a wooden spoon.

•To help keep bits of ice from being sprayed beyond the glass, place glass close to ice chute—but not so close that it blocks outgoing ice.

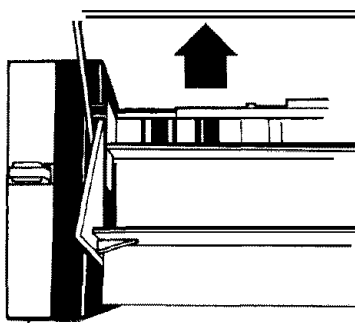
•Ice should not be dispensed into thin glasses, **fine** china or delicate crystal—they can crack or chip from the combined pressure of your hand pressing them against the cradle and ice dropping into them.

•Ice should be dispensed before filling glass with beverage. This will prevent splashing, which is annoying and which, if the splash reaches the ice selector switch, could cause it to stick or bind.

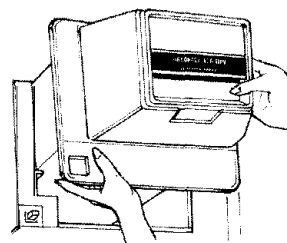
•Beverages and foods should not be quick-chilled in the ice storage bin. Cans, bottles or food packages in the storage bin may cause the icemaker to malfunction.

•Ice other than that produced by your icemaker should not be added to the ice storage bin—it may not crush or dispense well.

Before Using Your Icemaker and Dispenser

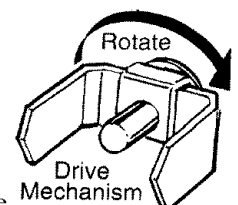


If your refrigerator is operated before the water connection is made, remove the ice storage bin and make sure the icemaker feeler arm is in the STOP (up) position.



To remove the ice storage bin, lift the front of the bin and pull the bin straight out while supporting it at front and rear.

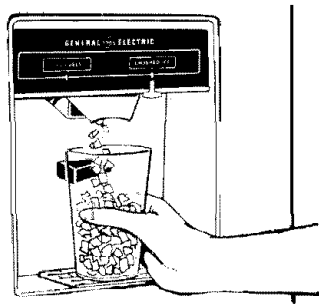
To replace the ice storage bin: Slide it back on the ice bin shelf. If the bin does not go all the way back, remove it and rotate the drive mechanism 1/4 turn. Then push the bin back again,





Once Your Icemaker Is in Operation

When water supply has been connected to the icemaker, remove the ice storage bin, move the icemaker feeler arm to the ON (down) position, and replace the bin.



The ice cube mold automatically fills with water after cooling to freezing temperatures.

First cubes normally freeze after several hours. Throw away first few batches. This flushes away impurities in the water line.

To dispense ice:

Set the selector switch on front of freezer compartment door to ICE CUBES or CRUSHED ICE.

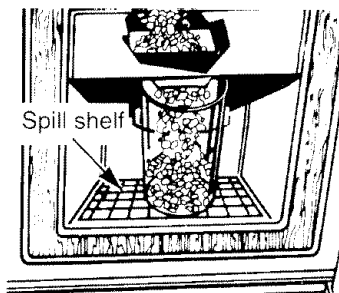
Grip the glassware firmly near the rim and press rim gently but firmly against the rubber-cushioned cradle.

To stop dispensing:

Release the pressure from cradle and withdraw slowly to catch the last bits of ice or drops of water.

Some slight dripping may occur following dispensing of crushed ice. Excessive spills should be wiped dry immediately.

Do not pour water in the **spill** shelf because it is not self-draining—pour it in kitchen sink. The shelf and its grille should be cleaned regularly.



NOTE: With a newly-installed refrigerator, allow about 24 hours for freezer compartment to cool down to proper icemaking temperatures.

Move the icemaker feeler arm to the STOP (up) position when:

- home water supply is to be turned off for several hours
- ice storage bin is to be removed for a period of time
- going away on vacation, at which time you should also turn off the valve in the water supply line to your refrigerator

If ice clumps **form** in storage bin:

infrequent usage of ice can cause ice clumps to form in the storage bin, resulting in temporary malfunction of the dispenser mechanism. If this happens:

- remove the storage bin from the freezer compartment
- break up ice clumps with fingertip pressure and discard remaining clumps
- **replace** the bin before remaining cubes melt and fuse together

If This Is Your First Icemaker...

...you'll hear sounds that may be unfamiliar. They are normal icemaking sounds and are not cause for concern.

If ice is not used frequently, **old** ice cubes will become cloudy and taste stale. Empty the ice storage bin periodically and wash it in lukewarm water. Be sure to allow the storage bin to dry before replacing it—otherwise ice cubes may stick to the metal auger.

Some crushed ice may be dispensed even though you selected CUBES. This happens occasionally when a few cubes accidentally get channeled to the crusher.

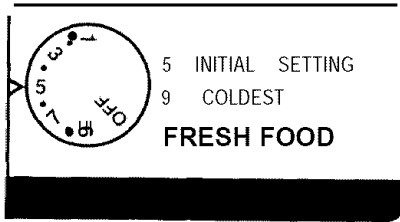
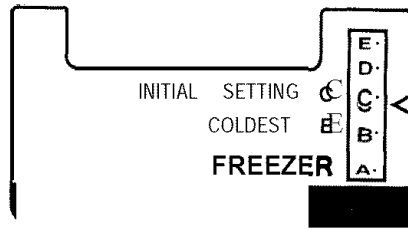
Sometimes a mound of snow will form on the door in the ice chute. This condition is normal and usually occurs when you have dispensed crushed ice repeatedly. The snow will eventually evaporate.

Caution:

Under rare circumstances, ice cubes may be discolored, usually with a green-bluish color. This unusual discoloration is apparently due to several factors, such as certain characteristics of local waters, household plumbing and the accumulation of copper salts in an inactive water supply line that feeds the icemaker. Continued use of such discolored ice cubes may be injurious to health. If such discoloration is observed, discard the ice cubes and contact your local dealer or authorized local service agent.



TEMPERATURE CONTROLS



Initially set the freezer control at “C” and the fresh food control at “5”. To change the temperature, move the controls one step at a time and wait 24 hours before testing.

Moving the fresh food control to “OFF” stops cooling in both compartments—but does not shut off power to the refrigerator.

Always allow 24 hours for the refrigerator to reach the temperature you set.

How to test temperatures

Use the milk test for the fresh food compartment. Place a container of milk on the top shelf in the fresh food compartment. Check it a day later. If the milk is too warm or too cold, adjust the temperature controls.

Use the ice cream test for the freezer compartment. Place a container of ice cream in the center of the freezer compartment. Check it after a day. If it’s too hard or too soft, adjust the temperature controls.

Power Saver Switch

The power saver switch is located on the temperature control panel.

To reduce the amount of electricity required to operate **your** refrigerator, push switch to the **POWER SAVER** setting.

This turns off the heater in your refrigerator that prevents moisture froth forming on the divider between the refrigerator and freezer.

With the heater turned off, there is a chance that moisture may form on the outside of your refrigerator, especially when the weather is humid.

The humidity is most likely to be high in the summer, in the early morning hours, and in homes which are not air conditioned.

Over an extended period of time, moisture that forms on the refrigerator surface may cause deterioration of the paint finish. It will be important to protect the finish by using appliance polish wax as described in the Care and Cleaning section.

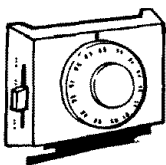
Move the power saver switch from the **POWER SAVER** setting and electricity flows through the low wattage heater which warms the inside of the divider between the refrigerator and freezer. Under most conditions, this prevents the forming of moisture or water droplets.

No defrosting

It is not necessary to defrost the freezer or fresh food compartments. Although your refrigerator is designed and equipped to defrost itself automatically, some frost on packages is normal.

If you turn your household thermostat below 60° at night...

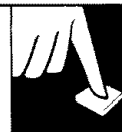
...you may want to move the freezer control one step colder. Cooler temperatures in the house may cause the compressor to operate less frequently, thus allowing the freezer compartment to warm somewhat. To protect your frozen food supply, leave the freezer setting at this colder setting for the entire winter or for as long as you keep your thermostat turned down.



Moving the freezer control to colder setting should have no effect on your fresh food compartment. However, if freezing occurs, move the fresh food control one step warmer.

When you stop turning the thermostat down, turn the refrigerator’s controls back to their regular settings.

FOOD STORAGE SUGGESTIONS



Suggested storage times for meat and poultry*

Eating quality drops after time shown

DAYS IN MONTHS IN	
REFRIGERATOR	FREEZER
AT 35° to 40°F. AT 0°F.	

Fresh Meats

Roasts (Beef & Lamb)	.3 to 5	6 to 12
Roasts (Pork & Veal)	...3 to 5	4 to 8
Steaks (Beef)	.. 3 to 5	6 to 12
Chops (Lamb)	3 to 5	6 to 9
Chops (Pork)	3 to 5	3 to 4
Ground & Stew Meats	.1 to 2	3 to 4
Variety Meats	1 to 2	3 to 4
Sausage (Pork)	1 to 2	1 to 2

Processed Meats

Bacon	7	1
Frankfurters	..7	1/2
Ham (Whole)	7	1 to 2
Ham (Half)	3 to 5	1 to 2
Ham (Slices)	3	1 to 2
Luncheon Meats	3 to 5	Freezing
Sausage (Smoked)	... 7	not recoin mended
Sausage (Dry & Semi-Dry)	14 to 21	

Eating quality drops after time shown

DAYS IN MONTHS IN	
REFRIGERATOR	FREEZER
AT 35° to 40 F. AT 0 F.	

Cooked Meats

Cooked Meats and Meat Dishes	3 to 4	2 to 3
Gravy & Meat Broth	1 to 2	2103

Fresh Poultry

Chicken & Turkey (Whole)	1 to 2	12
Chicken (Pieces)	1 to 2	9
Turkey (Pieces)	1 to 2	6
Duck & Goose (Whole)	1 to 2	6
Giblets	1 to 2	3

Cooked Poultry

Pieces (Covered with Broth)	1 to 2	6
Pieces (Not Covered)	3 to 4	1
Cooked Poultry Dishes	3 to 4	4? 6
Fried Chicken	3 to 4	4

(Other than for meats & poultry) FREEZER

Most fruits and vegetables	8-12 months
Lean fish...	6-8 months
Fatty fish rolls and breads, soups, stew, casseroles.	2-3 months
Cakes, pies, sandwiches, leftovers (cooked), ice cream (original carton)	1 month max.

*U.S. Department of Agriculture

Meats, fish and poultry purchased from the store vary in quality and age; consequently, safe storage time in your refrigerator will vary.

Unfrozen meats, fish and poultry

- Always **remove** store wrappings.
- Rewrap in foil, film or wax paper and refrigerate immediately.

Vegetables

• Use the vegetable **drawers**—they've been designed to preserve the natural moisture and freshness of produce.

• Covering vegetables with a moist towel helps maintain crispness.

- As a further aid to freshness, prepackaged vegetables can be stored in their original wrapping.

Ice Cream

Fine-quality ice cream, with high cream content, will normally require slightly lower temperatures than more "airy" already-packaged brands with low cream content.

• It will be necessary to experiment to determine the freezer compartment location and temperature control setting to keep your ice cream at the right serving temperature.

• The rear of the freezer compartment is slightly colder than the front.

Cheese

Wrap well with wax paper or aluminum foil, or put in a plastic bag.

- Carefully wrap to expel air and help prevent mold.

• Store prepackaged cheese in its own wrapping if you wish.

New techniques are constantly being developed. Consult the County Extension Service or your local Utility Company for the latest information on freezing and storing foods.

Tips on freezing foods

There are three essential requirements for efficient home freezing.

1. Initial **quality**. Freeze only top-quality foods. Freezing retains quality and flavor: it cannot improve quality.
2. Speed. The quicker fruits and vegetables are frozen after picking, the better the frozen product will be. You'll save time, too, with less culling and sorting to do.
3. Proper packaging. Use food wraps designed especially for freezing.

To freeze meat, fish and poultry, wrap well in freezer-weight foil (or other heavy-duty wrapping material), forming it carefully to the shape of the contents. This expels air. Fold and crimp ends of the package to provide a good, lasting seal.

Don't refreeze meat that has been completely thawed; meat, whether raw or cooked, can be frozen successfully only once.

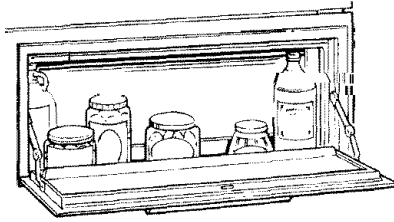


TAKE-OUT COUNTER

(on some models)

The Take-out Counter provides an extra work surface right at the refrigerator.

Frequently used items stored on the fresh food door are readily accessible without having to open the main refrigerator door.

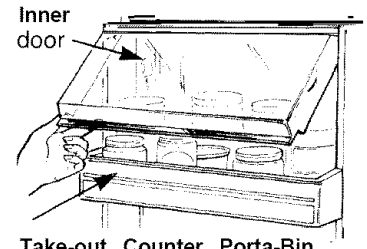


Although durable, stain- and scratch-resistant, the work surface on the Take-out Counter should not be used as a cutting board. Sharp utensils can damage it.

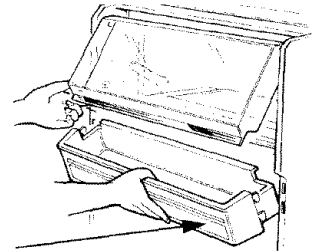
The Take-out Counter is also accessible through a lift-up door on the inside of the fresh food door.

Take-out Counter Porta-Bin

This Porta-Bin has a special lip that overlaps the Take-out Counter. It is not interchangeable with the other door bins. To remove it, open the Take-out Counter door to free the lip.



Raise the inner door and lift the bin straight up until the hooks on the bin come out of the tracks on the door.

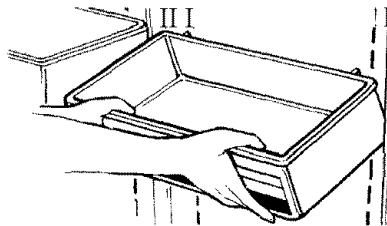


When you replace it, make sure the Take-out Counter door is open so the lip is positioned properly.

SHELVES

Porta-Bins on the Doors

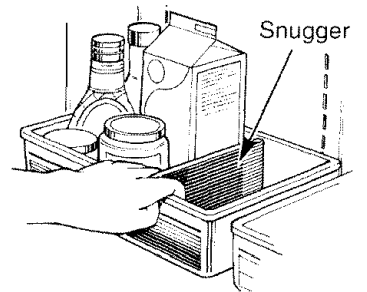
Adjustable Porta-Bins on fresh food and freezer compartment doors can easily be carried from the refrigerator to the work area.



To remove: Lift Porta-Bin straight up until mounting hooks disengage.

To relocate: Select desired shelf height, engage Porta-Bin's hooks in slots on the tracks of the door, and push in and down. Porta-Bin will hook in place.

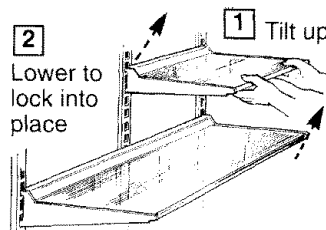
Snuggers are designed to give you storage flexibility in Porta-Bins and on your fresh food door shelves. Items such as salad dressings, steak sauces and other condiments can now be kept securely against the door liner to help prevent tipping, spilling or sliding.



Place index finger and middle finger on either side of the snagger near the front and simply move it back and forth to fit your needs.

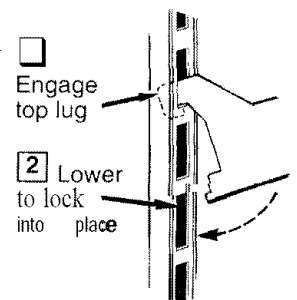
Adjustable Shelves

Shelves in the fresh food and freezer compartments are adjustable, enabling you to make efficient shelf arrangements to fit your family's food storage needs.



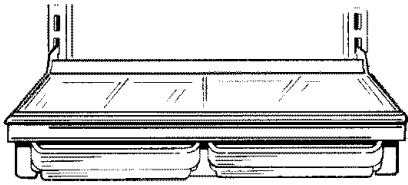
To remove shelves: Tilt the shelf up at front, then lift it up and out of tracks on the rear wall of the refrigerator.

To replace shelves: Select the desired shelf height. With shelf front raised slightly, engage top lugs in tracks at rear of cabinet. Then lower front of shelf until it locks into position. Both wire and tempered glass shelves are adjusted the same way.





Quick Serve™ System (on some models)

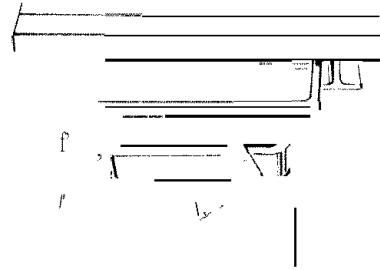


These cooking-serving-storage dishes with durable lids on an under-the-shelf rack. These dishes can be removed from and returned to the rack as needed, and the rack (and the shelf to which it is attached) can be relocated anywhere in the fresh food compartment.

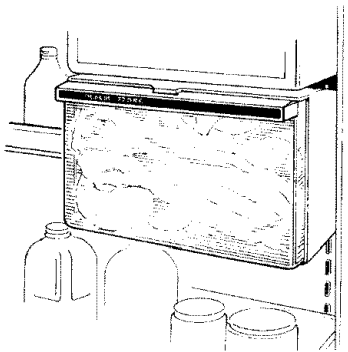
Dishes and lids are safe for use in microwave ovens, refrigerators, freezers, and are dishwasher-safe. The dishes should not be used for cooking high-fat foods such as bacon and high-sugar foods such as candy and syrup. The high temperatures of the fat and sugar can cause bubbles to form on the inside of the dish.

CAUTION:

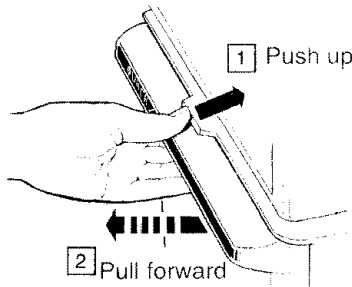
Dishes and lids are not designed for use in the regular oven, on the range-top or in the broiler. Such use can be hazardous.



Quick Store Bin (on some models)

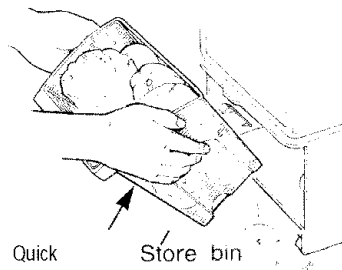


This removable tilt-out bin made of Lexan® polycarbonate resin can be located on the fresh food or freezer compartment door. It has been designed for convenient storage of those frequently used items that do not fit easily into a Porta-Bin or soon-to-be-used items that require covered storage to keep from drying out.

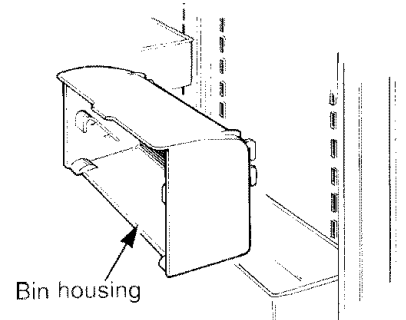


To open, push the latch up and pull the bin handle forward.

To avoid damaging the refrigerator, make sure the bin is closed and latched before closing the refrigerator door.



To remove the bin, lift it up and out of the bin housing.

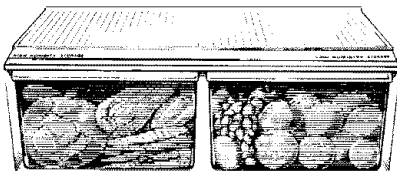


To relocate the Quick Store unit, lift the bin housing up and out of the slots on the door, move it to the desired new location, and lower the hooks on the housing into the slots on the door. You do not have to remove the bin from the housing when relocating the Quick Store unit.



STORAGE DRAWERS

Fruit & Vegetable Drawers



The storage drawers at the bottom of the fresh food compartment are designed to provide high humidity levels required by most vegetables and lower humidity levels required for most fruits.

When replacing the drawers, always push them all the way in.

Storage time will depend upon the type of food and its condition when placed in the drawers.

Excess water that may accumulate in the bottom of the drawers should be emptied and the drawers wiped dry.

Moist 'n Fresh Drawer

This refrigerated drawer is designed to keep unwrapped foods fresh by retaining the natural moisture content of foods such as:

- Artichokes
- Asparagus
- Beets, topped
- Blueberries
- Carrots
- Celery
- Cherries
- Corn
- Currants
- Greens, leafy
- Lettuce
- Parsley
- Peas, green
- Plums
- Radishes
- Rhubarb
- Spinach
- Tomatoes, ripe

As in any refrigerated storage area, **it is** recommended that foods with strong odors be stored **wrapped**—foods such as:

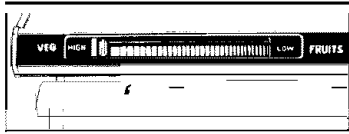
- Broccoli
- Brussels sprouts
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Green onions
- Parsnips
- Turnips

Cool 'n Fresh Drawer

This refrigerated drawer is designed to provide lower humidity storage for items such as:

- Apples
- Apricots
- Grapes
- Mushrooms
- Nectarines
- Oranges
- Peaches
- Pears
- Raspberries
- Squash, summer
- Strawberries
- Tangerines

Adjustable Humidity Drawers

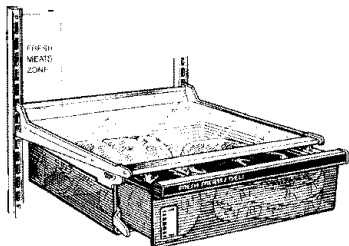


These drawers have individual, adjustable humidity controls that let you regulate the amount of cold air entering the drawers.

Slide the control all the way to the **HIGH** setting and the drawer provides high humidity recommended for most vegetables.

Slide the control all the way to the **LOW** setting to provide lower humidity levels recommended for most fruits.

Adjustable Temperature Meat Drawer



Fresh meats are stored best in the coldest part of the refrigerator.

When the drawer is placed in the top 6 slots on the left side and the lever is set at **COLDEST**, air from the freezer is forced around the drawer to keep it very cold.

You can move the drawer to any location for storage of items other than fresh meats.

The variable temperature control lever lets you regulate the amount of cold air surrounding the drawer.

When the lever is set at **COLDEST**, the damper over the opening in the drawer is fully open to provide the coldest storage area.

When the lever is set at **COLD**, the damper is fully closed. Normal refrigerator temperatures will be maintained.

Variable settings between these extremes may be selected.

CARE AND CLEANING



Cleaning—Outside

The ice dispenser spill shelf should be wiped dry immediately to prevent spotting, if excessive spills occur. Water left on the shelf may leave deposits that you can remove by soaking them with undiluted vinegar. You can also use a mixture of one teaspoon of a non-precipitating water softener (such as Calgon brand) and water, or one teaspoon of citric acid powder per pint of hot tap water. Soak until the deposit disappears or becomes loose enough to rinse away. Usually 30 minutes of soaking time is adequate. Avoid using wax on the spill shelf and trim.

The door handles and trim can be cleaned with a cloth dampened with a solution of mild liquid dishwashing detergent and water. Dry with a soft cloth. Don't wax handles or trim.

Keep the finish clean. Wipe with a clean cloth, lightly dampened with kitchen appliance wax or mild liquid dishwashing detergent. Dry and polish with a clean, soft cloth. Do not wipe the refrigerator with a soiled dishwashing cloth or wet towel. These may leave a residue that can damage the paint. Do not use scouring pads, powdered cleaners, bleach, or cleaners containing bleach, because these products can scratch and weaken the paint finish.

Protect the paint finish. The finish on the outside of the refrigerator is a high quality, baked-on paint finish. With proper care, it will stay new-looking and rust-free for years. Apply a coat of kitchen/appliance wax when the refrigerator is new, and then at least twice a year.

Appliance Polish Wax & Cleaner (Cat. No. WR97X0216) is available from GE Service and Parts stores.

Cleaning—Inside

Clean the inside of the **fresh food and freezer compartments** at least once a year. Unplug refrigerator before cleaning. If this is not practical, wring excess moisture out of sponge or cloth when cleaning around switches, lights or controls.

Apply an appliance wax/polish to the inside surface between the doors.

Use warm water and baking soda solution--about a tablespoon of baking soda to a quart of water. This both cleans and neutralizes odors. Rinse thoroughly with water and wipe dry.

Other parts of the refrigerator—including door gaskets, meat and vegetable drawers, ice storage bin and all plastic parts—can be cleaned the same way. After cleaning door gaskets, apply a thin layer of petroleum jelly to the door gaskets at the hinge side. This helps keep the gaskets from sticking and bending out of shape. Do not use cleansing powders or other abrasive cleaners.

To **help prevent odors**, leave an open box of baking soda in the rear of the refrigerator, on the top shelf. Change the box every three months. An open box of baking soda in the freezer will absorb stale freezer odors.

Do not wash any of your refrigerator's plastic parts in your automatic dishwasher.

Behind Refrigerator

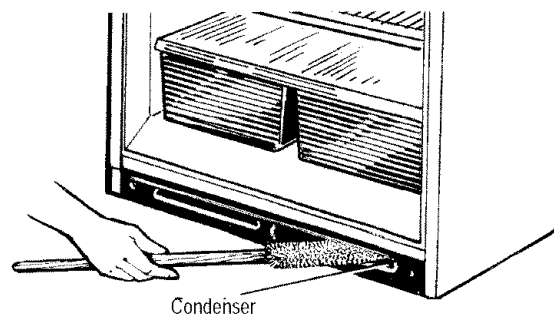
Care should be taken in moving your refrigerator away from the wall. All types of floor coverings can be damaged, particularly cushioned coverings and those with embossed surfaces.

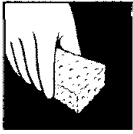
Pull the refrigerator straight out and return it to position by pushing it straight in. Moving your refrigerator in a side direction may result in damage to your floor covering or refrigerator. Refer to the Roller section.

Condenser

For most efficient operation, you need to keep the condenser clean. Turn temperature control to OFF. Remove the base grille. Sweep away or vacuum dust that is readily accessible on condenser coils, then turn the control back on.

For best results, use a brush specially designed for this purpose, such as Cat. No. WX 14X51, available at GE Service and Parts stores. This easy cleaning operation should be done at least once a year.





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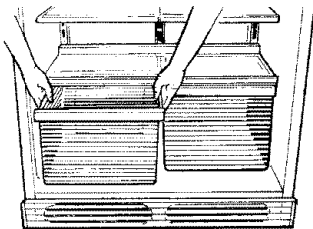
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Storage Drawer and Drawer Cover Removal

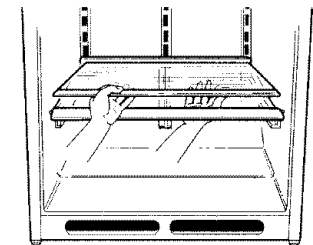
Drawers at the bottom of the fresh food compartment will stop before coming all the way out of the refrigerator, to help prevent contents from spilling onto the floor. These drawers can be removed easily by lifting the sides up slightly while pulling the drawers past the “stop” location.

To remove the drawers and their covers when the fresh food compartment door cannot be opened fully, follow the procedure that applies to your model.

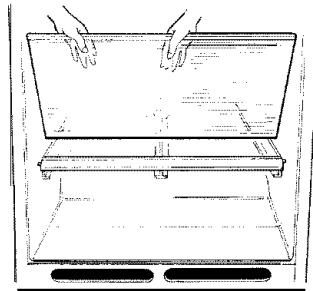
Two Drawers (on some models)



1. Remove the drawer farthest from the door.
2. Remove the other drawer.



3. Remove the glass cover. Reach in, push the front of the glass cover up and, at the same time, pull it forward as far as it will come. Tilt it and take it out.



4. Remove the drawer frame.
(Always remove the glass cover before you take out the drawer frame.)
Lift the frame off the supports at each side and back, pull it forward, tilt it and take it out.

To replace:

1. Lower the frame until it rests on the supports at each side and back.

2. Replace the drawers.

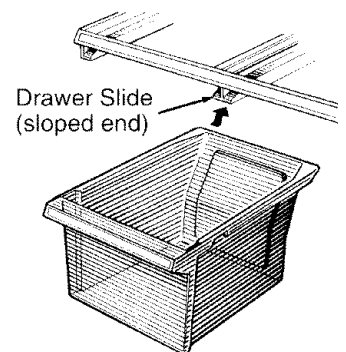
If you removed the drawer slide, replace it with the sloped end at the front.

- a. Slide one side of the drawer onto the drawer slide.

- b. Move the slide and drawer all the way to the hinge side until the other side of the drawer rests on the frame.

- c. Slide the other drawer into place.

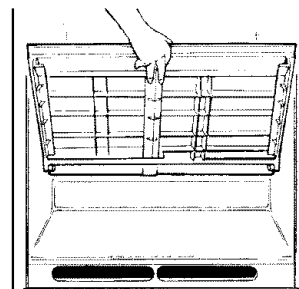
3. Replace the glass cover, pushing its rear edge firmly into the rear frame channel and gently lowering the front into place.



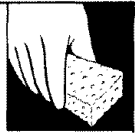
Full-Width Drawer with Plastic Cover (on some models)

To remove the drawer, lift the front up slightly and pull the drawer straight out.

To remove the cover, lift it off its supports, pull it forward and up, tilt it and take it out.

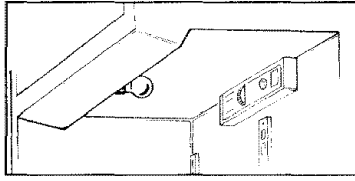


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Light Bulb Replacement

A light bulb and socket are located at the top of the fresh food compartment opposite the temperature control panel.



Some models also have a bulb and socket in the upper left corner of the freezer compartment behind a flexible light shield.

To replace either bulb, unplug refrigerator from its electrical outlet, unscrew bulb when cool, and replace with similar size bulb.

Water Filter Accessory

Your ice cubes can only be as clean and fresh-tasting as the water that produces them. That's why it's a good idea to purify your water with a water filter.

Its activated charcoal removes musty, stale odors and unpleasant medicinal, metallic tastes. A porous fiber cartridge catches dirt, rust particles, sand and silt; special crystals reduce deposits of hard scale.

The water filter is an option at extra cost and is available from your GE dealer. Specify WR97X02 14. It has complete installation instructions and installs in minutes on 1/4" O.D. copper water line.

PREPARATION



Preparing for vacation

For extended vacations or absences, remove food and shut off power to the refrigerator. Clean the interior with baking soda solution of one tablespoon of baking soda to one quart of water. Wipe dry. To prevent odors, leave open box of baking soda in refrigerator. Leave doors open.

For shorter vacations, remove perishable foods and leave controls at regular settings. However, if room temperature is expected to drop below 60°F, follow same instructions as for extended vacations. Move icemaker feeler arm to the STOP (up) position and be sure to shut off water supply to refrigerator.

Preparing to move

Disconnect power cord from wall outlet, remove all food, and clean and dry the interior. **Secure all loose items** such as grille, shelves and storage pans, by taping them securely in place to prevent damage.

Be sure refrigerator stays in *upright position* during actual moving and in van. Refrigerator must be secured in van to prevent movement. Protect the outside of the refrigerator with a blanket.

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PREPARATION

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Refrigerator Location

Do not install refrigerator where temperature will go below 60°F. because it will not run often enough to maintain proper temperatures.

Do install it on a floor strong enough to support it fully loaded.

Also see Energy-Saving Tips.

Clearances

Allow the following clearances for ease of installation, proper air circulation and plumbing and electrical connections:

Sides..... 3/4"

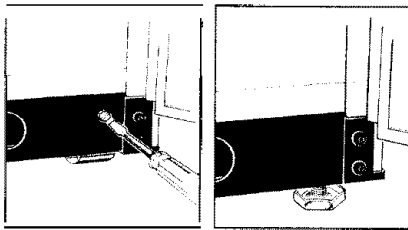
Top..... 1"

Back..... 1"

If refrigerator is to be installed against a wall on the hinge side, allow 1 1/2" for door clearance.

Rollers/Leveling Legs

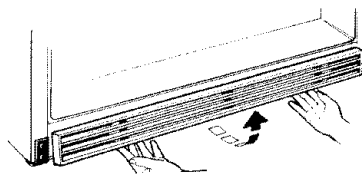
Some models have **adjustable rollers** that allow you to move the refrigerator away from the wall for cleaning; other models have **adjustable leveling legs**. Rollers or legs should be set so the refrigerator is firmly positioned on the floor and the front is raised just enough that the doors close easily when opened about halfway.



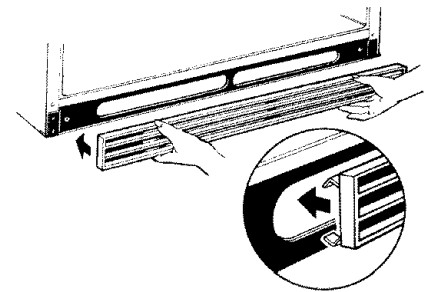
Turn the two front roller adjusting screws or four corner leveling legs **clockwise to raise** the refrigerator, **counterclockwise to lower** it.

When adjusting rollers or leveling legs for proper door closure, we recommend that the bottom front edge of the cabinet be approximately 3/4" from the floor.

If your refrigerator has a base grille, you can turn the adjusting screws through openings in the grille.



If you would rather remove the base grille, grasp the bottom of the grille and pull it out.



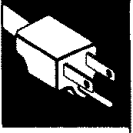
To **replace the base grille**, line up the clips on the back of the grille with the openings in the baseplate and push the grille forward until it snaps into place.

Water Supply to Icemaker

If your refrigerator has an icemaker, or if you plan to add an icemaker later, the icemaker will have to be connected to a cold water line. A water supply kit containing copper tubing, shut-off valve, fittings and instructions is available at extra cost from your dealer. There should be sufficient tubing for the icemaker from the cold water supply to allow you to move the refrigerator out from the wall several feet (approximately 9 feet of 1/4" copper tubing in three 10" diameter coils).

INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT...Please Read Carefully

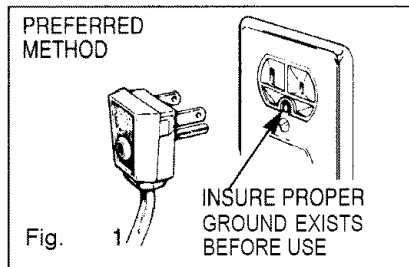


How to connect electricity

For personal safety, this appliance must be properly grounded.

The power cord of this appliance is equipped with a three-prong (grounding) plug which mates with a standard three-prong (grounding) wall outlet (Fig. 1) 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.

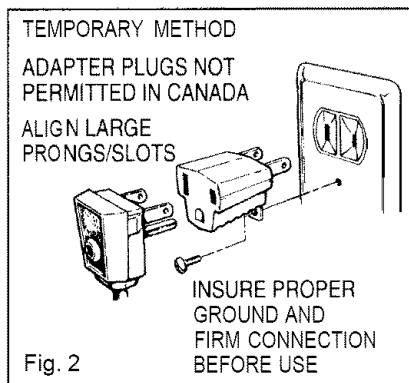


If you have only a standard two-prong wall outlet, it is your personal responsibility and obligation to have it replaced with a properly grounded three-prong wall outlet.

DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, CUT OR REMOVE THE THIRD (GROUNDING) PRONG FROM THE POWER CORD.

Use of Adapter Plug

Because of potential safety hazards under certain conditions, we strongly recommend against use of an adapter plug. However, if you still elect to use an adapter, where local codes permit, a **TEMPORARY CONNECTION** may be made to a properly grounded two-prong wall outlet by use of a UL-listed adapter (Fig. 2), available at most local hardware stores.



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

When disconnecting the power cord from the adapter, always hold the adapter with one hand. If this is not done, the adapter ground terminal is very likely to break with repeated use.

Should the adapter ground terminal break, DO NOT USE the appliance until a proper ground has again been established.

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.

Electrical Requirements

The refrigerator 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.

Use of Extension Cords

Because of potential safety hazards under certain conditions, we strongly recommend against the use of an extension cord. However, if you still elect to use an extension cord, it is absolutely necessary that it be a UL-listed 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 120 volts.



QUESTIONS? USE THIS PROBLEM SOLVER

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
REFRIGERATOR DOES NOT OPERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be in defrost cycle when motor does not operate for about 30 minutes.. Temperature control in OFF position.• If interior light is not on, refrigerator may not be plugged in at wall outlet.• If plug is secure and the refrigerator still fails to operate, plug a lamp or a small appliance into the same outlet to determine if there is a tripped circuit breaker or burned out fuse.
MOTOR OPERATES FOR LONG PERIODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern refrigerators with more storage space and a larger freezer compartment require more operating time.• Normal when refrigerator is first delivered to your home—usually requires 24 hours to completely cool down.• Large amounts of food placed in refrigerator to be cooled or frozen.. Hot weather—frequent door openings.• Door left open.. Temperature controls are set too cold.• Grille and condenser need cleaning.. Check Energy-Saving Tips.
MOTOR STARTS & STOPS FREQUENTLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Temperature control starts and stops motor to maintain even temperatures.
VIBRATION OR RATTLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If refrigerator vibrates, more than likely it is not resting solidly on the floor. The front roller screws need adjusting, or floor is weak or uneven. Refer to the Roller section.. If dishes vibrate on shelves, try moving them. Slight vibration is normal.
OPERATING SOUNDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The high speed compressor motor required to maintain near zero temperatures in the large freezer compartment may produce higher sound levels than your old refrigerator.. Normal fan air flow—one fan blows cold air through the refrigerator and freezer compartments—another fan cools the compressor motor.. These NORMAL sounds will also be heard from time to time:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defrost timer switch clicks at defrost.. Defrost water dripping.• Temperature control clicks ON or OFF.. Refrigerant boiling or gurgling.. Cracking or popping of cooling coils caused by expansion and contraction during defrost and refrigeration following defrost.• Ice cubes dropping into the bin and water running in pipes as icemaker refills.
HOT AIR FROM BOTTOM OF REFRIGERATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal air flow cooling motor. In the refrigeration process, it is normal that heat be expelled in the area under the refrigerator. Some floor coverings will discolor at these normal and safe operating temperatures. Your floor covering supplier should be consulted if you object to this discoloration.
FOODS DRY OUT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foods not covered, wrapped or sealed properly.



PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
FRESH FOOD OR FREEZER COMPARTMENT TEMPERATURE TOO WARM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temperature control not set cold enough.• Warm weather—frequent door openings.• Door left open for too long a time.• Package holding door open or blocking air duct in freezer compartment.
FROST OR ICE CRYSTALS ON FROZEN FOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Door may have been left ajar or package holding door open.• Too frequent or too long door openings.• Frost within package is normal.
AUTOMATIC ICEMAKER DOES NOT WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feeler arm in STOP (up) position.• Water supply turned off or not connected.• Freezer compartment too warm.• Piled up cubes in storage bin may cause icemaker to shut off prematurely. Remove storage bin from freezer compartment and level cubes in bin by hand.
CUBES TOO SMALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water shutoff valve connecting refrigerator to home water line may be clogged.
CUBE DISPENSER DOES NOT WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No ice cubes. Remove storage bin. If cubes are frozen to wire arm, remove them.• No ice cubes. Icemaker turned off or water supply turned off.• Irregular ice clumps in storage container. Break up as many as you can with fingertip pressure and discard the remaining clumps.
SLOW ICE CUBE FREEZING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Door may have been left ajar.• Turn temperature of freezer compartment colder.• If the doors are not opened regularly, the ice cube freezing rate will be reduced.
ICE CUBES HAVE ODOR/TASTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Old cubes need to be discarded.• Ice storage bin needs to be emptied and washed.• Unsealed packages in refrigerator and/or freezer compartments may be transmitting odor/taste to ice cubes.• Interior of refrigerator needs cleaning.• Poor-tasting incoming water. Install a water filter.
MOISTURE FORMS ON OUTSIDE OF REFRIGERATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not unusual during periods of high humidity.• Move the power saver switch to the moisture setting.
MOISTURE COLLECTS INSIDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Too frequent or too long door openings.• In humid weather, air carries moisture into refrigerator when doors are opened.
REFRIGERATOR HAS ODOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foods with strong odors should be tightly covered.• Check for spoiled food.• Interior needs cleaning.• Defrost water system needs cleaning.• Keep open box of baking soda in refrigerator; replace every three months.

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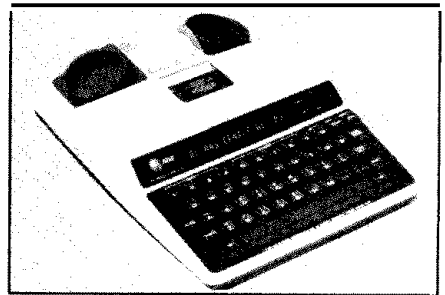
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User maintenance instructions contained in this booklet cover procedures intended to be performed by any user. Other servicing generally should be referred to qualified service personnel. Caution must be exercised, since improper servicing may cause unsafe operation.

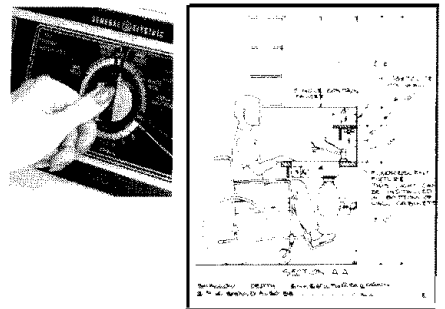


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YOUR GE REFRIGERATOR WARRANTY

Save proof of original purchase date such as your sales slip or cancelled check to establish warranty period.

WHAT IS COVERED

FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

For one year from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, parts and service labor in your home to repair or replace **any part of the refrigerator** that fails because of a manufacturing defect.

FULL FIVE-YEAR WARRANTY

For five years from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, parts and service labor in your home to repair or replace **any part of the sealed refrigerating system** (the compressor, condenser, evaporator and all connecting tubing) that fails because of a manufacturing defect.

LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

For the life of the refrigerator, we will replace, free of charge, **the tinted see-through Quick Store bin** (on models so equipped) if the bin, made from Lexan® polycarbonate resin breaks during normal household use. The bin housing is not included. The bin can be exchanged at a GE Appliance Parts Mart, Factory Service Center, or by writing to the address below.

This warranty is extended to the original purchaser and any succeeding owner for products purchased for ordinary home use in the 48 mainland states, Hawaii and Washington, D.C. In Alaska the warranty is the same except that it is LIMITED because you must pay to ship the product to the service shop or for the service technician's travel costs to your home.

All warranty service will be provided by our Factory Service Centers or by our authorized Customer Care® servicers during normal working hours.

Look in the White or Yellow Pages of your telephone directory for GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, GENERAL ELECTRIC FACTORY SERVICE, GENERAL ELECTRIC-HOTPOINT FACTORY SERVICE or GENERAL ELECTRIC CUSTOMER CARE® SERVICE.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED

- Service trips to your home to teach you how to use the product.

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If you then have any questions about operating the product please contact your dealer or our Consumer Affairs office at the address below, or call, toll free:

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- Improper installation.

If you have an installation problem, contact your dealer or installer. You are responsible for providing adequate electrical, plumbing and other connecting facilities.

- Replacement of house fuses or resetting of circuit breakers.
 - Failure of the product if it is used for other than its intended purpose or used commercially.
 - Damage to product caused by accident, fire, floods or acts of God.
 - Loss of food due to spoilage.
- WARRANTOR IS *NOT* RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. 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 in your state, consult your local or state consumer affairs office or your state's Attorney General.

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