



Top Freezer REFRIGERATORS

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OWNER'S MANUAL & INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Write the model and serial
numbers here:

Model # _____

Serial # _____

Find these numbers on a label
inside the fresh food compartment.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING GE APPLIANCES A PART OF YOUR HOME.

Whether you grew up with GE Appliances, or this is your first, we're happy to have you in the family.

We take pride in the craftsmanship, innovation and design that goes into every GE Appliances product, and we think you will too. Among other things, registration of your appliance ensures that we can deliver important product information and warranty details when you need them.

Register your GE appliance now online. Helpful websites and phone numbers are available in the Consumer Support section of this Owner's Manual. You may also mail in the pre-printed registration card included in the packing material.



GE APPLIANCES

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THE APPLIANCE

⚠ WARNING To reduce the risk of fire, explosion, electric shock, or injury when using your refrigerator, follow these basic safety precautions:

- This refrigerator must be properly installed and located in accordance with the Installation Instructions before it is used.
- Unplug the refrigerator before making repairs, replacing a light bulb, or cleaning.
NOTE: Power to the refrigerator cannot be disconnected by any setting on the control panel.
NOTE: Repairs must be performed by a qualified Service Professional.
- Replace all parts and panels before operating.
- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- Do not store explosive substances such as aerosol cans with a flammable propellant in this appliance.
- Do not use an extension cord.
- To prevent suffocation and entrapment hazards to children, remove the fresh food and freezer doors from any refrigerator before disposing of it or discontinuing its use.
- To avoid serious injury or death, children should not stand on, or play in or with the appliance.
- Children and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge can use this appliance only if they are supervised or have been given instructions on safe use and understand the hazards involved.
- This appliance is intended to be used in household and similar applications such as: staff kitchen areas in shops, offices and other working environments; farm houses; by clients in hotels, motels, bed & breakfast and other residential environments; catering and similar non-retail applications.
- Do not apply harsh cleaners to the refrigerator. Certain cleaners will damage plastic which may cause parts such as the door or door handles to detach unexpectedly. See the Care and Cleaning section for detailed instructions.

⚠ CAUTION To reduce the risk of injury when using your refrigerator, follow these basic safety precautions.

- Do not clean glass shelves or covers with warm water when they are cold. Glass shelves and covers may break if exposed to sudden temperature changes or impact, such as bumping or dropping. Tempered glass is designed to shatter into many small pieces if it breaks.
- Keep fingers out of the “pinch point” areas; clearances between the doors and between the doors and cabinet are necessarily small. Be careful closing doors when children are in the area.
- Do not touch the cold surfaces in the freezer compartment when hands are damp or wet, skin may stick to these extremely cold surfaces.
- Do not refreeze frozen foods which have thawed completely.
- In refrigerators with automatic icemakers, 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 ice making mechanism while the refrigerator is plugged in.

⚠ WARNING **EXPLOSION HAZARD Flammable Refrigerant**

This appliance contains isobutane refrigerant, R600a, a natural gas with high environmental compatibility. However, it is also combustible. Adhere to the warnings below to reduce the risk of injury or property damage.

1. When handling, installing and operating the appliance, care should be taken to avoid damage to the refrigerant tubing.
2. Service shall only be performed by authorized service personnel. Use only manufacturer-authorized service parts.
3. Dispose of refrigerator in accordance with Federal and Local Regulations. Flammable refrigerant and insulation material used require special disposal procedures. Contact your local authorities for the environmentally safe disposal of your refrigerator.
4. Keep ventilation openings in the appliance enclosures or in the built-in structure clear of obstruction.
5. Do not use mechanical devices or other means to accelerate the defrosting process.
6. Do not damage refrigerant circuit.
7. Do not use electrical appliances inside the food storage compartment of the appliance.

READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THE APPLIANCE

INSTALLATION

⚠ WARNING **EXPLOSION HAZARD**

Keep flammable materials and vapors, such as gasoline, away from refrigerator. Failure to do so can result in fire, explosion, or death.

CONNECTING ELECTRICITY

⚠ WARNING **ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD**

Plug into a grounded 3-prong outlet
Do not remove the ground prong
Do not use an adapter
Do not use an extension cord.
Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, fire, or electrical shock.

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 standard 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. Do not use an adapter.

The refrigerator should always be plugged into its own individual electrical outlet which has a voltage rating that matches the rating plate.

A 115 Volt AC, 60 Hz, 15- or 20-amp fused, grounded electrical supply is required. This provides the best performance and also prevents overloading house wiring circuits which could cause a fire hazard from overheated wires.

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

Immediately discontinue use of a damaged supply cord. If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by a qualified service professional with an authorized service part from the manufacturer.

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

PROPER DISPOSAL OF YOUR OLD REFRIGERATOR

⚠ WARNING **SUFFOCATION AND ENTRAPMENT HAZARD**

Failure to follow these disposal instructions can result in death or serious injury

IMPORTANT: Child entrapment and suffocation are not problems of the past. Junked or abandoned refrigerators or freezers are still dangerous even if they will sit for "just a few days." If you are getting rid of your old refrigerator or freezer, please follow the instructions below to help prevent accidents.

Before You Throw Away Your Old Appliance

- Take off the fresh food and freezer doors.
- Leave the shelves in place so that children may not easily climb inside.

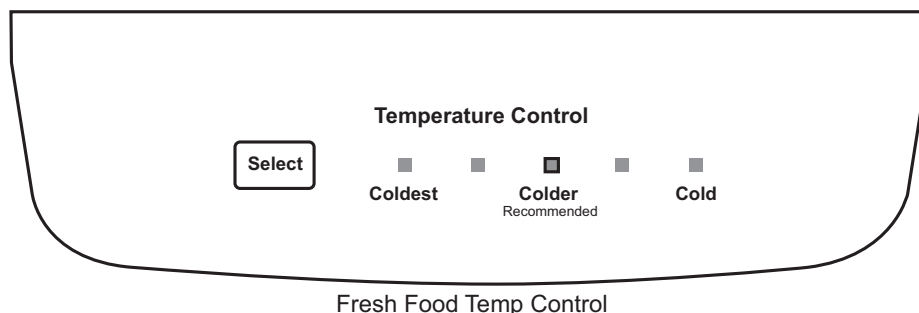
Refrigerant and Foam Disposal:

Dispose of appliance in accordance with Federal and Local Regulations. Flammable refrigerant and insulation material used requires special disposal procedures. Contact your local authorities for the environmentally safe disposal of your appliance.

READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Controls

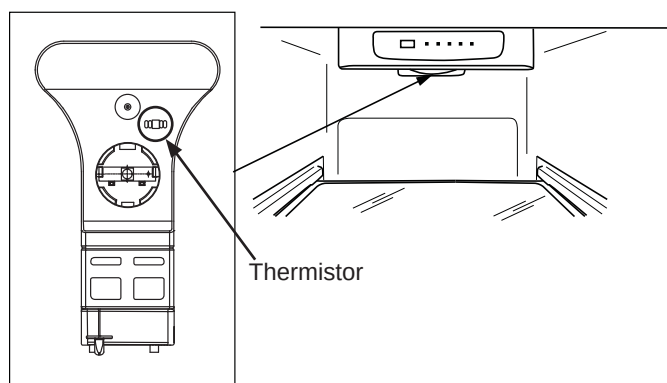
The temperature control is located in the fresh food compartment. Initially set the control to the recommended setting. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize.



Control Settings

The control in the fresh food compartment should be adjusted one increment at a time. Allow 12 hours after each adjustment for the compartment to reach the temperature you have set. The freezer compartment will be colder when the fresh food compartment temperature is lower.

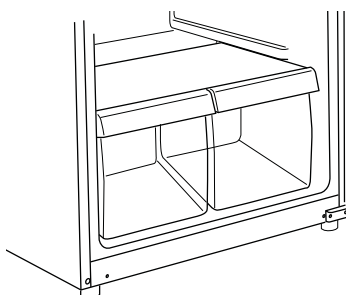
Control settings will vary based on personal preferences, usage and operating conditions and may require more than one adjustment. Factors that affect temperature include the amount of food in the fresh food and freezer compartments, frequency of door opening, and temperature of food when placed in either compartment.



Thermistor

The thermistor located at the bottom of the fresh food control housing is one of the key elements for temperature control. Keep all items away from blocking the thermistor as this will reduce the sensitivity of the thermistor and cause temperature issues. Food may freeze or become too warm depending on the compressor cycle if the air flow is blocked.

Storage Drawers



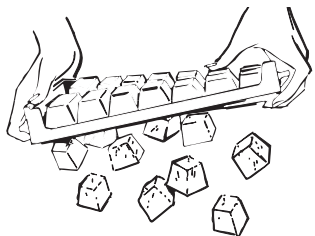
Fruit and Vegetable Drawers

These storage drawers provide space to store fruits, vegetables and meats.

To remove and replace the drawers and the cover above them, the door must be fully opened. In some installations, the refrigerator may have to be moved away from the wall for the door to be fully opened.

Ice Service

Ice Trays



To make ice, fill the ice tray with water and set it on a level surface in the freezer compartment. Ice cubes will form in a few hours.

To release ice cubes, turn the tray upside down, hold it over a container and twist both ends.

For only one or two ice cubes, leave the tray right-side up, twist both ends slightly and remove as many cubes as you want.

Wash ice trays in lukewarm water only—do not put them in an automatic dishwasher.

Care And Cleaning

Cleaning the Outside

Directions for Cleaning Outside Surfaces, Door Handles, and Trim

DO USE	DO NOT USE
Soft, clean cloth or sponge	Abrasive cloths, scrubbing sponges, scouring or steel wool pads
Mild detergent mixed with warm water Approved stainless steel cleaners; Visit the Café Appliances parts store for approved stainless steel cleaners: geapplianceparts.com or call 877.959.8688 Cleaners with oxalic acid such as Bar Keepers Friend Soft Cleanser™ can be used to remove surface rust, tarnish and small blemishes on stainless steel surfaces only.	Abrasive powders or sprays Window Sprays or Ammonia Citrus or plant oil-based cleaners Acidic or vinegar-based cleaners Oven cleaners Cleaners containing acetone (propanone) Any cleaner with WARNING about plastic contact

NOTE: DO NOT allow stainless steel cleaner to come in contact with any plastic parts such as trim pieces, handle hardware and liners. If unintentional contact of cleaners with plastic parts does occur, clean plastic part with a sponge and mild detergent mixed with warm water.

Cleaning the Inside

To help prevent odors, leave an open box of baking soda in the fresh food and freezer compartments.

Unplug the refrigerator before cleaning.

If this is not practical, wring excess moisture out of sponge or cloth when cleaning around switches, lights or controls.

Use warm water and baking soda solution—about a tablespoon (15 ml) of baking soda to a quart (1 liter) of water. This both cleans and neutralizes odors. Rinse and wipe dry.

Other parts of the refrigerator—including door gaskets, fruit and vegetable drawers, and all plastic parts—can be cleaned the same way.

After cleaning the 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.

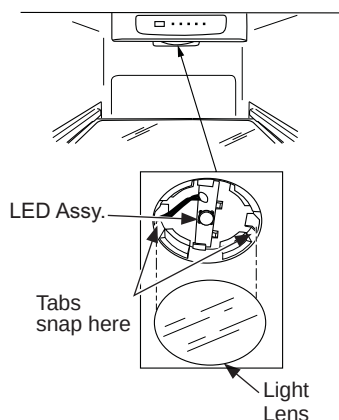
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Do not wash any plastic refrigerator parts in the dishwasher.

Care and Cleaning

Replacing the LED Light



The LED light is located behind a light lens in the ceiling of the refrigerator section.

1. Remove the top shelf (if necessary).
2. Drop down the control housing assembly.
3. Remove the light lens by using a flat head screwdriver to push one of tabs down. The lens snaps in and out.
4. Slide the LED assembly from the mounting slot.
5. Gently pull the leads out and disconnect from the control housing assembly.
6. Replace with new LED assembly and slide assembly back into the mounting slot.
7. Replace the light lens by snapping it into place.
8. To order the LED assembly, please call GE Appliances at 800.GE.CARES (800.492.2737) during normal business hours.

Preparing for Vacation

For long vacations or absences, remove food and unplug the refrigerator. Clean the interior with a baking soda solution of one tablespoon (15 ml) of baking soda to one quart (1 liter) of water. Leave the doors open.

Preparing to Move

Remove food and unplug the refrigerator. Secure all loose items such as shelves and drawers by taping them securely in place to prevent damage.

Be sure the refrigerator stays in an upright position during moving.