

# User Guide Whirlpool WD6971Y Refrigerators

## **GETTING STARTED**

- SAVE THESE AND ALL INSTRUCTIONS! For more details and additional important information. see the other instructions provided inside your refrigerator.
- Pour les instructions en français. voir au verso.
- Printed in Mexico

## **TOOLS REQUIRED**

- The following tools may be required to remove or align the refrigerator doors. or to level the refrigerator.

### **Tools Needed:**

- Phillips screwdriver
- Base grille removal | ¼" hex-head socket wrench
- Electrical wiring connections | ⅜" hex key
- Top hinge removal | Internal star drive or ⅜" hex-head socket wrench
- Bottom hinge removal | Bubble level
- Check leveling | ¼" open-ended or adjustable wrench
- Adjust leveling feet | ⅝" open-ended or adjustable wrench
- Adjust door alignment

## **INSTALLATION CHECKLIST**

### **Unpack the Refrigerator**

- Remove all shipping material.
- Use ½" socket wrench to remove skids (socket extension is recommended).

### **Electrical Power**

- Plug refrigerator into a grounded 3 prong outlet.

### **Doors**

1. Install the handles according to instructions.
2. Make sure the refrigerator is steady and level.
3. After food has been placed inside. check that the doors are even across the top.
4. Make sure the base grille is properly attached to the refrigerator.

### ***Adjusting the Temperature***

- After installation, allow 24 hours for the refrigerator to reach the recommended temperature setting.
- Under some conditions, you may need to adjust the controls to a colder or warmer setting than is normally recommended. Make adjustments only one setting at a time, and wait 24 hours between adjustments.

### ***Ice and Water System (on some models)***

1. Connect the refrigerator to the household water supply, and turn it on.
2. Make sure the water supply line behind the refrigerator is not kinked.
3. Flush the water system according to instructions.
4. Check for water leaks at all connections.
5. To make ice, the ice maker must be turned on. Allow 24 hours for the freezer to get cold enough to begin making ice. Discard the first three batches of ice produced. Allow up to 3 days to fill the ice storage bin.

### ***Accessories (on some models)***

- Install Air Filter(s) and/or Produce Preserver(s) according to instructions.

### ***Final Steps***

- Save instructions and other literature.
- Send in Registration Card or register your product online.
- Electrical Shock Hazard
- Plug into a grounded 3 prong outlet.
- Do not remove 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.

## ***LEVELING AND DOOR ALIGNMENT***

- To view an animated video about the leveling and door alignment process, scan the code at left with your mobile device.
- To level the product or align the doors, you must first remove the base grille as follows:
- Open both doors to 90°. Remove the base grille by removing the two screws, then pulling out on the outside corners.

**NOTE:**

- The doors must only be opened to 90°. If they are opened all the way, the base grille will not come off.
- If the refrigerator doors do not close easily or pop open, or if the refrigerator seems unsteady or rolls when a door is pulled open:
- Use a ¼" open-ended or adjustable wrench to adjust the leveling feet, which are located on the brackets on each side of the product.
- Turn the leveling foot to the left to raise that side of the product, or turn it to the right to lower that side of the product.

**NOTE:**

- Having someone push against the top of the refrigerator takes some weight off the leveling feet, making it easier to turn the feet.
- A. Bottom hinge B. Leveler bracket C. Leveling foot
- The doors are designed to be slightly different heights when the refrigerator is empty, in order to account for the weight of food that will be placed on the doors. If doors are uneven after food has been placed inside:
- Use a ⅝" open-ended or adjustable wrench to turn the alignment screw, which is located on the bottom hinge of the refrigerator door.
- Turn the screw to the right to raise the refrigerator door, or turn it to the left to lower the door.

**ICE MAKER OPERATION**

- Models with the Ice Storage Bin on the Door:
- Open the freezer door and remove the ice storage bin. □ Locate the ice maker switch on the left wall of the storage bin area. Slide the control to ON or OFF.
- On/Off switch B. Sensor cover
- Models with the Ice Storage Bin in the Freezer:
- Open the freezer and locate the wire shutoff arm.
- Arm lowered – ON; Arm up – OFF.
- PRODUCE PRESERVER INSTALLATION (on some models)
- Install Produce Preserver(s) and status indicator(s) according to instructions.

## ***ENERGY AND NORMAL OPERATING SOUNDS***

- Your new refrigerator has been designed to optimize energy efficiency, and better regulate temperatures to match cooling demand. You may notice that it operates differently from your previous refrigerator.
- It is normal for the high-efficiency compressor to run for extended periods of time at varying speeds, in order to consume only the energy necessary for optimum efficiency.
- In addition, during various stages of the cooling cycle and ice production, you may hear normal operating sounds that are unfamiliar to you. Normal sounds may include cracking/crashing, popping, pulsating/whirring, rattling, water running or gurgling, and sizzling.

### **Warning**

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