

Use and Care Guide

Refrigerator



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Compact Models:
SC2, SC3, SC4, TAX2, TAX3, TAX4

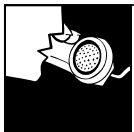
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HELP US HELP YOU...

Read this guide 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, call:

GE Answer Center®

800.626.2000

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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 guide.

It lists causes of minor operating problems that you can correct yourself.

Write down the model and serial numbers.

You'll find them on a label on the rear wall of the refrigerator.

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

Before sending in this card, please write these numbers here:

Model Number

Serial Number

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

IF YOU NEED SERVICE

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

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 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



DANGER! RISK OF CHILD ENTRAPMENT

Proper Disposal of the Refrigerator

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

Before You Throw Away Your Old Refrigerator or Freezer:

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

CFC Disposal

Your old refrigerator has a cooling system that used CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons). CFCs are believed to harm stratospheric ozone.

If you are throwing away your old refrigerator, make sure the CFC refrigerant is removed for proper disposal by a qualified servicer. If you intentionally release this CFC refrigerant you can be subject to fines and imprisonment under provisions of environmental legislation.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Read all instructions before using this appliance.



- ⚠ 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 the Installation section.
 - **This refrigerator should not be recessed or built in**—it is designed for free-standing installation only.
 - **If model SC2 or TAX2 is placed on a countertop or stand,** the front surface of the door should be 3" or more back from the edge of the countertop or stand to avoid accidental tipping of the appliance in normal usage.
 - **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.

- **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.
 - **Don't refreeze frozen foods which have thawed completely.**
 - **Do not use any electrical device or any sharp instrument in defrosting your refrigerator.**
 - **Unplug your refrigerator** before cleaning or before making any repairs.
- NOTE:** We strongly recommend that any servicing be performed by a qualified individual.
- **Do not operate your refrigerator in the presence of explosive fumes.**

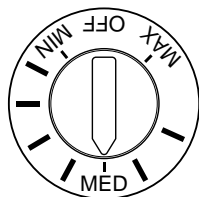
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OPERATING YOUR REFRIGERATOR

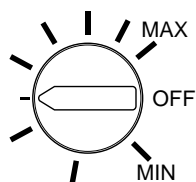


Temperature Control Dial

The temperature control dial has settings from "MIN" to "MAX" plus "OFF."



"MIN" is the warmest.
"MAX" is the coldest.



Initially set the temperature control dial at "MED" or at the midpoint.

After using the refrigerator for 24 hours, adjust the temperature control to the setting that is best suited to your needs. Turning temperature control dial to "OFF" stops cooling but does not shut off power to the refrigerator.

NOTE: If this refrigerator is unplugged or turned off, you must allow 3 minutes before restarting it or plugging it back in. If you attempt to restart it in less than 3 minutes, it will not start.



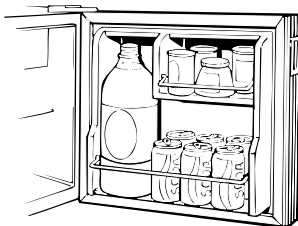
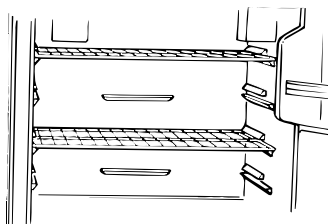
SHELVES

Multi-Position Shelves

Shelves can be moved to different levels to suit your varying food storage needs.

Deep Door Shelves

Shelves on the door provide convenient storage for frequently-used items. Some models have doors deep enough to hold a six-pack. In addition, the door has an extra-tall bottle zone.



Deep doors
(on some models)

ICE SERVICE

For most efficient ice service, place trays side by side on the ice tray compartment floor.

Ice Tray Compartment

This compartment is designed for production of ice cubes and short-term storage (a few days at the most) of some commercially-frozen foods.

The ice tray compartment should not be used to freeze foods.

To release ice cubes, hold the tray upside down over an ice bucket or bowl, and twist tray at both ends.

If the ice tray freezes to the floor, pour a little lukewarm water around it to loosen it. Do not use boiling water which can damage plastic parts, or sharp metal objects such as a knife or screwdriver which can damage the cooling system tubing.

Wash trays in lukewarm water only. Do not put them in an automatic dishwasher.



CARE AND CLEANING

Cleaning—Outside

Wipe outside of refrigerator with a soft cloth dampened with soapy water or Appliance Polish Wax Cleaner, available from GE Appliance Service and Parts Centers.

Use only mild, soapy water to clean the door gasket.

Never use acids, chemical thinner, gasoline, benzene or the like for cleaning any part of the refrigerator. Boiling water or benzene may deform or damage plastic parts.

Cleaning—Inside

Unplug the refrigerator and remove food, shelf and trays. Wash inside with warm water and baking soda solution—about two tablespoons of baking soda to a quart of water. Then rinse and dry.

Don't use cleansers such as soaps, detergents, scouring powder or spray cleaners—they may cause odors inside the refrigerator.

Wash ice cube trays, drip tray and shelf in mild detergent solution and dry with a soft cloth.

To help prevent odors, leave an open box of baking soda in the rear of the refrigerator, on the shelf. Change the box every three months.

Do not wash any plastic parts from your refrigerator in your automatic dishwasher.



Defrosting

Defrost whenever frost on the wall of the ice tray compartment becomes 1/4" thick. Never use a sharp or metallic instrument to remove frost as it may damage the cooling coils. (A punctured cooling coil will cause serious problems and void the warranty.) We recommend using a plastic scraper. Do not use any electrical device in defrosting your refrigerator.

To defrost, remove foods and ice trays from the ice tray compartment, put drip tray in place, and set temperature control dial at "OFF" position. Defrosting usually takes a few hours. To defrost faster, keep the door open. Also, pouring warm (not hot) water on the frosted part may speed defrosting. **Do not use boiling water**—it may damage plastic parts. **After defrosting**, empty water from the drip tray.

Wash the drip tray in warm water. Wipe the ice tray compartment with a damp cloth. Then turn the temperature control to the desired setting and return food and ice trays to the refrigerator.

NOTE: If ice buildup is very thick, it may keep the ice tray compartment door from opening or closing completely. Don't try to force it open; after defrosting, the door will open and close easily.



PREPARATION

Refrigerator installation

Location: Refrigerator is designed for free-standing installation only. It should not be recessed or built-in. Install refrigerator on a base strong enough to support a fully loaded refrigerator. If the base is not level, adjust the feet of the refrigerator.

If refrigerator is in a 40°F. or colder room, it will operate but it will not cool properly. Also see Energy-Saving Tips regarding location.

Clearance: Allow the following clearances for proper air circulation: Top, 12" Back, 5" Sides, 1/2"

When Going on Vacation... For extended vacations or absences, unplug the refrigerator and clean the interior. To prevent odors, leave an open box of baking soda inside and leave the door open.

For shorter vacations, remove perishable foods and leave the control at regular setting. However, if room temperature is expected to drop below 40°F. follow the same instructions as for extended vacations.

When You Move... Disconnect the power cord from wall outlet, remove food and defrost refrigerator. Then clean and dry the interior.

Secure all loose items such as ice trays and drip tray by taping them securely in place to prevent damage.

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



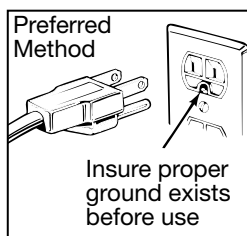
INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Important...Please Read Carefully

How to Connect Electricity

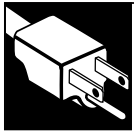
For personal safety, this appliance must be properly grounded.

The power cord of this appliance is equipped with a three-prong (grounding) plug which mates with a standard three-prong (grounding) wall outlet 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 two-prong wall outlet is encountered, 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 (GROUND) PRONG FROM THE POWER CORD.



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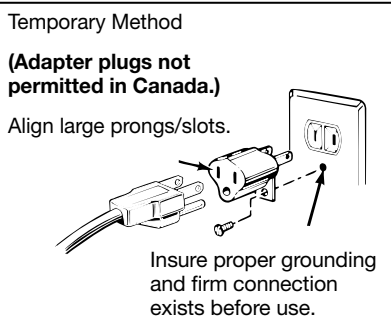
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Use of Adapter Plug

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 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.



CAUTION: 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.

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.

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

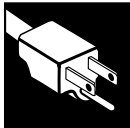
Electrical Requirements

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

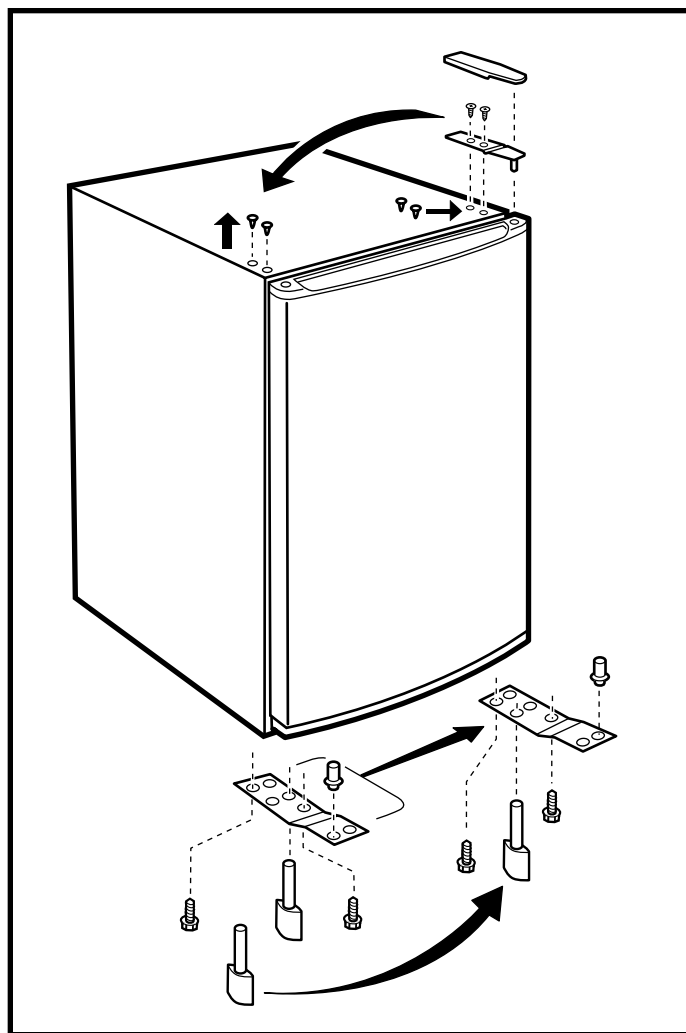
Because of potential safety hazards under certain conditions, we strongly recommend against the use of an extension cord. However, if you still elect to use an extension cord, it is absolutely necessary that it be a UL-listed, 3-wire grounding type appliance extension cord having a grounding type plug and outlet and that the electrical rating of the cord be 15 amperes (minimum) and 120 volts.



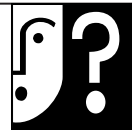
REVERSING THE DOOR SWING

(on some models)

1. Remove the top hinge cover and loosen and remove the two screws holding the top hinge in place.
2. Lift the door up and off the bottom hinge pin.
3. Loosen and remove the leg and two screws from the bottom hinge.
4. Remove the leg from the left side of the cabinet.
5. Remove and transfer the bottom hinge to the left side without flipping or turning it. Lift and transfer the bottom hinge pin to its adjacent hole.
6. Install the leg (removed from the left side) to the right side of the cabinet.
7. Place the door over the bottom hinge pin and guide the door bottom hole to the pin.
8. Remove the two plugs from the top left side of the cabinet. Place the top hinge over these holes and the hinge pin into the hole on top of the door. Drive the screws into the top of the cabinet. Do not tighten until the door is checked for proper gasket seal alignment. Insert two new plugs into the holes in the top right side of the cabinet.



QUESTIONS? USE THIS PROBLEM SOLVER



PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
REFRIGERATOR DOES NOT OPERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not plugged in.• The circuit breaker tripped, or fuse blown.
TURNS ON AND OFF FREQUENTLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is normal. Small refrigerators cycle more often than larger ones.
SEEMS TO RUN TOO LONG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check for proper clearances.• Frequent door opening lets cold air escape.
VIBRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If refrigerator vibrates, it probably is not level. Use shims to make it level.• On models SC4 and TAX4, the left front leg is adjustable.
CABINET HAS ODOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foods with strong odors should be tightly covered.• Check for spoiled food.• Interior may need cleaning.• Keep an open box of baking soda in refrigerator; replace every three months.

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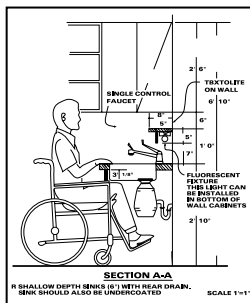
With the purchase of your new GE appliance, receive the assurance that if you ever need information or assistance from GE, we'll be there. All you have to do is call—toll-free!

GE Answer Center® **800.626.2000**

Whatever your question about any GE major appliance, GE Answer Center® information service is available to help. Your call—and your question—will be answered promptly and courteously. And you can call any time. GE Answer Center® service is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In-Home Repair Service **800-GE-CARES (800-432-2737)**

A GE consumer service professional will provide expert repair service, scheduled at a time that's convenient for you. Many GE Consumer Service company-operated locations offer you service today or tomorrow, or at your convenience (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturdays). Our factory-trained technicians know your appliance inside and out—so most repairs can be handled in just one visit.



For Customers With Special Needs... **800.626.2000**

Upon request, GE will provide Braille controls for a variety of GE appliances, and a brochure to assist in planning a barrier-free kitchen for persons with limited mobility. To obtain these items, free of charge, call 800.626.2000.

Consumers with impaired hearing or speech who have access to a TDD or a conventional teletypewriter may call 800-TDD-GEAC (800-833-4322) to request information or service.

Service Contracts **800-626-2224**

You can have the secure feeling that GE Consumer Service will still be there after your warranty expires. Purchase a GE contract while your warranty is still in effect and you'll receive a substantial discount. With a multiple-year contract, you're assured of future service at today's prices.

Parts and Accessories **800-626-2002**

Individuals qualified to service their own appliances can have parts or accessories sent directly to their home. The GE parts system provides access to over 47,000 parts...and all GE Genuine Renewal Parts are fully warranted. VISA, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted.

User maintenance instructions contained in this guide 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.

YOUR GENERAL ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR WARRANTY

Staple sales slip or cancelled check here. Proof of original purchase date is needed to obtain service under warranty.

WHAT IS COVERED

LIMITED ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

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

LIMITED ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR WARRANTY

For the second through fifth year from date of original purchase, we will provide, free of charge, a **replacement compressor** if the compressor fails because of a manufacturing defect. You pay for any service labor charges.

For each of the above warranties: You must take the refrigerator to a GE Appliance Service and Parts Center or a General Electric Customer Care® servicer. In-home service is also available, but you must pay for the service technician's travel costs to your home.

This warranty is extended to the original purchaser and any succeeding owner for products purchased for use in the 48 mainland states, Alaska, Hawaii and Washington, D.C.

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

Should your appliance need service during the warranty period or beyond, call 800-GE-CARES (800-432-2737).

WHAT IS NOT COVERED

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

Read your Use and Care material.

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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800.626.2000
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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.
- Loss of food due to spoilage.
- Damage to product caused by accident, fire, floods or acts of God.

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.

Warrantor: General Electric Company

**If further help is needed concerning this warranty, write:
Manager—Consumer Affairs, GE Appliances, Louisville, KY 40225**

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