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# All about the

# Use & Care

# of your Freezer

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# **PRODUCT REGISTRATION**

# Read and Save These Instructions

This Use & Care Guide provides specific operating instructions for your model. Use your appliance only as instructed in this guide. These instructions are not meant to cover every possible condition and situation that may occur. Common sense and caution must be practiced when installing, operating, and maintaining any appliance.

#### **Record Your Model and** Serial Numbers

Record the model and serial numbers in the space provided below.

#### Model Number:

Serial Number:

#### **Purchase Date:**

#### **Register Your** Product

The self-addressed PRODUCT **REGISTRATION CARD** 



should be filled in completely.

signed and returned to the address provided.



Please read all instructions before using this unit.

# Definitions

This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.



DANGER

DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



# WARNING

WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



# CAUTION

CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

# **IMPORTANT**

IMPORTANT indicates installation, operation or maintenance information which is important but not hazard-related.

# WARNING

#### For Your Safety

- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this unit or any other appliance. Read product labels for flammability and other warnings.
- · Do not operate the unit in the presence of explosive fumes.
- Remove and discard any spacers used to secure the internal features during shipping. Small objects are a choke hazard to children.
- Remove all staples from the carton. Staples can cause severe cuts, and also destroy finishes if they come in contact with other appliances or furniture.

# WARNING

#### Child Safety

- Destroy carton, plastic bags, and any exterior wrapping material immediately after the unit is unpacked. Children should never use these items for play. Cartons covered with rugs, bedspreads, plastic sheets or stretch wrap may become airtight chambers and can quickly cause suffocation.
- An empty, discarded appliance is a very dangerous attraction to children.
- Remove the door(s) of any appliance that is not in use, even if it is being discarded.

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# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

## WARNING

#### **Proper Disposal of Your Appliance**

#### **Risk of child entrapment**

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

We strongly encourage responsible appliance recycling/disposal methods. Check with your utility company or visit

www. recyclemyoldfridge.com for more information on recycling your old appliance.

# Before you throw away your old appliance:

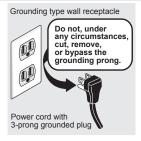
- Remove lid.
- Have the refrigerant removed by a qualified service technician.





#### WARNING

Avoid fire hazard or electric shock. Do not use an extension cord or an adapter plug. Do not remove any prong from power cord.



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#### **Electrical Information**

These guidelines must be followed to ensure that safety mechanisms in the design of this freezer will operate properly.

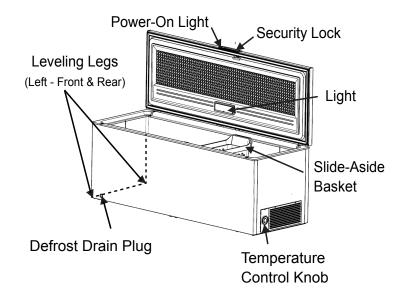
- Refer to the serial plate for correct electrical rating. The power cord of the freezer is equipped with a three-prong grounding plug for your protection against electrical shock hazards. It must be plugged directly into a properly grounded three-prong receptacle, protected with a 15-amp time delay fuse or circuit breaker. The receptacle must be installed in accordance with the local codes and ordinances. Consult a qualified electrician. Receptacles protected by Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) are NOT RECOMMENDED. Do not use an extension cord or ungrounded (two prong) adapter.
- If the power cord is damaged, it should be replaced by an authorized service technician to prevent any risk.
- Never unplug the freezer by pulling on the power cord. Always grip the plug firmly, and pull straight out from the receptacle to prevent damaging the power cord.
- Unplug the freezer before cleaning and before defrosting to avoid electrical shock.
- If voltage varies by 10% or more, freezer performance may be affected. Operating the unit with insufficient power can damage the motor. Such damage is not covered under the warranty. If you suspect your household voltage is high or low, consult your power company for testing.
- To prevent the freezer from being turned off accidentally, do not plug unit into an outlet controlled by a wall switch or pull cord.
- Do not pinch, knot, or bend power cord in any manner.

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#### **Other Precautions**

- To defrost freezer, always unplug unit first.
- Never unplug the unit by pulling on the power cord. Always grip the plug firmly and pull straight out from the receptacle.
- Turning the temperature control to OFF turns off the compressor, but does not disconnect power to other electrical components.

# FEATURE DIAGRAM



# **OPTIONAL FEATURES**

#### **Slide-Aside Basket**

This basket helps organize odd-shaped items. To reach other packages in the freezer, slide the basket aside or lift out.

#### **Defrost Drain**

The defrost drain provides a method of draining the water during defrosting and cleaning. See "Defrosting" in **Care and Cleaning** section.

#### **LED Lighting**

The freezer features maintenance-free LED lighting. To replace, contact an authorized service technician.

#### **Power On Light**

The green Power On light indicates that the freezer is properly connected to electrical power. The light glows even when the temperature control is turned to OFF. If the light goes out, refer to "**LIGHT IS NOT ON**" in the **BEFORE YOU CALL** section of this Use & Care Guide.

#### Security Lock with Pop-Out Key

The Security Lock feature fastens the lid snugly, ensuring the stored food is secure. To lock or unlock the freezer, push the key into the lock and turn. The key pops out of the lock after it has been turned.

#### **Casters** (select models)

Some models may have casters that can be installed to allow ease of moving the freezer for cleaning or relocating. Instructions are included with the caster kit option.

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This Use & Care Guide provides general operating instructions for your model. Use the unit only as instructed in this Use & Care Guide. **Before starting the unit, follow these important first steps.** 

#### Location

Choose a location with a grounded electrical outlet – avoid using any Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets.

**Do not** use an extension cord or ungrounded (two prong) adapter. At the rear of the freezer, pull power cord straight out of the protective shipping enclosure and unwind enough of the power cord to plug into the electrical outlet.

For the most efficient operation, the freezer should be located where surrounding temperatures will not exceed 110°F (43°C). Temperatures of 32°F (0°C) and below will NOT affect operation. Additional compressor heaters are not recommended.

Allow space around the unit for good air circulation. Leave a 3 inch (75 mm) space on all sides of the unit for adequate circulation.

## **V** NOTE

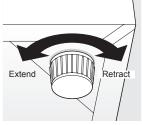
The exterior walls of the freezer may become quite warm as the compressor works to transfer heat from the inside. Temperatures as high as  $30^{\circ}$ F warmer than room temperature can be expected. For this reason it is particularly important in hotter climates to allow enough space for air circulation around your unit.

#### Leveling

#### **\$** NOTE

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** for your freezer to be level in order to function properly. If the unit is not leveled during installation, the lid may be misaligned and not close or seal properly, causing cooling, frost, or moisture problems.

Use the leveling legs (located on the left side, front and rear) to ensure that all 4 corners of the freezer are resting firmly on a solid floor. Turn the leveling legs clockwise to retract the legs and counterclockwise to extend the legs. Ensure the floor is strong enough to support a fully loaded freezer.



#### Cleaning

- Wash any removable parts of the freezer interior and exterior with mild detergent and warm water. Wipe dry. DO NOT USE HARSH CLEANERS ON THESE SURFACES.
- Do not use razor blades or other sharp instruments which can scratch the freezer surface when removing adhesive labels. Any glue left from the tape can be removed with a mixture of warm water and mild detergent or the residue can be touched with the sticky side of tape already removed. DO NOT REMOVE THE SERIAL PLATE.

## **ENERGY-SAVING TIPS**



 The freezer should be located in the coolest area of the room, away from heat producing appliances or heating ducts, and out of direct sunlight.

Let hot foods cool to

room temperature before placing in the unit. Overloading the freezer forces the compressor to run longer. Foods that freeze too slowly may lose quality or spoil.

- Be sure to wrap foods properly and wipe containers dry before placing them in the unit. This cuts down on frost build-up inside the freezer.
- Organize and label food to reduce lid openings and extended searches. Remove as many items as needed at one time, and close lid as soon as possible.

# SETTING THE TEMPERATURE CONTROL

# **CARE & CLEANING**

#### **Cool Down Period**

- For safe food storage, allow 4 hours for the freezer to cool down completely. The unit will run continuously for the first several hours. Foods that are already frozen may be placed in the unit after the first few hours of operation. Unfrozen foods should **NOT** be loaded into the freezer until the unit has operated for 4 hours.
- When loading the unit, freeze only 3 pounds of fresh food per cubic foot of freezer space at one time. Distribute packages to be frozen evenly throughout the freezer. It is not necessary to turn temperature control knob to a colder setting while freezing food.

#### **Temperature Control**

The temperature control is located on the right outside wall. The temperature is factory preset to provide satisfactory food storage temperatures. The temperature control is adjustable to provide a range of temperatures for your personal satisfaction. If a colder temperature is desired, turn the temperature control knob toward COLDEST and allow 24 hours for temperatures to stabilize between adjustments.



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Damp objects stick to cold metal surfaces. Do not touch interior metal surfaces with wet or damp hands.

#### **Between Defrostings**

To avoid frequent defrosting, occasionally use a plastic scraper to remove frost. Scrape with a pulling motion. Never use a metal instrument to remove frost.



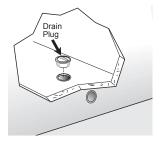
# CAUTION

Freezer must be unplugged (to avoid electrical hazard) from power source when cleaning or defrosting unit.

#### Defrosting

It is important to defrost and clean the freezer when ¼ to ½ inch of frost has accumulated. Frost may tend to accumulate faster on the upper part of the unit due to warm, moist air entering the freezer when the door is opened. Remove food and leave the lid open when defrosting the unit.

If the frost is soft, remove it by using a plastic scraper. If the frost is glazed and hard, unscrew drain plug on floor of freezer, and unscrew outside drain plug located on the lower left front of the freezer. Place a shallow pan beneath the drain outlet to collect water. Check pan occasionally so water does not overflow. Replace the drain plugs once defrosting is completed.



#### **Cleaning the Inside**

After defrosting, wash inside surfaces of the freezer with a solution of 2 tablespoons (25 grams) of baking soda in 1 quart (1.136 litres) warm water. Rinse and dry. Wring excess water out of the sponge or cloth when cleaning in the area of the controls, or any electrical parts.

Wash the removable parts with the baking soda solution mentioned above, or mild detergent and warm water. Rinse and dry. **Never** use metallic scouring pads, brushes, abrasive cleaners, or alkaline solutions on any surface. Do not wash removable parts in a dishwasher.

#### **Cleaning the Outside**

Wash the cabinet with warm water and mild liquid detergent. Rinse well and wipe dry with a clean soft cloth. Replace parts and food.

#### Vacation and Moving Tips

**Short Vacations:** Leave the unit operating during vacations of less than three weeks.



If leaving freezer lid open while on vacation, make certain that children cannot get into the unit and become entrapped.

**Long Vacations:** If the freezer will not be used for several months, remove all food and unplug the power cord. Clean and dry the interior thoroughly. To prevent odor and mold growth, leave the lid open slightly, blocking it open if necessary.

**Moving:** Disconnect the power cord plug from the wall outlet. Remove food, defrost, and then clean the unit. Secure all loose items, such as baskets, by taping them securely in place to prevent damage. In the moving vehicle, secure the freezer in an upright position, and secure to prevent movement. Also protect outside of the unit with a blanket, or similar item.

#### **\$** NOTE

Do not open freezer lid unnecessarily if unit is off for several hours.

**If a power failure occurs,** frozen foods will stay frozen for at least 24 hours if the freezer is kept closed. If the power failure continues, pack 7 or 8 pounds of dry ice into the appliance every 24 hours. Look in the Yellow Pages under "Dry Ice," "Dairies," or "Ice Cream Manufacturers" for local dry ice suppliers. Always wear gloves and use caution when handling dry ice.

If the freezer has stopped operating, see Freezer Does Not Run in the BEFORE YOU CALL section of this Use & Care Guide. If you cannot solve the problem, call an authorized servicer immediately.

# **BEFORE YOU CALL**

1-800-944-9044 (United States) 1-800-265-8352 (Canada)

#### Visit our web site at www.frigidaire.com.

Before calling for service, review this list. It may save you time and expense. This list includes common occurrences that are not the result of defective workmanship or materials in this appliance. PROBLEM CAUSE CORRECTION FREEZER OPERATION Freezer does not run. Freezer is plugged into • Use another circuit. If you are unsure about the outlet, have it checked by a a circuit that has a ground fault interrupt. qualified electrician. Temperature Control is See Setting the Temperature in the OFF position. Control section. Freezer may not be Ensure plug is tightly pushed into outlet. plugged in or plug may be loose. House fuse blown or • Check/replace fuse with a 15-amp time tripped circuit breaker. delay fuse. Reset circuit breaker. Power outage. Check house lights. Call a gualified electrician. Freezer runs too Room or outside It's normal for the freezer to work longer weather is hot. under these conditions. much or too long. Freezer has recently It takes 4 hours for the freezer to cool been disconnected for down completely. a period of time. Large amounts of warm • Warm food will cause freezer to run more or hot food have been until the desired temperature is reached. stored recently. Lid is opened too fre- Warm air entering the freezer causes it quently or too long. to run more. Open door less often. Ensure door is tightly closed. Lid may be slightly open. Temperature control is • Turn temperature control knob to a set too cold. warmer setting. Allow several hours for the temperature to stabilize. Gasket is dirty, worn, cracked, or Clean or change gasket. Leaks in door seal will cause freezer to run longer in poorly fitted. order to maintain desired temperatures. FREEZER TEMPERATURES The temperature is set Interior tempera- Turn temperature control knob to a warmer setting. Allow several hours for ture is too cold. too cold. the temperature to stabilize. Temperature Control is • Turn temperature control knob to a colder Interior temperasetting. Allow several hours for the ture is too warm. set too warm. temperature to stabilize. • Lid is kept open too Warm air enters the freezer every time the lid is opened. Open the lid less often. long or is opened too frequently. See "I ID PROBLEMS" section. Lid may not be seating properly. Large amounts of warm Wait until the freezer has had a chance or hot food may have to reach its selected temperature. been stored recently. • Freezer requires 4 hours to cool Freezer has recently been disconnected for down completely.

a period of time.

# **BEFORE YOU CALL**

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION	
External tempera- ture is warm	• The external freezer walls can be as much as 30°F warmer than room temperature.	• This is normal while the compressor works to transfer heat from inside the freezer cabinet.	
SOUND AND NOISE			
Louder sound levels when freezer is on.	Modern freezers have increased storage capacity and more stable temperatures. They require a high efficiency compressor.	• This is normal. When the surrounding noise is low, you might hear the compressor running while it cools the interior.	
Longer sound levels when compressor comes on.	• Freezer operates at higher pressures during the start of the ON cycle.	• This is normal. Sound will level off or disappear as the freezer continues to run.	
Popping or cracking sound when com- pressor comes on.	Metal parts undergo expansion and contraction, as in hot water pipes.	• This is normal. Sound will level off or disappear as the freezer continues to run.	
Bubbling or gurgling sound, like water boiling.	• Refrigerant (used to cool the freezer) is circulating throughout the system.	• This is normal.	
Vibrating or rattling noise.	<ul> <li>Freezer is not level. It rocks on the floor when it is moved slightly.</li> </ul>	• Level the unit. Refer to "Leveling" in the <b>INSTALLATION</b> section.	
	<ul> <li>Floor is uneven or weak. Freezer rocks on floor when it is moved slightly.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ensure floor can adequately support the freezer. Use leveling legs to level the freezer.</li> </ul>	
	• Freezer is touching the wall.	Re-level or move the freezer slightly. Refer to     "Leveling" in the INSTALLATION section.	
WATER/MOISTURE/FROST INSIDE FREEZER			
Moisture forms on inside walls.	<ul> <li>Weather is hot and humid.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The rate of frost buildup and internal sweating increases. This is normal.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Lid may not be seating properly.</li> </ul>	• See "LID PROBLEMS".	
	• Lid is opened too often or too long.	• Open lid less often.	
ODOR IN FREEZER			
Odor in freezer.	• Interior needs to be cleaned.	<ul> <li>Clean interior with sponge, warm water, and baking soda.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Foods with strong odors are in the freezer.</li> </ul>	• Cover the food tightly.	

# **BEFORE YOU CALL**

PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
LID PROBLEMS		
Lid will not close.	• Freezer is not level. It rocks on the floor when it is moved slightly.	• This condition can force the cabinet out of square and misalign the lid. Refer to "Leveling" in the <b>INSTALLATION</b> section.
	<ul> <li>Floor is uneven or weak. Freezer rocks on floor when it is moved slightly.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Level the freezer by using leveling legs or brace floor supporting the freezer.</li> </ul>
LIGHT IS NOT ON		
Power Available	• LED may be burned out.	Contact a qualified service technician.
Light is not on.	• No electric current is reaching the freezer.	• See "Freezer does not run" in the <b>FREEZER OPERATION</b> section.
Freezer light not on.	• LED may be burned out.	Contact a qualified service technician.
	• No electric current is reaching the freezer.	• See "Freezer does not run" in the FREEZER OPERATION section.

# MAJOR APPLIANCE WARRANTY

Your appliance is covered by a one year limited warranty. For one year from your original date of purchase, Electrolux will pay all costs for repairing or replacing any parts of this appliance that prove to be defective in materials or workmanship when such appliance is installed, used and maintained in accordance with the provided instructions.

#### Exclusions

#### This warranty does not cover the following:

- 1. Products with original serial numbers that have been removed, altered or cannot be readily determined.
- 2. Product that has been transferred from its original owner to another party or removed outside the USA or Canada.
- 3. Rust on the interior or exterior of the unit.
- 4. Products purchased "as-is" are not covered by this warranty.
- 5. Food loss due to any refrigerator or freezer failures.
- 6. Products used in a commercial setting.
- Service calls which do not involve malfunction or defects in materials or workmanship, or for appliances not in ordinary household use or used other than in accordance with the provided instructions.
- 8. Service calls to correct the installation of your appliance or to instruct you how to use your appliance.
- 9. Expenses for making the appliance accessible for servicing, such as removal of trim, cupboards, shelves, etc., which are not a part of the appliance when it is shipped from the factory.
- 10. Service calls to repair or replace appliance light bulbs, air filters, water filters, other consumables, or knobs, handles, or other cosmetic parts.
- 11. Surcharges including, but not limited to, any after hour, weekend, or holiday service calls, tolls, ferry trip charges, or mileage expense for service calls to remote areas, including the state of Alaska.
- 12. Damages to the finish of appliance or home incurred during installation, including but not limited to floors, cabinets, walls, etc.
- 13. Damages caused by: services performed by unauthorized service companies; use of parts other than genuine Electrolux parts or parts obtained from persons other than authorized service companies; or external causes such as abuse, misuse, inadequate power supply, accidents, fires, or acts of God.

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#### If You Need Service

Keep your receipt, delivery slip, or some other appropriate payment record to establish the warranty period should service be required. If service is performed, it is in your best interest to obtain and keep all receipts. Service under this warranty must be obtained by contacting Electrolux at the addresses or phone numbers below.

This warranty only applies in the USA and Canada. In the USA, your appliance is warranted by Electrolux Major Appliances North America, a division of Electrolux Home Products, Inc. In Canada, your appliance is warranted by Electrolux Canada Corp. Electrolux authorizes no person to change or add to any obligations under this warranty. Obligations for service and parts under this warranty must be performed by Electrolux or an authorized service company. Product features or specifications as described or illustrated are subject to change without notice.

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