Instruction Manual

HITACHI Refrigerator

For household use only

HITACHI Inspire the Next

Model	
R-WB40	0PY
R-WB46	0PY



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Thank you very much for purchasing of HITACHI refrigerator. Before using the refrigerator, please read the instruction manual carefully for the correct usage.

Maintenance work must only be carried out at workshop by well-trained maintenance worker.

Warning and Caution for Safety

The following warnings and cautions are categorized by the level of possible harm or damage that may occur from ignoring directions.



This pictograph indicates "There is a high possibility of serious injury or death, if ignored".

This pictograph indicates "There is a high possibility of injury or damage to property, if ignored".

The symbols are shown as below clearly showing the significance of directions.



This refrigerator uses flammable refrigerants. The symbol column below states the precautions on flammable refrigerants.



This symbol denotes the precautions on flammable refrigerants.

Warning

Rated

Voltage

When you install ... To avoid fire, electric shock, and injury.

- Do not install the refrigerator in a place
- where it may come in contact with water.
- Do not install the refrigerator in a place exposed to rain. This may impair electricity insulation and cause electric shock or fire.

Power Cord and Power Plug ... To avoid fire, electric shock.

- Do not connect the wall outlet whose power capacity is less than the refrigerator's. Also, do not use power sources that are not a rated voltage.
 - If a power source is shared with other appliances using double or multipoint adapters, the adapter may heat up beyond the normal level and cause fire.
 - Do not use a damaged or loose power plug or power outlet. This may cause fire or electric shock.
- Do not cut, bend, fold the power cord to avoid fire and electric shock.
 - Do not insert or remove the power plug with wet hands.

During daily use ... To avoid fire, electric shock.

- Do not splash water on or inside the refrigerator. This may impair electricity insulation causing electric shock or fire.
 - This may also cause gas leakage because of pipe rust
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
 - Do not hang on the doors or step up on the various compartments.
 - Injury may be caused by the refrigerator tipping over or hands getting caught in door.
- Do not damage the refrigerant circuit.
- If you happen to damage the refrigerant pipe, stay away from the refrigerator and avoid using fire and electrical appliances.
 - And, open windows to ventilate and contact retailers or HITACHI service center.





- Connect the power plug firmly to a power outlet with the cord running down.
- Connection of the power plug with the cord running up could apply stress on the cord and cause electrical short or overheat, which could result in electrical shock or fire.
- Incomplete connection of the power plug could result in electrical shock or fire due to heat.
- If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard.
- Clean the dust on the power plug frequently with dry cloth
- Unplug the power plug and wipe it with dry cloth. · An insulation failure due to moisture or when dust collects on the power plug may cause fire.
- Be sure to unplug the power plug before maintaining the refrigerator.
- Be sure to hold the power plug to unplug.
- Do not disassemble, repair, or modify the refrigerator by yourselves.
- Please consult with a retailer or HITACHI service centre if any repair is required.
- Ether, liquid propane gas, solvent, etc. which is volatile cannot be stored in this refrigerator.
- Do not store explosive substances such as aerosol cans with a flammable propellant in this appliance.
- Do not put water containers or foreign articles on the top of the refrigerator.
 - · Opening and closing doors etc. may cause the articles on the top of the refrigerator to fall down, resulting in injury
- Medicines, chemicals, research and experimental substances should not be stored in the refrigerator.
- Substances that require precise conditions for storage cannot be stored in a domestic refrigerator.



Earthing

terminal













Warning and Caution for Safety (Continuation)



When replacing lamps (LED) is required.

When lamps (LED) need to be replaced, please contact Hitachi Service Center.

Preparations before Use

Installation

- 1. Install on a rigid and level floor.
- 2. Please use this refrigerator between the room temperature of 10°C to 43°C.
 - Sufficient performance may not be obtained, if the room temperature is too low or too high.
- 3. Do not install where the refrigerator is exposed to direct sunlight or other heat sources.
- 4. Install in an atmosphere which is dry or has air ventilation.



- 6. Ground the refrigerator to prevent electric shock and noise interference. Always ground this refrigerator when using it in places with high humidity or moisture. (Please consult with retailers or HITACHI service centre.)
- 7. Adjusting the adjustable legs to keep the left/right refrigerator door level Without adjusting the legs, door height may not be level. or there may be abnormal vibration or noises depending on floor conditions. Follow the instructions below.
- (1) Turn the adjustable legs until they touch the floor firmly.

Beginning

- 1. Cleaning inside the refrigerator. Wipe the surface gently with soft cloth.
- 2. Connect the refrigerator to an exclusive wall power outlet. The refrigerator can be connected to an outlet soon after it is installed. Surely use with the rated voltage and exclusive power outlet.
- 3. The compressor will start running in approximately 30 seconds, if inside is not cold.
- 4. Allow enough duration for sufficient cooling before storing food. It may take about 4 hours to fully cool down and could even take about 24 hours when the ambient temperature is high.

Food storage

- 1. Keep enough space between food. Several food placed too close together may obstruct the flow of cold air.
- 2. Make food cool enough before putting it in the refrigerator. Putting warm food in the refrigerator raises the inside temperature and wastes electricity.
- 3. Do not block the cold air vent. This will adversely affect the cold air flow and may not keep the temperature inside even. Moreover, it could result in food near the vent freezing.
- 4. Using food wrap or sealed containers prevent the food from drying or transition of smells.



Caution

When installing,

do not press the ower plug with the Back & both sides of

fridge is hot proceed from

Rear side

Adjustable

Leg

60

More than 1 cm

- Left door has fallen

more than 5 cm

hot gas pipe inside.

More than 5 cm

t of the

- Right door has fallen

Identification Parts



Notice

- Above temperatures are the approximate values in the conditions of outside temperature 32°C, the temperature setting of the refrigerator compartment "3°C". freezer compartment "-19°C", doors being closed and without food storage.
- Door pocket temperatures may be slightly higher than above temperatures.
- The specification of your purchased model may be different from one of the above illustration.

Operation

How to use the Control Panel



If the temperature setting of each compartment is too cold, the fridge operation will change to High Power.

2.Door opening

If frequently opening the door or leaving the door open for a long time, the fridge operation will change to High Power.

3.Food storage

When storing too much food, blocking the air vent with food or storing hot food items in the fridge, operation will change to High Power.

- If you unplug the power plug or a power failure occurs and then the refrigerator restarts, the temperature display and each setting will be automatically resumed. However, "Quick Freezing" and "Quick Cooling" operation will be cancellend.
- Approximately 30 seconds after the end of operation, indicator LED become unlit.
- To confirm indicator setting, open the refrigerator door or touch any button. The indicator LED become lit again.
- Response of the touch panel may change depending on the surrounding temperature, humidity, physical condition of the user or operation status of the adjoining electric product.
- The panel may not respond if it is wet or dirty.

Temperature Control

- The initial temperature setting of the refrigerator compartment is 3°C, and the freezer compartment is -19°C.
- The temperatures displayed on the control panel, are targetted temperatures, and may not be actual. The actual temperature is subject to food and ambient conditions.



How to use Control Panel (Continuation)

Other Functions (You can do the following)



"Quick Freezing" will automatically start.

Other Functions (Continuation)

"...." "Quick Cooling"

When you want to cool food or drinks quickly, use this function.

1. Put food on the quick cooling corner.

"Quick Cooling" corner is located on the upper part of the refrigerator compartment.





to start Operation.

2. Touch "Quick Cooling" button

3. To stop this function before it is completed, press "Quick Cooling" button again.





"Quick Cooling" is more effective if food is placed near the back wall of the refrigerator compartment.

Notice

- During defrosting period, "Quick Cooling" operation will stop even when the lamp is on. After finishing its period, the operation will restart automatically.
- Please note "Quick Cooling" mode will be released after power cut off or unplug.

Door Alarm and ECO Alarm Functions

- If the door is left open for more than 1 minute, the alarm system will inform the user by the sound and digital display (LED).
 - Door Alarm: Informs by Peeppeeppeep sound.
 - Eco Alarm Display: Indicates the door opening state on the control panel.

Duration of Door Opening	Door Alarm Sound	ECO Alarm Display
After 1 minute	Peeppeeppeep	Displays OP R.
After 2 minutes	Peeppeeppeeppeeppeep	Displays OP R.
After 3 minutes	Peeps continuously.	Displays OP R.

Notice

- If the refrigerator door opens, [OPR] is displayed
- All alarm functions (Door Alarm and Eco Alarm Display) and each button operation sound can be disactivated.

To Disactivate Alarm and Sound

1. Keep pressing "Quick Freezing" button for approximately 5 seconds until the sound of "Pipi!" is heared.





To re-activate Alarm and Sound

1. Keep pressing "Quick Freezing" button for approximately 5 seconds until the sound of "Pipi!" is heared.



Notice

- Upon shipment, the alarm and sound are set "ON".
- If the Door Alarm, Eco Alarm Display and each button operation sound have been deactivated, the refrigerator will still set the alarm and sound to "OFF" even though a power failure or when unplugging and reconnecting the power plug.

Other Functions (Continuation)

Refrigerator

If you keep the refrigerator in a hot and humid place, frequently open the door or store a lot of vegetables, it may cause dew forming
which has no effect on its performance. Wipe the dew with dry cloth.

1. Selectable mode compartment



Refrigerator and Freezer Compartment



R-WB550PGS2, R-WB550PT2, R-WB550PG2, R-WB550PRS2

Swing Partition Suggestion

Swing Partition suggestion

- Do not hold the swing partition while opening or closing the right door. Otherwise, other parts may collapse.
- Whenever the door is opened, the swing partition will close automatically. While the door is closed, the swing partition will open. Please follow as usual. If the swing partition and the swing stopper hit each other, the door will not close.
- In order to prevent the dew, there is a heater installed inside to heat up the swing partition. Due to this heater, the temperature of the swing partition is hot (the swing partition is not defective though it is hot).
- This is not abnormal when you feel heavy while opening or closing the right door which is installed with the swing partition.

How to use the Ice Maker

Location of the Twist Ice Maker

Put the "Twist Ice Maker" in the upper freezer drawer on the right.



How to use the Ice Maker

While opening the door

Swing Partition

- 1. Take the "Twist Ice Maker" and pour in water up to the full line
- 2. After ice is made, turn the lever firmly by following arrow and drop the ice into the "Ice Bank".

Swing Partition closed

While closing the door

Swing Stopper

Swing Partition open



- When you wish to make ice more quickly.
- Use the "Quick Freezing" operation.
- Remove "Ice Cover"

Notice

- The ice making time will be longer in the following situations:
- When using the "Twist Ice Maker" for the first time (There are cases where 24 hours or longer is required).
- When the door is frequently opened and closed
- When a large amount of food is placed inside the refrigerator at the same time
- When there is a power outage
- During winter or when the surrounding temperature is low
- · After the ice tray has been serviced

How to install and remove parts



Gently tap the left and right of the bottom surface while pulling a pocket up to remove it When installing the pockets. push it all the way down in a smooth, controlled mann



Freezer Compartment

Pull out the Freezer compartment door, and lift up the upper freezer case and lower freezer case as shown



Vegetable Compartment

- To remove Vegetable Case, pull out the Vegetable Slide Tray, then lift the Vegetable Case upward. (Follow as arrow 1 and 2)
- To remove Vegetable Slide Tray, after removing the Vegetable Case, lift the front of the tray up slightly. (Follow as arrow 3)



Selectable Mode Compartment

To remove Selectable Mode Compartment, pull it all the way out, then lift it upward



Adjustable-height Shelves/Fixed Shelf







Cleaning

Cleaning (Clean the refrigerator once a month)

- 1. Unplug the refrigerator.
- 2. Take out all the food.

3. Wipe the refrigerator clean.

- It is highly recommended to wiping off smudges immediately. It is also recommended to clean the areas of the refrigerator which are not easily accessible, once a year.
- Use soft cloth with lukewarm water to wipe off smudges. If it is difficult to remove smudges, use diluted, ph-balanced washing liquid.
- Neatly clean the door gasket, because it gets dirty easily.
- 4. If any droplets remain on the surface of the parts, wipe them off.
- 5. Return all parts to their original locations.
- 6. Check and clean the power plug, cord and outlet.
- 7. Plug the power cord into the outlet.

Notice

• Even if the power plug is plugged in immediately after being unplugged, the compressor will not run for 10 minutes. However, if the inside is not cold, it will start running in approximately 30 seconds.

Caution

- Do not do the following, since parts and paint may be damaged.
- 1. Do not splash water to the doors and refrigerator body.
- It may cause electric shock or a fire.
- It may cause refrigerant leakage because of pipe rust.





- Do not use following: Polishing powder, soap powder, oil, boiling water, brush, acid, benzene, thinner, alcohol and alkaline detergent, etc.
 - It may damag door surface.
 - It may crack plastic parts.
- 3. If the cooking oil smears on the refrigerator, please wipe it off
- immediately. Otherwise, the plastic parts might be cracked.

Before calling for repair (before service call)

Before you call for service, please check the following items:

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The refrigerator does i	not get cold at all.	Is the refrigerator plugged in properly?	 Check the fuse box for blown fuse or tripped circuit breaker.
The refrigera not get cold		 Is the refrigerator placed in the direct sunlight? Is the temperature set to "Cold"? Is the food stored too much? Is the door slightly opened ? 	 Is the refrigerator placed near heat sources? Has anything hot been placed in the refrigerator? Is the door opened and closed too frequently?
Food in the re compartment		 Is the temperature set to "Coldest"? Do you place food with moisture or vegetables nearby the cold air vent? It will be frozen if it is placed nearby the cold air vent. 	
	Outside	When the ambient humidity is too high, the door gasket may have dew. Please wipe it up with dry cloth.	
Dew appears.	Inside	Please wipe it off with dry cloth and please check the details below. Is the door closed firmly? Is the door opened and closed too frequently or opened for a long time? 	
The inside is	smelling.	Do you store food with odor without wrapping it?	
The refrigerate	or is noisy.	Make sure the refrigerator is installed firmly. Is the refrigerator touching the wall?	

The Control Panel does not respond:

The Control Panel does not respond:	 Is "Child Lock" function activated? Is Refrigerator the compartment Door open? Operate after closing it. Is there water or dirt on the Control Panel? Are you wearing gloves or applying a plaster? Touch directly with your finger. Are you touching a next button? Touch only one button at a time
The Control Panel is unlit.	Approximately 30 seconds after the end of operation, Indicator LEDs become unlit.

This is not a malfunction of the refrigerator.

The surface of the refrigerator is hot.	 The refrigerator is equipped with the dew prevention and heat radiation tubes. The back and side plates may be heated especially when starting up or if the door is frequently opened and closed.
If a door is shut, other doors may open.	 The two compartments are connected with an air duct. When closing one of the doors, the other door may be opened by the air pressure through the duct. This is a normal phenomenon.
Does the refrigerator make any abnormal noises (sound)?	 The sound like water flowing and boiling water is the sound of the cooling liquid (refrigerant). A creaking sound comes from the storage compartment. It is the sound caused by friction of the parts due to temperature change.
Annoying sound is generated by the refrigerator.	 You may feel that the operation sound is loud because the comppressor operates in high-speed under the following conditions: the refrigerator does not cool fully on the occasion such as using it for the first time, opening/closing the door frequently, the surrounding temperature is high. The sound becomes more quiet after cooling fully. The compressor operates at low speed at night, or during long vacations or absence.
Operation sound lasts long.	 It is because the compressor operates in low-speed for conserving energy.
Operation sound sometimes becomes louder.	 It is because the system changes the operating power of the refrigerator according to the temperature change.

Service Center

• Before you request repair, please check the refrigerator well according to page number 10. If it is still abnormal, please contact the retailer of purchase or the following service center.

Service Center	TEL No.
• Hitachi Sales (Thailand) , Ltd.	• 02-335-5455

• Telephone number is subject to change without notice.

About Non-fluorocarbon refrigerator.

• This refrigerator, including refrigerant and the heat insulator, is using hydrocarbon (non-fluorocarbon). The hydrocarbon is a material that does not rip up the ozone and have very little influence on global warming. It is the global environment concern material).

• R600a refrigerant is flammable. But the refrigerant is sealed up by the refrigerant circuit, and never leaks by usual use. In case of the refrigerant circuit being damaged by any chance, please avoid using fire or electric product, open the window and ventilate. Afterwards, please contact Hitachi Service Center.

Severe warning signs for Disposal

Cyclopentane is used as in the insulation. The gases in insulation material require a special disposal procedure. Please contact your local authorities in regard to the environmentally safe disposal of this product.

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