Electrolux UPRIGHT FREEZERS TF613 & TF773



User's Handbook

Your new Electrolux freezer will store frozen food and freeze quantities of fresh food.

If you are to install it next to a matching Electrolux larder-refrigerator, a special joining kit is available to make a neat assembly. Also available is a stacking kit, used when mounting a duet larder-refrigerator on top of a TF613 freezer. Ask your supplier for further details.

For best results, it's important that you read all the contents of this book before you use your freezer.



*Lift plastic flap to open.



Illustrated opposite is model TF613. TF773 is taller and has an additional storage basket.



About your freezer

Where to install it.

The chosen position for your freezer may make it preferable to change over the hinges and door handle to reverse the door hang. To do this refer to 'Changing over the door hinges' on page 14.

For the cooling unit to work efficiently, your freezer should be located in a dry atmosphere, out of direct sunlight and away from extreme temperatures, e.g. not next to a cooker or other sources of direct heat, or in a very cold room e.g. an outhouse, where the temperature may fall below $6^{\circ}C$ (43°F).

Leave a clearance of at least 50mm (2ins) above the freezer and do not obstruct the space underneath. The back may be placed close to the wall but should not touch it. Do not install in a small pantry or other places with restricted ventilation.

Your freezer will be heavy when loaded with food and must therefore be stood on a strong firm floor. Before use, carefully adjust the level by screwing out or in the hexagon headed level adjusters in the feet — see illustration below.



Connecting to the mains.

Check that the voltage shown on the data plate conforms with your mains supply.

WARNING — THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED.

IMPORTANT

The wires in the mains lead of this appliance are coloured in accordance with the following code:-

GREEN-and-YELLOW	1:	EARTH
BLUE	:	NEUTRAL
BROWN	:	LIVE

If a 3 pin 13 amp fused plug is used, it should be fitted with a 13 amp fuse; with other plug types, the circuit should contain a 10 amp fuse.

As the colours of the wires in the mains lead may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows:-

Connect the GREEN-and-YELLOW coloured wire to the plug terminal marked letter E or earth symbol \pm or coloured green or green-and-yellow.

Connect the BROWN coloured wire to the plug terminal marked letter L or coloured red.

Connect the BLUE coloured wire to the plug terminal marked letter N or coloured black.

If at any time a replacement mains lead is required, the cross sectional area of its conductors must not be less than 0.75mm².

Setting the controls

To start the cooling system, plug into the wall socket, switch on and turn the thermostat knob to setting 4.

The freezer temperature will be affected by location, room temperature and frequency of door opening, and adjustment of the thermostat setting may be needed to allow for this.

When operating, the outside, front edges of the freezer may feel warm to the touch. This is quite normal.

We advise you to run your freezer for a day before storing frozen food.



Temperature control

With the thermostat knob set to 4, the temperature will be suitable for the long term storage of frozen foods under most conditions of use. In cold weather the knob may be turned to 3 but turn it back to 4 when the weather becomes warmer.

With the thermostat knob turned to 'O', the mains supply to the motor stays off but the red temperature confirmation light will stay on regardless of the inside temperature, and serve as a 'Mains On' indicator.

The required temperature inside the freezer is $-18^{\circ}C(0^{\circ}F)$ or below.

The fast freeze switch.

The fast freeze switch overrides the thermostat and should be used when freezing fresh foods.

Red Temperature Confirmation Light.

A few hours after starting up, this will come on to show that the correct temperature has been reached for the setting chosen and will stay on to indicate that everything is in order.

The light will go out if the power fails, a fuse blows, or if the freezer temperature rises unduly for any reason. It may go out after opening the door but, in this case, it should come on again when the temperature returns to normal.

Orange Indicator Light.

With the fast freeze switch set to 'I' (ON) the orange indicator light will come on and stay on as a reminder.

Using the freezer

Freezing Fresh Food

The symbol means that your freezer will store food at -18° C (0°F) for long term storage and will also freeze fresh food.

Storing frozen food.

Your freezer compartment has the following capacities:

Model	Nett Storage Volume		*Weight of Stored Food	
	litres	cubic ft.	kg	lb.
TF613	129	4.6	41.3	92
TF773	188	6.6	60	132

*This is a standard measurement and the actual capacity depends upon the density and sizes of food. The above figures are based on an average density of 0.32 kg per litre (20 lb per cubic foot).

Pre-packed commercially frozen food should be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for 3 star frozen food compartments and should be put into the freezer as soon as possible after purchase. Your freezer provides for long term storage which generally means up to 3 months but the length of storage time can vary and it is important to follow the recommended times shown on packets of commercially frozen food.

Storage times for home prepared fresh frozen foods are given on pages 9, 10, and 11.

If your freezer breaks down or the power fails, don't open the door and the frozen food won't be affected for up to 24 hours.

Any frozen food which is allowed to thaw accidentally should either be eaten as soon as possible or thrown away. Alternatively, if the food is uncooked and it has not been completely defrosted it can be cooked then refrozen.

Cooked food that has defrosted must never be refrozen.

General information

In any 24 hours you can freeze as much as 10 kg (22 lb) of fresh food in the TF613, or 14 kg (31 lb) in the TF773. Depending on the quantity to be frozen at any one time, the following methods can be used.

8 to 10 kg (17 to 22 lb) in the TF613, or 10 to 14 kg (22 to 31 lb) in the TF773:

Switch the fast freeze switch to 'I' (ON) 24 hours before loading the food. 24 hours after loading the food return the switch to 'O' (OFF).

4 to 8 kg (9 to 17 lb) in the TF613, or 4 to 10 kg (9 to 22 lb) in the TF773:

Switch the fast freeze switch to 'I' (ON) and load the fresh food immediately. 24 hours later return the switch to 'O' (OFF).

Up to 4 kg (9 lb) in either model:

Load the fresh food and leave for 24 hours.

Existing frozen foods should be re-arranged to leave space on the top shelf (or top two shelves in the TF773) for freezing. The packets to be frozen should be placed on the shelf in contact with the refrigerated surface as far as possible and spaced apart to allow the cold air to circulate between them. They should not touch existing packets.

If there is room, transfer the food you have frozen to another shelf or basket to allow you to freeze a further load on the top shelf. No harm will result if you forget to turn off the fast freeze switch after 24 hours, but, for reasons of economy, try to remember to turn it off when freezing is complete, — the orange light should remind you of this.

During the freezing process, ensure that the door remains closed.

Exceptionally large items can be stored by removing the upper basket.

For safety reasons, the freezer baskets are fitted with stops but can be readily removed by pulling forward to the stop, then lifting the front and pulling all the way out. Re-fit by reversing this procedure.

Practical Hints

Different foods need different methods of preparation and some will keep longer than others.

Of course, you can freeze practically anything, but don't waste space in your cabinet by storing foods which are readily available throughout the year.

Fruit is ideal — especially the softer varieties. But avoid pears because they lose their texture and discolour, and bananas, which will turn black.

Vegetables and herbs too are ideal, but salad vegetables and marrows are unsuitable because they contain too much water. Celery loses its crispness, so should be cooked first, and tomatoes are best frozen as purée. Onions should be chopped fine and frozen in small quantities.

All poultry, meat and fish freeze well, as do baked goods, though for shorter periods.

As for prepared foods, these too can be frozen with confidence, but there are a few points to bear in mind.

Semi-liquid foods have a tendency to thicken, so should be made up a little slacker than normal. Highly spiced and aromatic dishes should be wrapped really thoroughly, so the flavour doesn't spread to your other frozen foods. Always cool them quickly and then freeze immediately.

General Preparation

For freezing purposes always choose the finest quality fresh foods.

Fruit & Vegetables

Fruit and vegetables should preferably be frozen immediately after harvesting or at least kept in a refrigerator for no longer than twenty-four hours. For perfect results fruit should be *just* ripe, and if any shows signs of being damaged it should be discarded. Most vegetables and some fruit need to be blanched before freezing to retard enzyme reaction. Timings for individual types are given in the detailed tables that appear later in this booklet. **Meat**

Freeze joints in handy-sizes after removing waste such as bones, fat and so forth. Game must be hung for the desired period and cleaned *before* being frozen.

Fish

Should preferably be frozen within twenty-four hours of being caught. Any superfluous scale should be removed along with the fins, then the fish gutted and washed clean in cold salted water before being frozen.

Poultry

Gut, singe and wash birds thoroughly. Tie legs and wings to the body before placing in the freezer, or cut into joints for packing separately — giblets should always be packed separately where possible.

Dairy Products & Baked Items

See individual details in tables which appear later in this booklet.

Prepared Foods

These freeze well, but remember that seasonings will become intensified during frozen storage, so be very sparing and add whatever you like when ready for eating. Salt actually shortens the storage time for all types of frozen foods, so add only a little during preparation.

Packaging

Proper packing is one of the most important points about food freezing, if the true quality is to be preserved.

All food should be carefully wrapped in airtight moistureproof materials. It should be completely covered and as much air as possible shut out to prevent 'freezer-burn' — those blemishes which appear on thawing.

The majority of materials you are likely to require will be readily obtainable from your own home freezer supplier, the larger stationery shops and department stores. Most useful are heavy gauge polythene bags or sheeting and plastic containers with tight-fitting lids — also the thicker kinds of aluminium foil.

As far as possible try to pack food in even shapes and sizes to maximise the space available in your freezer cabinet and facilitate removal when required at a later date.

Labelling

The self-adhesive type of label is probably the most useful as it can be used on every kind of surface. Each label should show clearly what kind of food is in the package, its approximate weight or likely number of servings, the date of initial storage and any comments relevant to ultimate use.

In addition, keep a little notebook handy to enable you to rotate your stocks and check your family's requirements on a daily basis for future reference, so you can plan your household budget accordingly.

Freezing Foodstuffs — Individual Characteristics

	Max. Storage Period	Method	Remarks
MEAT joints	**************************************		
Beef	10–12 months	Cut to handy size. Wrap thoroughly	
Pork	6-9 months	Cut to handy size. Wrap thoroughly	
Lamb	9-12 months	Cut to handy size. Wrap thoroughly	
Offcut Steak	10-12 months	Separate with cellophane layers	
Chops	see Pork or Lamb above	Separate with cellophane layers	Wrap carefully to protect against puncturing by sharp bones
Veal Fillets	6–9 months	Separate with cellophane layers	
Bacon, cured smoked	6 weeks 1 month	Separate with cellophane layers	Pack in handy meal portions
Sausages	6 weeks	Wrap tightly	Pack in handy meal portions
Minced meat	2 months	Wrap tightly	Pack in handy meal portions
Offal and tripe	3 months	Clean thoroughly. Pack in small portions	Make sure it is really fresh
POULTRY Chicken	9–12 months	Clean in usual way, joint if necessary	Wrap giblets separately — do not stuff till ready
Turkey	9–12 months	Clean in usual way, joint if necessary	
Duck, Goose	6 months	Clean in usual way, joint if necessary	
Giblets	3 months		Wrap separately from bird
GAME			
All types	6 months	Hang before freezing, prepare as for poultry	Cook immediately after thawing
FISH All types	3–6 months	Clean, discard head and tail, wrap separately	Must be fresh
Trout	4 months	Clean, discard head and tail, wrap separately	Must be fresh
Salmon	4 months	Clean, stuff with greaseproof paper for shape retention, or cut into steaks	Must be fresh
VEGETABLES Mushrooms	12 months	Wash, dry thoroughly. Freeze loose (or sauted in a little butter till partially cooked, then freeze)	Pack viable quantities in boxes

	Max. Storage Period	Method	Remarks
Potatoes	10 – 12 months	New potatoes and chips can be frozen raw. Otherwise cook partially in one of usual forms, cool then freeze	
Beans	12 months	Peel or pod, and wash	Blanch for 2 mins., cool for same time in iced water then freeze
Carrots	12 months	Use small ones. Prepare	Blanch for 5 mins.
Cauliflower	12 months	Break up into florets	Blanch for 3 mins.
Spinach	12 months	Wash thoroughly. Remove thicker veins	Blanch a few leaves at a time, for 2 mins.
Sprouts	12 months	Use only small ones. Remove outer leaves	Blanch for 3 mins.
Root crops	12 months	The younger the better. Peel and slice or freeze whole	Blanch for 3 mins.
FRUIT Apples	9–12 months	Freeze either of two ways: As purée-stew with little water, beat to smooth pulp, sweeten to taste, cool. OR Sliced-blanch for two minutes, drain and cool. Pack tightly in layers with a little dry sugar sprinkled between, if so desired; or soak in slightly salted water for ten minutes, dry and freeze	Freeze in small quantities. Pack in plastic containers, leaving ½" headroom ditto
Apricots	10–12 months	Preferably remove stones, but leave skins on. Pack in syrup $\frac{1}{2} - 1$ lb. sugar to 1 pint of water, making sure fruit is covered	Pack in plastic containers, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ " – 1" headroom
Cherries	12 months	ditto	ditto
Damsons	12 months	ditto	ditto
Plums	9 months	ditto	ditto
Gooseberries	12 months	ditto	ditto
Blackberries	12 months	Either pack in syrup as above, or coat with caster sugar and pack in plastic containers. Also may be frozen loose: spread on trays allowed to freeze over- night and then packed in containers	ditto
Currants	12 months	ditto	ditto
Raspberries	12 months	ditto	ditto
Strawberries	12 months	ditto	ditto

	Max. Storage Period	Method	Remarks
Peaches	10 months	Cover with boiling water for 1 minute, then cool by dipping into cold and peel carefully. Cut into halves, removing stone. Use syrup method of packing and freezing	Keep fruit submerged in syrup; place crumpled greaseproof paper on top, so there is no room between the surface of the liquid and the lid
DAIRY			
Egg Whites	10 months	Eggs must always be separated. Place whites in small containers just a few at a time	Eggs frozen in their shells will crack
Egg Yolks	10 months	As for whites, but to prevent coagulation mix with ½ tsp. salt or 1 tsp. caster sugar to every two yolks	Use for savoury or sweet dishes accordingly
Butter	6 months (unsalted) 3 months (salted)	Wrap bought butter in foil and freeze	
Cream Whipping and Double only	4 months	Must first be beaten lightly before freezing	Allow slight room for expansion in the container
Cheese	8 months (soft) 3 months (hard)	Wrap all varieties tightly in foil	Hard cheese stores much better when grated
BAKED ITEMS Wr Bread (Freshly baked)	rap in foil or polythe 1 – 2 months	ne bags	
Cakes, plain	6 months	Just wrap and freeze	
Cakes, iced	3 months	Freeze without wrapping, then wrap and store in polythene	
PREPARED FOODS			
Stews	2 months	May be frozen quite satisfactorily in a polythene bag	
Sauces	4 months	Freeze in quantities of ½ pint. A little extra liquid may be required, when you come to use it	Egg based sauces are unsuitable
Full courses	3 months	Assemble individual helpings on specially constructed aluminium trays, then cover with foil. To re-heat leave the cover on and put in the oven for about 45 minutes at 400°F (200°C)	Cover slices of meat with gravy to prevent drying out

Thawing Food



Thawing Food Fruit

Keep container closed and allow to thaw at room temperature for about five hours.

Vegetables

No thawing needed — place in salted boiling water, cover and time cooking from moment of return to boil. It only takes a few minutes. Can also be put in the oven with a knob of butter. Chips and courgettes can go into hot fat.

Meat, Poultry etc.

Small jointed items don't require thawing before cooking, but always choose a moderate temperature and allow for a longer cooking time than normal so the meat cooks right through.

However, large items, such as a whole chicken must be thawed first; allow two to three hours per pound at room temperature, then proceed as usual.

Dairy Products

Allow eggs to thaw in closed containers and use immediately. Butter and cream will thaw in one to two hours at room temperature.

Baked Items

Bread takes about two hours to thaw or loaves may be heated in the oven. Cakes can be sliced in their frozen state to retain shape and speed the thawing process.

Prepared Foods

Heat gently in closed containers in the oven.

Commercial Packs

Simply follow the printed instructions.

Important points to remember

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adjust the level of your freezer before loading it with food, — see page 4.

keep a simple record of what you are storing, and remember to rotate stocks, — date markings will help with this.

disconnect from the wall socket and leave the door ajar when the freezer is not in use.

DON'T . . .

put hot food in the freezer.

put bottles or cans of fizzy drinks in the freezer.

give children iced Iollies straight from the freezer, — they could cause frost burns.

use a sharp instrument to hasten defrosting.

attempt to freeze more than the maximum stated quantity of food in any 24 hours.

Looking after your freezer

How to defrost

Frost accumulates on the refrigerated shelves during normal working and should occasionally be removed using a stiff bristle brush or a plastic scraper.

Heavy frosting (about 1⁄4" thick) will reduce the freezer's efficiency and therefore complete defrosting should then be carried out, probably at 6 month intervals, depending on usage. Preferably you should do this when there is little or no food in the freezer in the following manner:

1. Any remaining frozen food should be placed in another freezer, or placed in cardboard boxes and wrapped in blankets, or layers of paper. Put in a cool place.

2. Switch off at the wall socket and remove the plug.

3. Fold out the defrost flip spout, put a suitable container under it to collect the defrost water, and leave the door open.

4. Defrosting can be speeded up by putting bowls of hot (not boiling) water on the shelves and loosening the frost with a stiff bristle brush or a plastic scraper.



5. After defrosting, clean and dry the interior as explained under "Cleaning" and fold back the defrost flip spout.

6. Replace the plug, switch on, replace any frozen food, and close the door.

REMEMBER, if the temperature of frozen food is allowed to rise during defrosting, its storage life may be shortened.

Cleaning

The most suitable time to clean your freezer is after defrosting. Remember to first switch off and pull out the plug.

The interior and all fittings should be thoroughly cleaned with a clean cloth wrung out in a solution of one teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda in each pint of water.

Never use detergents, abrasive powders, highly perfumed cleaning materials or wax polishes to clean the interior as these will damage the surfaces or leave a strong smell.

The outside should be occasionally dusted or wiped over with a damp cloth and a small amount of detergent. But not the door seal, which should be cleaned only with soap and water and thoroughly dried.

A small amount of wax polish applied every few months will maintain the gloss finish of the outside.

The motor compressor and condenser at the rear should also be cleaned of dust occasionally using a brush, but make sure the freezer is unplugged when you do this.

Going on holiday

Don't switch off at the mains if you intend to leave food in the freezer.

If you are leaving the freezer empty, switch off at the wall socket, defrost, clean and dry, **and leave the door open.**

Changing over the door hinges

1. If your freezer is already in use, disconnect it from the electricity supply. Remove loose items and temporarily store frozen food in boxes wrapped in blankets or other suitable insulating material.



2. Gently lay the freezer on its back with the top held away from the floor by at least 12 inches, (use a stool or something similar). Remove level adjuster (4) (fig.1) from the small front foot. Remove both front feet by taking out the screw and washer (5) (fig. 1) from the centre of the small foot, and both screws and washers (3) from the large foot. (This foot and the hinge blade will come away as a complete assembly.)

3. Carefully disengage the door from the upper hinge pin (6) (fig. 2).

4. Unscrew the upper hinge pin (6) and transfer it to the opposite side.

5. Refit the door engaging the top of the door with the upper hinge pin in its new position.

6. The lower hinge pin (1), which may have come away with the hinge blade/foot assembly or remained in the door, should be re-positioned into the plastic bush at the bottom of the door on the side opposite, (round end in the door).

7. Taking care not to press down on the door, refit the lower hinge blade/foot assembly on the opposite side with

Something not working

the screws and locking washers (3). Take care to ensure that the shaped end of the hinge pin enters and locates properly in the appropriate hole in the hinge blade.

8. Refit the small foot, its screw entering the hole furthest from the cabinet front. Replace the level adjuster (4).

9. Stand the appliance upright.



10. Using a pocket knife blade or similar instrument, carefully prise out the plastic plugs from the alternative handle position on the opposite side of the door. (Protect the paintwork from damage with masking tape or other suitable material between the blade and painted surface).

11. Transfer the handle to its new position and push the plastic plugs into the vacated screw holes.

12. With the appliance standing on a level surface, check that the door opens and closes properly and seals all round. If adjustment to the door is necessary, this can be done by loosening the screw (2) securing the hinge blade to the foot and adjusting the hinge blade and door in or out, a little at a time, to tighten or loosen the fit. Re-tighten the screw each time an adjustment has been made before again checking for satisfactory door closure. Finally, carefully level the freezer by means of the level adjusters (4) in the feet, — see page 4.

Before you call for a Service Engineer, carry out these simple checks:

Is there a power failure? Check your house lights. If there is, keep the freezer door closed until the power is restored.

Is the plug firmly connected to the wall socket and the socket switched on? Check the power supply by plugging in another appliance.

Is the fuse in the plug intact and are the wires in the mains lead correctly connected to the plug? (See "Connecting to the Mains", on page 4).

Have you turned the thermostat to the correct setting?

Has the door been left open causing the temperature to rise?

Sometimes the freezer door will be difficult to open shortly after you have closed it. Don't worry; this is due to a pressure difference which will quickly equalise and allow the door to open normally.

If after checking these points, your freezer still won't work, call your nearest Electrolux Service Shop or Office without delay. It is listed overleaf.

When calling, tell us your name, address with postcode, telephone number and what appears to be wrong. Also the Model number of your freezer and when and where you purchased it.

For future reference we suggest you record these details here, and keep the receipt with the handbook as proof of purchase.

Purchased from _

Date Purchased.

Model Number ______ (see data label inside freezer)

Electrolux Service Organisation



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This guarantee is conditional upon the appliance being correctly installed and used in accordance with the Company's instructions under normal domestic conditions within the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland. It may however be invalidated by unauthorised repair or modification of the appliance.

The Company does not accept liability for defects arising from neglect, misuse, or accident.

Customers are asked to assist the Company to carry out its undertaking under the guarantee by filling in the details on the enclosed registration card and returning it within 14 days. This will provide valuable statistical information.

Proof of the date of purchase will be required before free service is provided. Addresses or telephone numbers for service requests are listed on page 16.

We must point out that this guarantee does not cover liability for loss of food or other contents, but would draw your attention to the insurance facilities described on the separate leaflet.

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These appliances conform with the requirements of EEC Directive No. 76/889 relating to radio interference.



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