



GE Appliances

Refrigerators

Owner's Manual

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Congratulations!

We're proud of our quality products and we are committed to providing dependable service. You'll see it in this easy-to-use Owner's Manual and you'll hear it in the friendly voices of our customer service department.

Best of all, you'll experience these values each time you use your refrigerator. That's important, because your new refrigerator will be part of your family for many years. And we hope you will be part of ours for a long time to come.

We appreciate your purchase, and hope you will continue to rely on us whenever you need quality appliances for your home.



A Service Partnership.



IMPORTANT!

Fill out and return the Consumer Product Registration Card that is packed with this product. If you cannot find it, please send in the duplicate card printed in the back of this manual.



FOR YOUR RECORDS

Write the model and serial numbers here:

 # _____

You can find them on a label inside the refrigerator on the side wall.

Staple sales slip or cancelled check here.

Proof of the original purchase date is needed to obtain service under the warranty.



READ THIS MANUAL

Inside you will find many helpful hints on how to use and maintain your refrigerator properly. Just a little preventive care on your part can save you a great deal of time and money over the life of your refrigerator.



IF YOU NEED SERVICE

You'll find many answers to common problems in the *Before You Call For Service* section. If you review our chart of *Troubleshooting Tips* first, you may not need to call for service at all.

If you do need service, you can relax knowing help is only a phone call away. A list of toll-free customer service numbers is included in the back section. Or, you can always call the GE Answer Center® at 800.626.2000, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.

⚠ **WARNING!**

Use this appliance only for its intended purpose as described in this Owner's Manual.



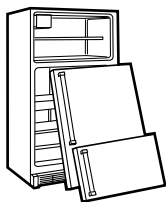
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should be followed, including the following:

- This refrigerator must be properly installed and located in accordance with the Installation Instructions before it is used.
- Do not allow children to climb, stand or hang on the shelves in the refrigerator. They could damage the refrigerator and seriously injure themselves.
- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- 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.
- Unplug the refrigerator before cleaning and making repairs.
NOTE: We strongly recommend that any servicing be performed by a qualified individual.
- Turning the temperature control dial to the **OFF** position stops cooling but does not shut off power to the refrigerator.

⚠ **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.



USE OF EXTENSION CORDS

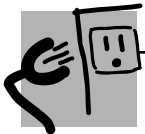
Because of potential safety hazards under certain conditions, we strongly recommend against the use of an extension cord.

However, if you must 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.

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Safety Instructions

⚠ WARNING!



HOW TO CONNECT ELECTRICITY

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

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

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

If you have only a standard 2-prong wall outlet, it is your personal responsibility and obligation to have it replaced with a properly grounded 3-prong wall outlet.

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.

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 power 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 end.

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

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USE OF ADAPTER PLUGS

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

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

The larger slot in the adapter must be aligned with the larger slot in the wall outlet to provide proper polarity in the connection of the power cord.

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

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

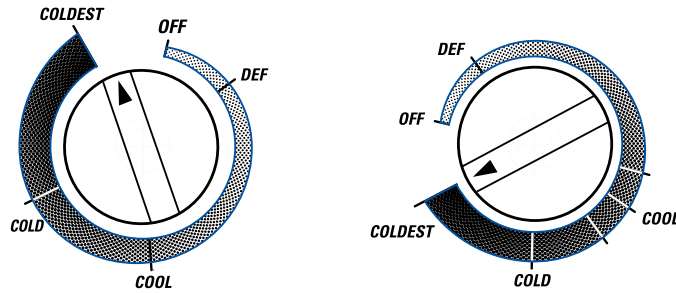
Attaching the adapter ground terminal to a wall outlet cover screw does not ground the appliance unless the cover screw is metal, and not insulated, and the wall outlet is grounded through the house wiring. You should have the circuit checked by a qualified electrician to make sure the outlet is properly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



Read and follow this Safety Information carefully.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

About the control on the refrigerator.



The control will look like one of the above.



Control Settings

The temperature control maintains the temperature in the refrigerator. Setting **COOL** is the warmest setting and **COLDEST** is the coldest. Initially set the control at **COLDEST** for one hour. Then turn the control to **COLD**.

Allow 24 hours for the refrigerator to reach the **COLD** temperature. If you want a colder or warmer temperature, move the dial one setting at a time. Moving the control to **OFF** stops cooling but does not turn off the power to the refrigerator.

How To Test Temperatures

Use the milk test. Place a container of milk on the top shelf and check it a day later. If the milk is too warm or too cold, adjust the temperature control.

After changing the control, allow 24 hours for the refrigerator to reach the temperature you have set.

About the inside of the refrigerator.

Shelves

To remove a shelf, lift up the back slightly and pull forward. Some models have multi-position shelves that can be moved to different levels.

Ice Tray Compartment

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

Door Shelves

Shelves on the door provide convenient storage for frequently used items.

Some models have doors that are deep enough to store large bottles.

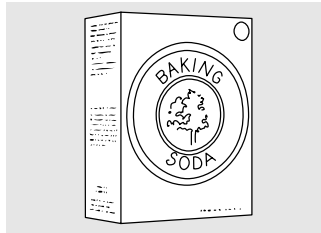
Care and cleaning of the refrigerator.

Cleaning the Outside

Keep the outside clean. Wipe with a clean cloth lightly dampened with kitchen appliance wax or mild liquid dish detergent. Dry and polish with a clean, soft cloth.

Do not wipe the refrigerator with a soiled dish cloth or wet towel. These may leave a residue that can erode 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.



Cleaning the Inside

To help prevent odors, leave an open box of baking soda in the refrigerator.

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 L) 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.

Do not wash any plastic refrigerator parts in the 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. Set the 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.

Behind the Refrigerator

Once a year, move the refrigerator out and clean behind it. Be careful when moving the 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 the refrigerator in a side direction may result in damage to the floor covering or refrigerator.

When pushing the refrigerator back, make sure you don't roll over the power cord.

Preparing for Vacation

For long vacations or absences, remove food and unplug the refrigerator. Move the control to the **OFF** position, and clean the interior with a baking soda solution of one tablespoon (15 ml) of baking soda to one quart (1 L) of water. Leave the door open.

Preparing to Move

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

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

Preparing to install the refrigerator.

Read these instructions completely and carefully.

Before plugging in the refrigerator, let it stand for about two hours. This reduces the possibility of problems with the cooling system due to moving and handling.



Refrigerator Location

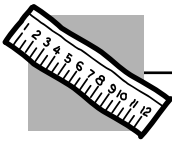
Do not install the refrigerator where the temperature will go below 50°F (10°C) because it will not run often enough to maintain proper temperatures.

Install it on a floor strong enough to support it fully loaded.

Do not install it closer than 5" (13 cm) next to a range.

Do not install it in a recessed area.

Do not build in the refrigerator.



Clearances

Allow the following clearances for ease of installation and proper air circulation.

Sides 1/2" (13 mm)

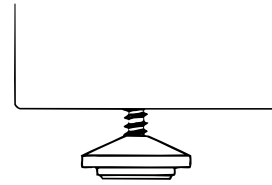
Top 2" (51 mm)

Back 2" (51 mm) from the rear cabinet surface to the wall

Leveling Legs (on some models)

Adjustable legs at the front corners of the refrigerator should be set so the refrigerator is firmly positioned on the floor and the front is raised just enough that the door closes easily when opened about halfway.

To adjust the leveling legs, turn the legs **clockwise to raise** the refrigerator, **counterclockwise to lower** it.



Turn clockwise to raise,
counterclockwise to lower.

Before you call for service...



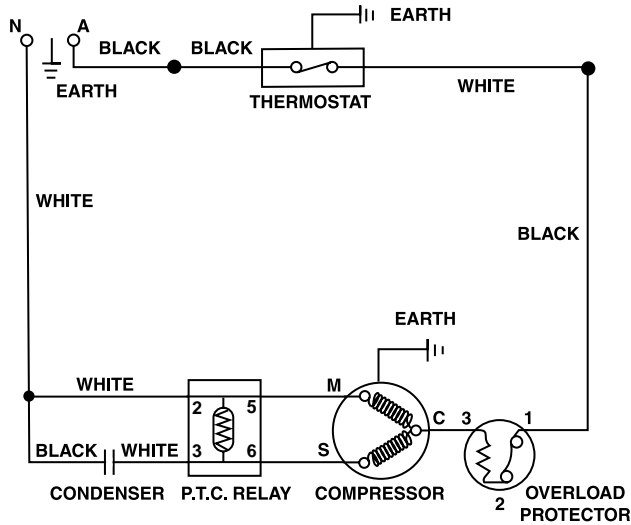
Troubleshooting Tips

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

Problem	Possible Causes	What To Do
Refrigerator does not operate	Control in OFF position.	• Move the control to a temperature setting.
	Refrigerator is unplugged.	• Push the plug completely into the outlet.
	The fuse is blown/ circuit breaker is tripped.	• Replace fuse or reset the breaker.
Vibration or rattling (slight vibration is normal)	Front leveling legs need adjusting.	• See <i>Leveling Legs</i> .
Motor operates for long periods or cycles	Normal when refrigerator is first plugged in.	• Wait 24 hours for the refrigerator to completely cool down.
	Often occurs when large amounts of food are placed in refrigerator.	• This is normal.
	Door left open.	• Check to see if package is holding door open.
	Hot weather or frequent door openings.	• This is normal.
	Temperature control set at the coldest setting.	• See <i>About the control</i> .
	Not enough clearance from the wall.	• Wipe off the condenser on the back. Make sure there is enough air circulation around the refrigerator.
Refrigerator too warm	Temperature control not set cold enough.	• See <i>About the control</i> .
	Warm weather or frequent door openings.	• Set the temperature control one step colder. See <i>About the control</i> .
	Door left open.	• Check to see if package is holding door open.
Refrigerator has odor	Foods transmitting odor to refrigerator.	• Foods with strong odors should be tightly wrapped. • Keep an open box of baking soda in the refrigerator; replace every three months.
	Interior needs cleaning.	• See <i>Care and cleaning</i> .
	Defrost water pan needs cleaning.	• See <i>Care and cleaning</i> .
Moisture forms on outside of refrigerator	Not unusual during periods of high humidity.	• Wipe surface dry.
Moisture collects inside (in humid weather, air carries moisture into refrigerator when door is opened)	Too frequent or too long door openings.	

Wiring diagram

Refrigerator Model No.:	TAX2	TAX3
Rated Voltage:	120V	120V
Rated Frequency:	60Hz	60Hz
Name of Refrigerant:	R-134a	R-134a
Mass of Refrigerant:	1.58 oz (45 g)	1.76 oz (50 g)
Rated Current:	1.0A	1.0A
Designed High Pressure:	235.1 Psig (1.6 MPa)	249.8 Psig (1.7 MPa)
Designed Low Pressure:	104.3 Psig (0.71 MPa)	104.3 Psig (0.71 MPa)



Refrigerator Warranty *(For customers in the United States)*



All warranty service provided by our Factory Service Centers, or an authorized Customer Care® technician. For service, call 800-GE-CARES.

For The Period Of: **GE Will Replace:**

One Year
From the date of the original purchase

Any part of the refrigerator which fails due to a defect in materials or workmanship. During this **limited one-year warranty**, GE will also provide, **free of charge**, all labor (does not include service trip to home) to replace the defective part.

Five Years
From the date of the original purchase

The compressor if it fails due to a defect in materials or workmanship. (Does not include service labor charges or service trips to home.)

What GE Will Not Cover:

- Service trips to your home to teach you how to use the product.
- Improper installation.
- Failure of the product if it is abused, misused, or used for other than the intended purpose or used commercially.
- Loss of food due to spoilage.
- Replacement of house fuses or resetting of circuit breakers.
- Damage to the product caused by accident, fire, floods or acts of God.
- Incidental or consequential damage to personal property caused by possible defects with this appliance.

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

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

Warrantor: General Electric Company. Louisville, KY 40225

Service Telephone Numbers.



GE Answer Center® 800.626.2000

The GE Answer Center® is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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

Expert GE repair service is only a phone call away.



Special Needs Service 800.626.2000

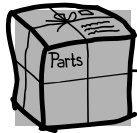
800-TDD-GEAC (800-833-4322)

GE offers, free of charge, a brochure to assist in planning a barrier-free kitchen for persons with limited mobility.



Service Contracts 800-626-2224

Purchase a GE service contract while your warranty is still in effect and you'll receive a substantial discount. GE Consumer Service will still be there after your warranty expires.



Parts and Accessories 800-626-2002

Individuals qualified to service their own appliances can have parts or accessories sent directly to their homes (VISA, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted).

Instructions contained in this manual cover procedures 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.



Service Satisfaction

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from GE:

First, contact the people who serviced your appliance.

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

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

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

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