



# Bottom Freezer REFRIGERATORS

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\*Select Models Only

Write the model and serial numbers here:

Model # \_\_\_\_\_

Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

Find these numbers on a label on the left side, near the middle of the refrigerator compartment.

## **OWNER'S MANUAL & INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

GE and GE Profile  
Models 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25,  
26 & 27 cuft

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

## READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THE APPLIANCE

**⚠ WARNING** To reduce the risk of fire, explosion, electric shock, or injury when using your refrigerator, follow these basic safety precautions:

- This refrigerator must be properly installed and located in accordance with the Installation Instructions before it is used.
- Unplug the refrigerator before making repairs or cleaning.  
**NOTE:** Power to the refrigerator cannot be disconnected by any setting on the control panel.  
**NOTE:** Repairs must be performed by a qualified Service Professional.
- Replace all parts and panels before operating.
- Do not use an extension cord.
- Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- Do not store explosive substances such as aerosol cans with a flammable propellant in this appliance.
- To prevent suffocation and entrapment hazards to children, remove the refrigerator and freezer doors from any refrigerator before disposing of it or discontinuing its use.
- To avoid serious injury or death, children should not stand on, or play in or with the appliance.
- Children and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge can use this appliance only if they are supervised or have been given instructions on safe use and understand the hazards involved.
- This appliance is intended to be used in household and similar applications such as: staff kitchen areas in shops, offices and other working environments; farm houses; by clients in hotels, motels, bed & breakfast and other residential environments; catering and similar non-retail applications.
- Do not apply harsh cleaners to the refrigerator. Certain cleaners will damage plastic which may cause parts such as the door or door handles to detach unexpectedly. See the Care and Cleaning section for detailed instructions.
- Connect to potable water supply only. A cold water supply is required for automatic icemaker operation. The water pressure must be between 40 and 120 psi (275-827 kilopascals).

**⚠ CAUTION** To reduce the risk of injury when using your refrigerator, follow these basic safety precautions.

- Do not clean glass shelves or covers with warm water when they are cold. Glass shelves and covers may break if exposed to sudden temperature changes or impact, such as bumping or dropping. Tempered glass is designed to shatter into many small pieces if it breaks.
- 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.
- Do not touch the cold surfaces in the freezer compartment when hands are damp or wet, skin may stick to these extremely cold surfaces.
- Do not refreeze frozen foods which have thawed completely.
- In refrigerators with automatic icemakers, avoid contact with the moving parts of the ejector mechanism, or with the heating element that releases the cubes. Do not place fingers or hands on the automatic ice making mechanism while the refrigerator is plugged in.

## INSTALLATION

**⚠ WARNING**  **FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD**

Keep flammable materials and vapors away from refrigerator. Failure to do so can result in fire, explosion, or death.

# READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

## READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THE APPLIANCE

### CONNECTING ELECTRICITY

#### **⚠ WARNING**



#### **ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD**

Plug into a grounded 3-prong outlet

Do not remove the ground prong

Do not use an adapter

Do not use an extension cord.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, fire, or electrical shock.

**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.

Where a standard 2-prong wall outlet is encountered, it is your personal responsibility and obligation to have it replaced with a properly grounded 3-prong wall outlet. Do not use an adapter.

The refrigerator should always be plugged into its own individual electrical outlet which has a voltage rating that matches the rating plate.

A 115 Volt AC, 60 Hz, 15- or 20-amp fused, grounded electrical supply is required. 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.

Immediately discontinue use of a damaged supply cord. If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by a qualified service professional with an authorized service part from the manufacturer.

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

### PROPER DISPOSAL OF YOUR OLD REFRIGERATOR

#### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **SUFFOCATION AND ENTRAPMENT HAZARD**

Failure to follow these disposal instructions can result in death or serious injury

**IMPORTANT:** 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 Appliance**

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

#### **⚠ WARNING**

#### **REFRIGERANT AND FOAM DISPOSAL:**

Dispose of or recycle your appliance in accordance with Federal and Local Regulations. Flammable refrigerant and insulation material used requires special disposal procedures. Contact your local authorities for the environmentally safe disposal or recycling of your refrigerator.

## READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

## READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THE APPLIANCE

Check the rating label for refrigerant type. If R600a, follow the warning instructions below.

**⚠ WARNING****FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARD Flammable Refrigerant**

This appliance contains isobutane refrigerant, also known as R600a, a natural gas with high environmental compatibility. However, it is also combustible. Adhere to the warnings below to reduce the risk of injury or property damage.

1. When handling, installing and operating the appliance, care should be taken to avoid damage to the refrigerant tubing.
2. Service shall only be performed by authorized service personnel. Use only manufacturer-authorized service parts.
3. Dispose of refrigerator in accordance with the Federal and Local Regulations. The flammable refrigerant and insulation material used in this product require special disposal procedures. Contact

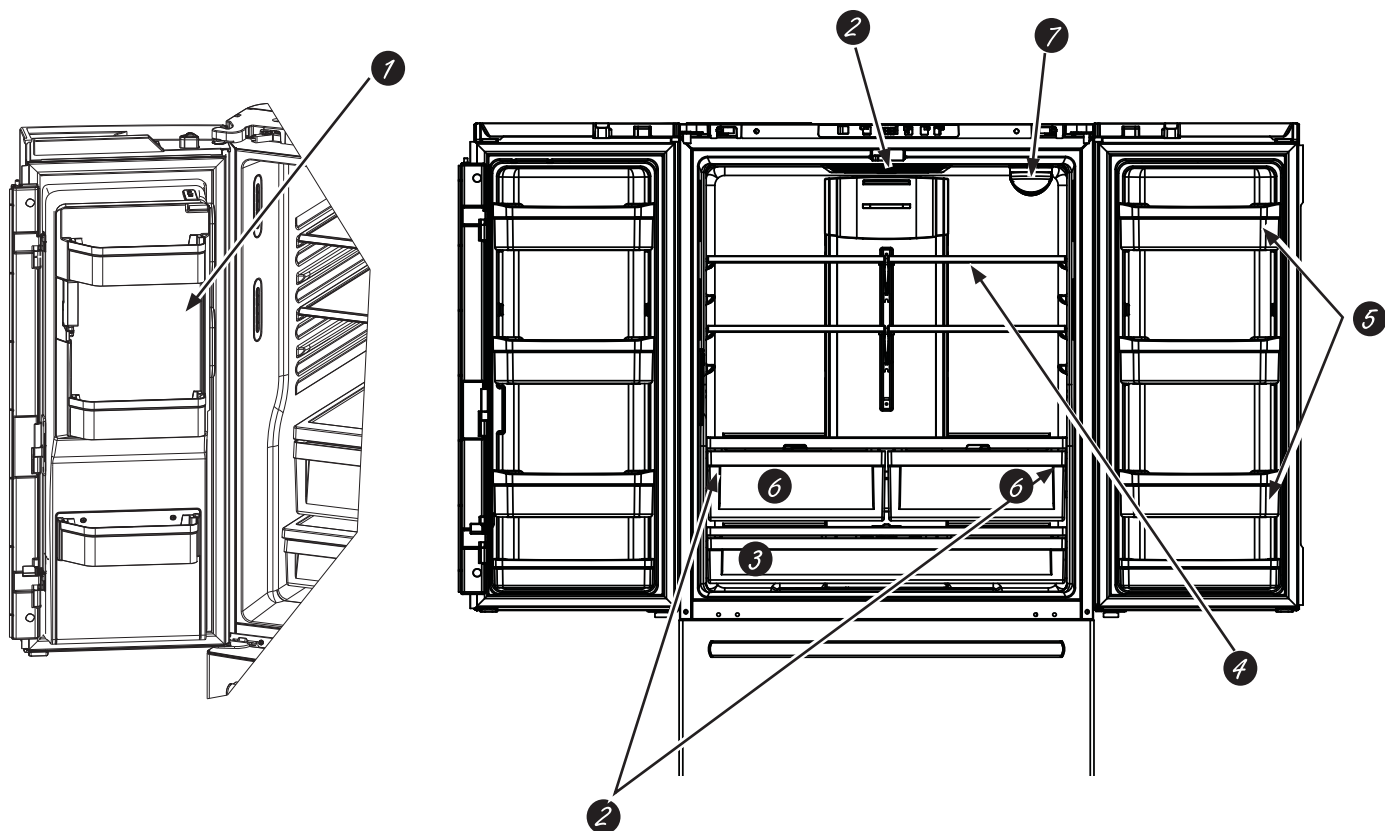
your local authorities for the environmentally safe disposal of your refrigerator.

4. Keep ventilation openings in the appliance enclosures or in the built-in structure clear of obstruction.
5. To remove frost, scrape with a plastic or wood spatula or scraper. Do not use an ice pick or a metal or sharp-edged instrument as it may puncture the freezer liner and then the flammable refrigerant tubing behind it.
6. Do not use electrical appliances inside the food storage compartment of the appliance.
7. Do not use any electrical device to defrost your freezer.

## READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## Features

### French Door Models



**1 Space-saving icemaker (on some models)**  
Icemaker and bin are located on the door creating more usable storage space.

**2 LED lighting**  
LED lights in the refrigerator compartment are located at the top center and on the left and right sides of climate zone pans. LED lights are also located in the freezer; see page 22.

**3 Full-width drawer**  
A full-width drawer that can accommodate larger items is located at the bottom of the refrigerator compartment.

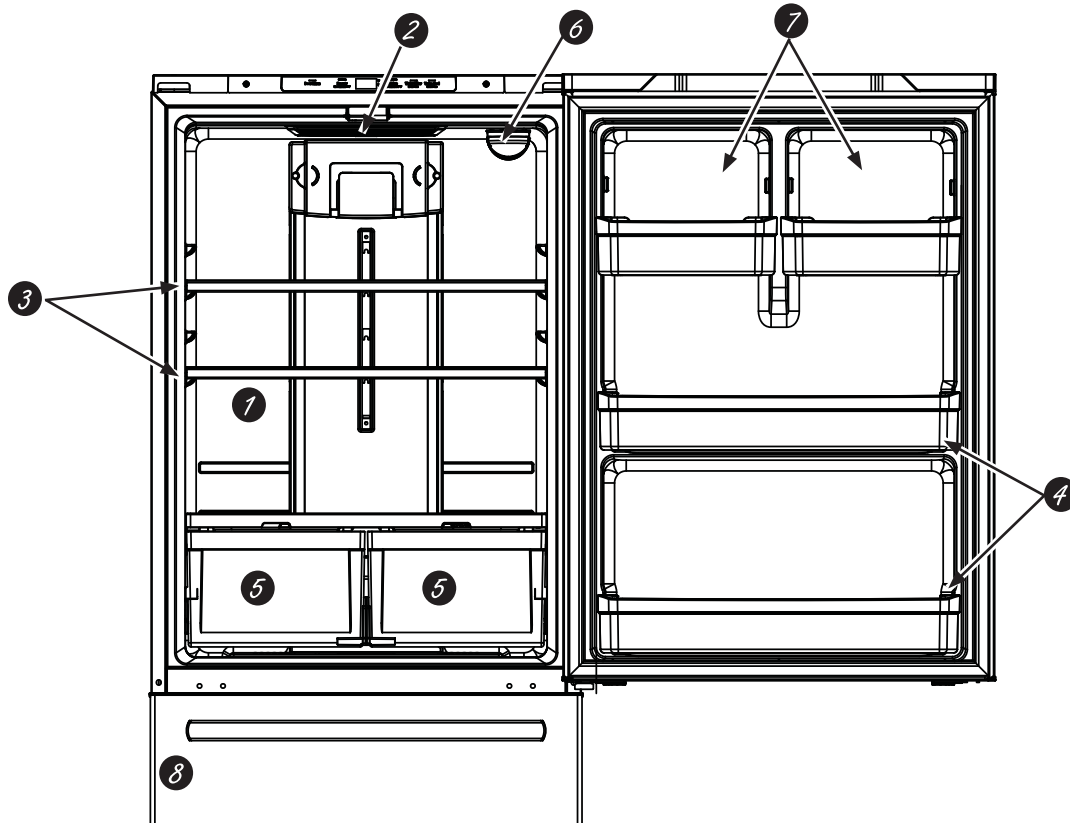
**4 QuickSpace™ shelf (on some models)**  
Functions as a normal full-sized shelf when needed and easily slides back to store tall items below.

**5 Removable/adjustable door bins**  
Can be moved up or down to accommodate your needs.

**6 Climate zone drawers**  
Separate pans for produce storage.

**7 Water filter**  
Accessible for easy replacement.

## Single Door Models



- 1 Floating snack pan**  
Can be moved to different locations to best serve your needs.
- 2 LED lighting**  
LED light is located at the top of the refrigerator compartment. LED lights are also located in the freezer; see page 22.
- 3 Full-width shelves**  
Full-width shelves that can accommodate larger items.
- 4 Full-width gallon door bins**  
Nonadjustable full-width door bins that will hold gallon containers.
- 5 Climate zone pans**  
Separate bins for produce storage.
- 6 Water filter (on some models)**  
Accessible for easy replacement.
- 7 Adjustable door bins**  
Can be moved up or down to accommodate your needs.
- 8 Icemaker (on some models)**  
Icemaker is located in the freezer on some models. Icemaker Kit IM4D is available for models that are icemaker-ready. For installation instructions see the IM4D owner's manual found at [GEAppliances.com](http://GEAppliances.com).

# Controls

## GBE21D, GBE21A Internal Control

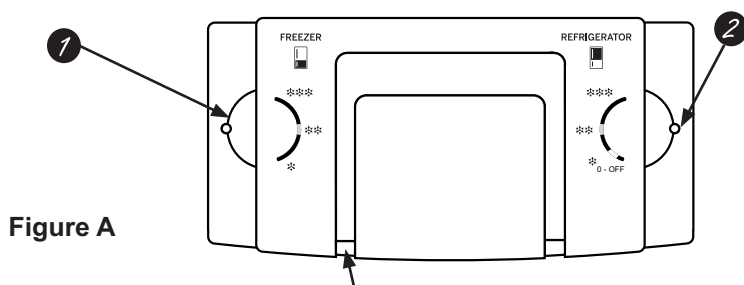


Figure A

**Note:** Do not block air outlet by placing food items directly against it. Erratic temperatures may result.

Knob Position Temperature Guide			
Refrigerator		Freezer	
Coldest ☆☆☆	34°F (1.1°C)	Coldest ☆☆☆	-6°F (-21.1°C)
Colder ☆☆	37°F (2.8°C)	Colder ☆☆	0°F (-17.8°C)
Cold ☆	44°F (6.7°C)	Cold ☆	6°F (-14.4°C)

- Freezer Compartment Temperature Control**  
Adjust freezer compartment temperature. The freezer temperature is preset in the factory at the **Colder** position. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize to the preset recommended setting.

- Refrigerator Compartment Temperature Control**  
Adjust refrigerator compartment temperature. The refrigerator temperature is preset in the factory at the **Colder** position. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize to the preset recommended setting.

**NOTE:** Power to the refrigerator cannot be disconnected by any setting on the control panel.

## GDE21D, GDE21E, GDE25E, GNE21D, GNE21F, PNE21N, GWE19J, GWE22J, GNE25D, GNE25J, PNE25N, GNE27J, GNE27E

### Top Control (some models)

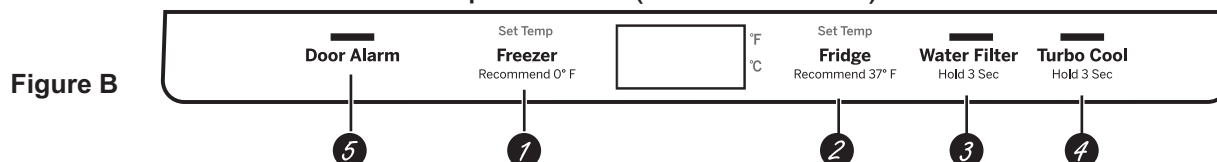


Figure B

- Freezer Compartment Temperature Control**  
Adjust freezer compartment temperature. The freezer temperature is preset in the factory at **0°F (-17.8°C)**. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize to the preset recommended setting.
- Refrigerator Compartment Temperature Control**  
Adjust refrigerator compartment temperature. The refrigerator temperature is preset in the factory at **37°F (2.8°C)**. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize to the preset recommended setting.
- Water Filter**  
Press and hold 3 seconds to reset the Water Filter.
- Turbo Cool**  
To set the **TurboCool™**, press the **Turbo Cool** pad for 3 seconds. The display will show **tc**. **TurboCool™** rapidly cools the refrigerator compartment in order to more quickly cool foods. Use **TurboCool™** when adding a large amount of the food to the refrigerator compartment, putting away foods after they have been sitting out at room temperature, or when putting away warm leftovers. It can also be used if the refrigerator has been without power for an extended period.

**NOTE:** The refrigerator temperature cannot be changed during **TurboCool™**. The freezer temperature is not affected during **Turbo Cool**. When opening the refrigerator door during **TurboCool™**, the fans will continue to run if they have cycled on.

- Door Alarm**  
To set the alarm, press the **Door Alarm** pad. This alarm will sound if either door is open for more than 2 minutes. The beeping stops when you close the door.

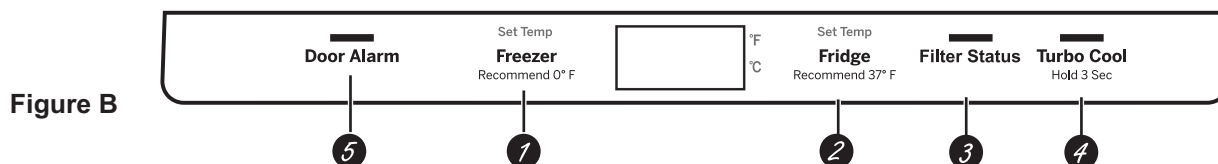
**NOTE:** To put the refrigerator control in the **OFF** position, simultaneously touch the words **Freezer** and **Fridge** for 3 seconds. Power to the refrigerator cannot be disconnected by any setting on the control panel.

**Changing °F to °C or °C to °F:** Press and hold the "DOOR ALARM" and "FREEZER" buttons simultaneously for 5 seconds to set °C to °F or °F to °C.



# Controls

GDE21D, GDE21E, GDE25E, GNE21D, GNE21F, PNE21N, GWE19J, GWE22J, GNE25D, GNE25J, PNE25N, GNE27J, GNE27E  
Top Control (some models)



**1 Freezer Compartment Temperature Control**  
Adjust freezer compartment temperature. The freezer temperature is preset in the factory at **0°F (-17.8°C)**. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize to the preset recommended setting.

**2 Refrigerator Compartment Temperature Control**  
Adjust refrigerator compartment temperature. The refrigerator temperature is preset in the factory at **37°F (2.8°C)**. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize to the preset recommended setting.

**3 Filter Status**  
Press the **Filter Status** pad to display the water filter's life percentage (%).

**4 Turbo Cool**  
To set the **TurboCool™**, press the **Turbo Cool** pad for 3 seconds. The display will show **tc**.

**TurboCool™** rapidly cools the refrigerator compartment in order to more quickly cool foods. Use **TurboCool™** when adding a large amount of the food to the refrigerator compartment, putting away foods after they have been sitting out at room temperature, or when putting away warm leftovers. It can also be used if the refrigerator has been without power for an extended period.

**NOTE:** The refrigerator temperature cannot be changed during **TurboCool™**. The freezer temperature is not affected during **TurboCool**. When opening the refrigerator door during **TurboCool™**, the fans will continue to run if they have cycled on.

**5 Door Alarm**  
To set the alarm, press the **Door Alarm** pad. This alarm will sound if either door is open for more than 2 minutes. The beeping stops when you close the door.

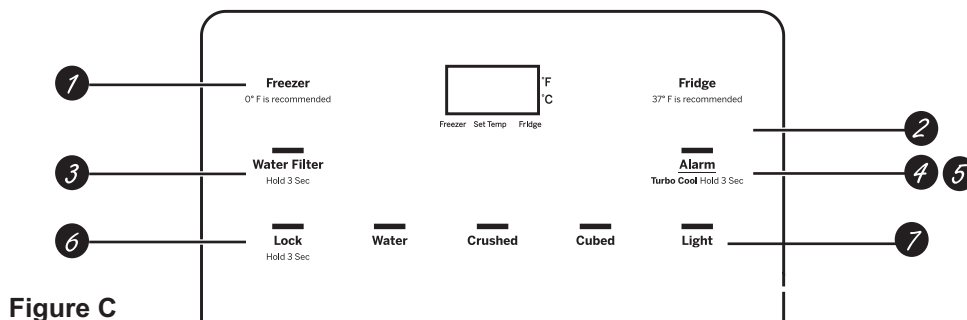
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**Changing °F to °C or °C to °F:** Press and hold the "DOOR ALARM" and "FREEZER" buttons simultaneously for 5 seconds to set °C to °F or °F to °C.

# Controls

## GYE18J, GYE21J, PYE18H, GFE24J, PFE24H, GFE26J

External Control (some models)



- 1 **Freezer Compartment Temperature Control**  
Adjust freezer compartment temperature. The freezer temperature is preset in the factory at **0°F (-17.8°C)**. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize to the preset recommended setting.

- 2 **Refrigerator Compartment Temperature Control**  
Adjust refrigerator compartment temperature. The refrigerator temperature is preset in the factory at **37°F (2.8°C)**. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize to the preset recommended setting.

- 3 **Water Filter**  
Press and hold 3 seconds to reset the Water Filter.

- 4 **Turbo Cool**  
To set the **Turbo Cool™**, press the **Alarm** pad for 3 seconds. The display will show **tc**. **Turbo Cool™** rapidly cools the refrigerator compartment in order to more quickly cool foods. Use **Turbo Cool™** when adding a large amount of the food to the refrigerator compartment, putting away foods after they have been sitting out at room temperature, or when putting away warm leftovers. It can also be used if the refrigerator has been without power for an extended period.

**NOTE:** The refrigerator temperature cannot be changed during **Turbo Cool™**. The freezer temperature is not affected during **Turbo Cool**. When opening the refrigerator door during **Turbo Cool™**, the fans will continue to run if they have cycled on.

- 5 **Alarm**  
Press the **Alarm** pad to toggle the door alarm between off and on. The alarm will sound if either door is left open for more than 2 minutes. The beeping stops when you close the door.

- 6 **Lock**  
Press and hold the **Lock** pad for 3 seconds to lock out ice and water dispenser and all other controls. Press and hold to unlock the controls.

- 7 **LED dispenser Light**  
Press the **Light** pad to turn your dispenser light on and off.

**NOTE:** To put the refrigerator control in the **OFF** position, simultaneously touch the words **Freezer** and **Fridge** for 3 seconds. Power to the refrigerator cannot be disconnected by any setting on the control panel.

**Changing °F to °C or °C to °F:** Press and hold the "FREEZER" and "ALARM" buttons simultaneously for 5 seconds to set °C to °F or °F to °C.

**NOTE:** The refrigerator is shipped with protective film covering the temperature controls. If this film was not removed during installation, remove it now.

## GYE18J, GYE21J, PYE18H, GFE24J, PFE24H, GFE26J

### External Control (some models)

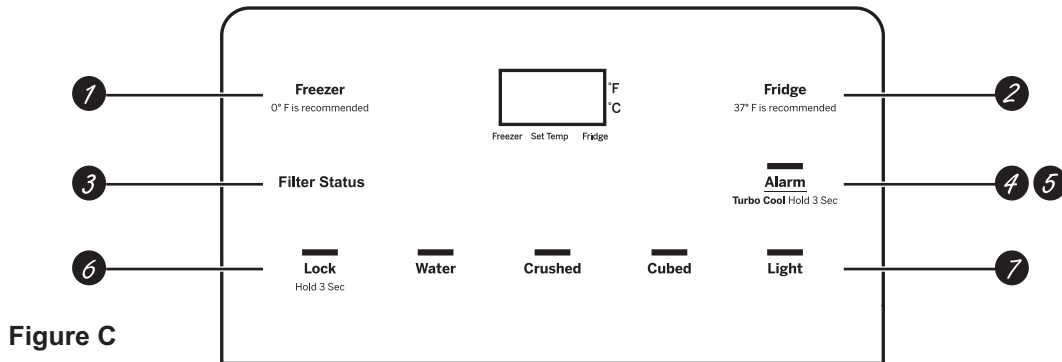


Figure C

- 1 Freezer Compartment Temperature Control**  
Adjust freezer compartment temperature. The freezer temperature is preset in the factory at **0°F (-17.8°C)**. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize to the preset recommended setting.
- 2 Refrigerator Compartment Temperature Control**  
Adjust refrigerator compartment temperature. The refrigerator temperature is preset in the factory at **37°F (2.8°C)**. Allow 24 hours for temperature to stabilize to the preset recommended setting.
- 3 Filter Status**  
Press the **Filter Status** pad to display the water filter's life percentage (%).
- 4 Turbo Cool**  
To set the **TurboCool™**, press the **Alarm** pad for 3 seconds. The display will show **tc**. **TurboCool™** rapidly cools the refrigerator compartment in order to more quickly cool foods. Use **TurboCool™** when adding a large amount of the food to the refrigerator compartment, putting away foods after they have been sitting out at room temperature, or when putting away warm leftovers. It can also be used if the refrigerator has been without power for an extended period.

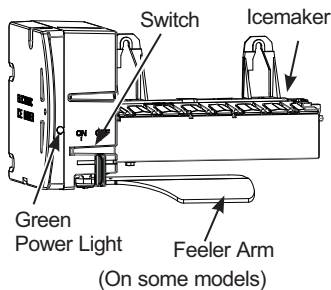
- NOTE:** The refrigerator temperature cannot be changed during **TurboCool™**. The freezer temperature is not affected during **TurboCool**. When opening the refrigerator door during **TurboCool™**, the fans will continue to run if they have cycled on.
- 5 Alarm**  
Press the **Alarm** pad to toggle the door alarm between off and on. The alarm will sound if either door is left open for more than 2 minutes. The beeping stops when you close the door.
  - 6 Lock**  
Press and hold the **Lock** pad for 3 seconds to lock out ice and water dispenser and all other controls. Press and hold to unlock the controls.
  - 7 LED dispenser Light**  
Press the **Light** pad to turn your dispenser light on and off.
- NOTE:** To put the refrigerator control in the **OFF** position, simultaneously touch the words **Freezer** and **Fridge** for 3 seconds. Power to the refrigerator cannot be disconnected by any setting on the control panel.

**Changing °F to °C or °C to °F:** Press and hold the "FREEZER" and "ALARM" buttons simultaneously for 5 seconds to set °C to °F or °F to °C.

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## Sabbath Modes (on some models)

Activate Sabbath Mode to turn off the temperature control and advanced features (ex. door alarm). Depending on the model, the interior lights will be off, or on low brightness regardless of whether the door is open or closed. The compressor will run on a timed defrost when in Sabbath mode.



### Models with Figure B controls

- Depending on the model, press and hold the **Alarm** and **Water Filter** or the **Alarm** and **Filter Status** simultaneously for 5 seconds to enter and exit the Sabbath mode
- The icemaker must be turned off manually during Sabbath mode. To turn off the icemaker, set the switch to the OFF position. To turn the icemaker on, set the switch to the ON position.

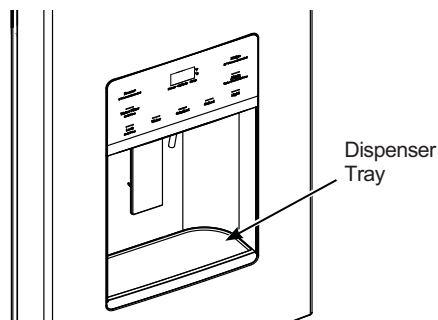
### Model with Figure C controls

- Press and hold the **LOCK** and **LIGHT** buttons simultaneously for 5 seconds to enter/exit Sabbath Mode.
- The icemaker must be turned off manually during Sabbath mode. To turn off the icemaker, set the switch to the OFF position. To turn the icemaker on, set the switch to the ON position.

# Dispenser (on some models)

## Water & Ice Dispenser

(See Controls)



Press the glass gently against the dispenser cradle.

The spill shelf is not self-draining. To reduce water spotting, the shelf should be cleaned regularly.

If no water is dispensed when the refrigerator is first installed, there may be air in the water line system. Press the dispenser paddle for at least five minutes to remove trapped air from the water line and to fill the water system. To flush out impurities in the water line, throw away the first six full glasses of water.

### ⚠ CAUTION Laceration Hazard

- Never put fingers or any other object into ice crusher discharge opening. Doing so can result in contacting the ice crushing blades and lead to serious injury or amputation
- Use a sturdy glass when dispensing ice. A delicate glass may break and result in personal injury.

### To remove Dispenser Tray

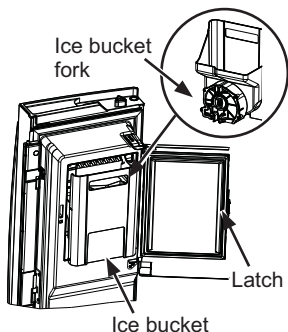
- Pull Dispenser Tray out.

### To reinstall Dispenser Tray

- Push in until it is firmly in place.

## Door Ice Bin

1. Open left refrigerator door.
2. Pull down latch to release bin door.
3. Using handhold, lift ice bucket up and out to clear locators in bottom of bin.
4. To replace the ice bucket, set it on the guide brackets and push until the ice bucket seats properly.
5. If bucket cannot be replaced, rotate the Ice Bucket Fork 1/4 turn clockwise.



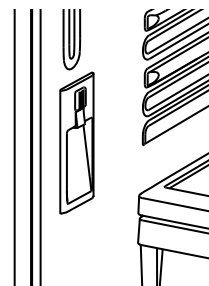
## Internal Water Dispenser

(on some models)

The water dispenser is located on the left wall inside the refrigerator compartment.

### To dispense water:

1. Hold the glass against the recess.
2. Push the water dispenser button.
3. Hold the glass underneath the dispenser for 2–3 seconds after releasing the dispenser button. Water may continue to dispense after the button is released.



If no water is dispensed when the refrigerator is first installed, there may be air in the water line system. Press the dispenser button for at least 5 minutes to remove trapped air from the water line and to fill the water system. During this process, the dispenser noise may be loud as the air is purged from the water line system. To flush out impurities in the water line, throw away the first 6 glassfuls of water.

**NOTE:** To avoid water deposits, the dispenser should be cleaned periodically by wiping with a clean cloth or sponge.

## Important Facts About Your Dispensers

- Do not add ice from trays or bags to the door icemaker bucket. It may not crush or dispense.
- Avoid overfilling glass with ice and use of narrow glasses. Backed-up ice can jam the chute or cause the door in the chute to freeze shut. If ice is blocking the chute remove the ice bucket, poke it through with a wooden spoon.
- Beverages and foods should not be quick-chilled in the door icemaker bin. Cans, bottles or food packages in the storage drawer may cause the icemaker or auger to jam.
- To keep dispensed ice from missing the glass, put the glass close to, but not touching, the dispenser opening.
- Some crushed ice may be dispensed even though you selected **CUBED ICE**. This happens occasionally when a few cubes accidentally get directed to the crusher.
- After crushed ice is dispensed, some water may drip from the chute.
- Sometimes a small mound of frost will form on the door in the ice chute. This condition is normal and usually occurs when you have dispensed crushed ice repeatedly.

# Water Filter Cartridge - XWFE (on some models)

## WATER FILTER CARTRIDGE

The water filter cartridge holder is located in the back upper-right corner of the refrigerator refrigerator compartment.

Select models use radio frequency identification (RFID) to detect leaks and monitor filter status. The RFID technology is certified by the FCC.

### Contains

FCC ID: ZKJ-294D2018 IC: 10229A-294D2018

"This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation."

"This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device."

## WHEN TO REPLACE THE FILTER

If there is a replacement indicator light for the water filter cartridge on the dispenser, the red filter light will start blinking to tell you that you need to replace the filter soon.

- For external control models, the filter light will blink while you are dispensing until the filter is replaced.
- For top control models, the filter light will blink while the door is open until the filter is replaced.

For models that don't have the indicator light, the filter cartridge should be replaced every six months, or earlier if the flow of water to the dispenser or icemaker decreases.

## REMOVING THE FILTER

If you are replacing the filter, first remove the previous one: 1. Open the filter cartridge housing by squeezing the 2 front tabs and gently pulling down.

2. Rotate the filter down.
3. Gently grasp the filter and slowly turn it counterclockwise about a ¼ turn. The filter should automatically release itself when you have rotated it far enough to the left. A small amount of water may drip down.

### ⚠ CAUTION

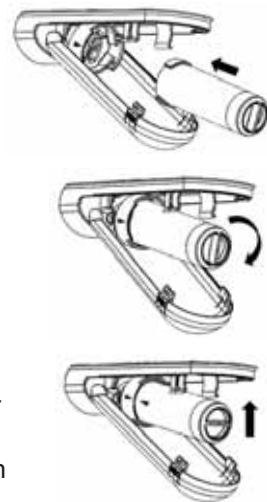
If air has been trapped in the system, the filter cartridge may be ejected as it is removed. Use caution when removing.

## FILTER BYPASS PLUG

To reduce the risk of property damage due to water leakage, you **MUST** use the filter bypass plug when a replacement filter cartridge is not available. Some models do not come equipped with the filter bypass plug. To obtain a free bypass plug, call 800-GECARES. In Canada, call 800.561.3344. The dispenser and icemaker will not operate without either the filter or bypass plug installed. The bypass plug is installed in the same way as a filter cartridge.

## INSTALLING THE FILTER IN A BOTTOM FREEZER REFRIGERATOR

1. Open the filter cartridge housing by squeezing the 2 front tabs and gently pulling down.
2. Line up the ports on the filter with the ports on the filter cartridge holder, and gently insert the filter.
3. Slowly turn the filter to the right until it stops. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.** As you turn the filter, it will automatically adjust itself into position. The filter will move about a ¼ turn or 90 degrees, until the arrow on the filter aligns with the arrow on the filter cartridge holder.
4. Slowly push the filter up into the clips.
5. Close the filter cartridge housing by gently pushing the lid upwards until the tabs lock into place.
6. **For dispenser-only models** - Run water from the dispenser for 2 gallons (7.6 liters) or approximately 5 minutes to clear the system. Water may spurt out and air bubbles may be visible during this process. If water is not flowing, check to make sure the filter has been fully rotated to the right.
7. **For icemaker-only models** - Discard the first bin of ice to allow air to purge from the system. A newly installed filter cartridge will cause water to spurt into the icemaker body, which could lead to ice droplets around the icemaker area. **NOTE:** It is normal for these droplets and initial ice production to appear discolored during the initial system flush. Ice color will return to normal after the first bin of ice production.
7. Press and hold the **RESET WATER FILTER** button on the dispenser for 3 seconds. On select models, filter reset will be automatic when a new filter is installed.





# Water Filter Cartridge - XWFE (on some models)(Cont.)

## Application Guidelines/Water Supply

Service Flow	0.5 gpm (1.89 lpm)
Water Supply	Potable Water
Water Pressure	25-120 psi (172-827 kPa)
Water Temperature	33°F-100°F (0.6°C-38°C)
Capacity	170 gallons (643.5 liters)

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**⚠ WARNING** To reduce the risk associated with choking, do not allow children under 3 years of age to have access to small parts during the installation of this product. The disposable filter cartridge should be replaced every 6 months at the rated capacity, or sooner if a noticeable reduction in flow rate occurs. For the maximum benefit of your filtration system, GE Appliances recommends the use of GE Appliances-branded filters only. Using GE Appliances-branded filters in GE Appliances and Hotpoint® refrigerators provides optimal performance and reliability. GE Appliances filters meet rigorous industry standards for safety and quality that are important for products that are filtering your water. GE Appliances has not qualified non-GE Appliances-branded filters for use in GE Appliances and Hotpoint refrigerators and there is no assurance that non-GE Appliances-branded filters meet GE Appliances standards for quality, performance and reliability. **If you have questions, or to order additional filter cartridges, visit our website at [gewaterfilters.com](http://gewaterfilters.com) or call GE Appliances Parts and Accessories, 877.959.8688. In Canada, call 800.661.1616.**

# Shelves and Bins

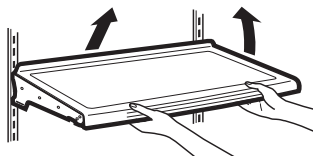
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## Rearranging the Refrigerator Shelves

Shelves in the refrigerator compartment are adjustable.

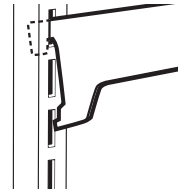
### To remove the shelves:

1. Remove all items from the shelf.
2. Tilt the shelf up at the front.
3. Lift the shelf up at the back and bring the shelf out.



### To replace the shelves:

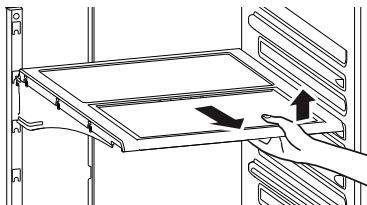
1. While tilting the shelf up, insert the top hook at the back of the shelf in a slot on the track.
2. Lower the front of the shelf until the bottom of the shelf locks into place.



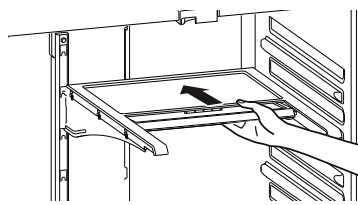
## Quick Space Shelf (on some models)

This shelf splits in half and slides under itself for storage of tall items on the shelf below.

This shelf can be removed and replaced or relocated.



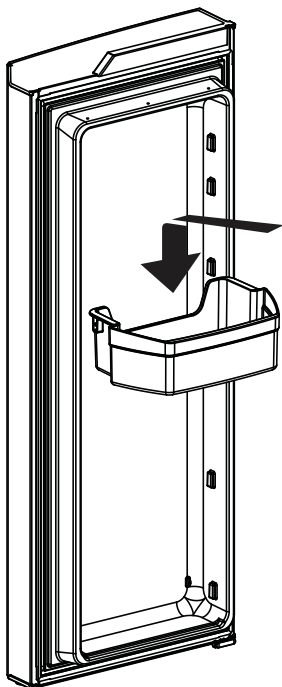
**NOTE:** The back half of the Quick Space Shelf is not adjustable.



## Adjustable Door Bins (on some models)

**To remove:** Lift the bin straight up; then pull out.

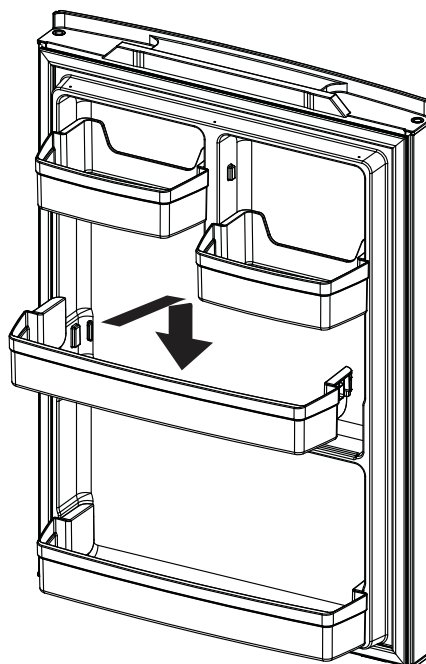
**To replace:** Engage the bin in the molded supports on the door and push down to lock in place.



## Non-Adjustable Gallon Door Bins (on some models)

**To remove:** Lift the bin straight up; then pull out.

**To replace:** Engage the bin in the molded supports on the door and push down to lock in place.





# Pans

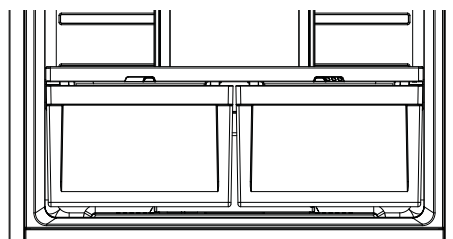
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## Climate Zone Pans

Keep fruits and vegetables organized in separate compartments for easy access. Excess water that may accumulate in the bottom of the drawers or under the drawers should be wiped dry.

### To remove pan:

Slide the pan out to the stop position, lift the pan up and past the stop position and pull forward.



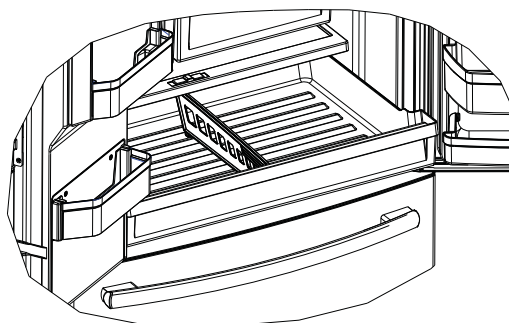
## Full -Width Pan (on some models)

### To remove pan:

1. Pull the pan out to the stop position.
2. Lift the front of the drawer up and out.

### To replace pan:

1. Place back of the drawer in first and rotate drawer front down to seat it on the slides.
2. Push the drawer in to the closed position.



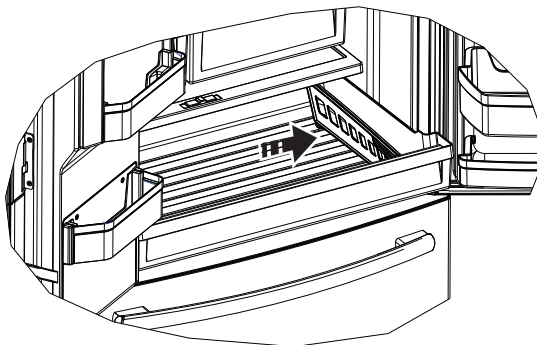
## How to Remove and Replace Drawer Divider

### To remove:

1. Pull the drawer out to the stop position.
2. Slide pan divider to right to release it from pan.

### To replace:

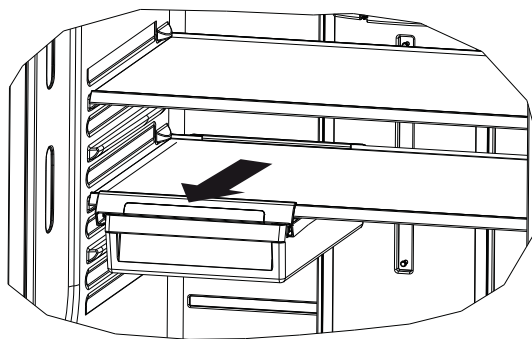
Reverse steps 1 and 2 to replace drawer divider.



## Floating Snack Pan (on some models)

This pan can be moved to the most useful location for your family's needs.

**To remove**, slide the pan out to the stop position, lift the pan up and past the **stop** position and lift it out.



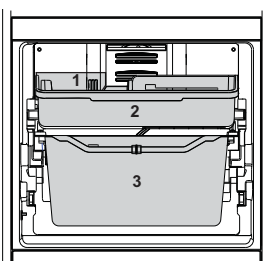
# Freezer Drawer (on some models)

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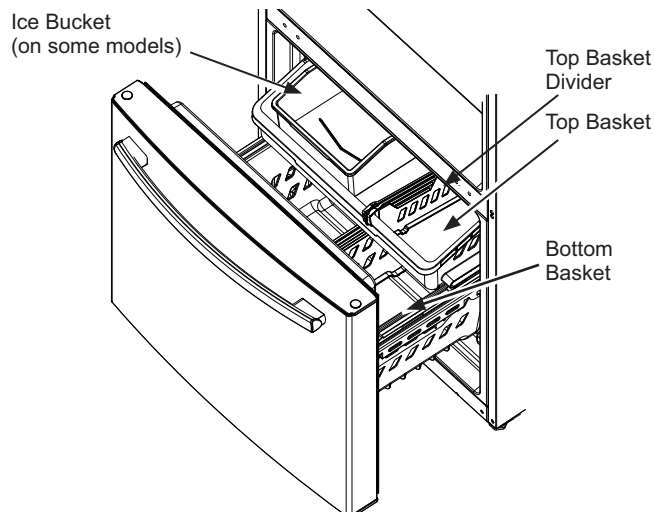
## FREEZER BASKETS

1. An ice bucket in the top basket (on some models).
2. A top full-width basket.
3. A bottom full-width basket (with divider - in some models).

**NOTE:** Do not fill baskets higher than the rim of the basket. This may cause baskets to stick or jam when opening or closing.



Appearance and features may vary



## Top Basket Removal

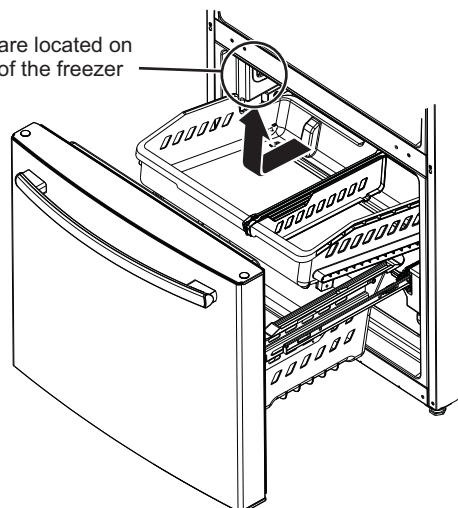
To remove the top full-width basket on freezer drawer models:

1. Pull the basket out to the stop location.
2. Lift basket up to release it from the slides.

**When replacing the basket,** make sure that the basket remains mounted on the side rails and over the slides of the bottom basket.

**NOTE:** Always be sure to fully close this basket.

LED lights are located on both sides of the freezer



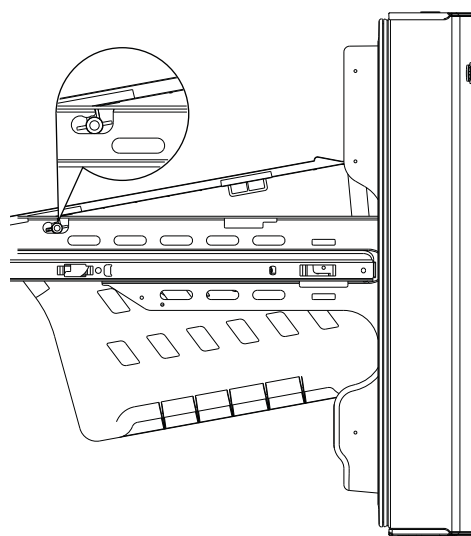
## Bottom Basket Removal

To remove the bottom full-width basket on freezer drawer models:

1. Open the bottom freezer drawer until it stops.
2. Remove the top freezer basket.
3. The bottom freezer basket rests on the inside tabs on the drawer slides.
4. Lift the front of the basket and pull forward.
5. Release the pin from the slot to remove the basket.

**When replacing the bottom full-width basket,** tilt the basket back and lower it into the drawer. Rotate the basket to a horizontal position and press down. Make sure to place the pin back into the slot.

**NOTE:** Always be sure that the basket is seated on the bracket tabs before sliding the drawer back into the freezer.



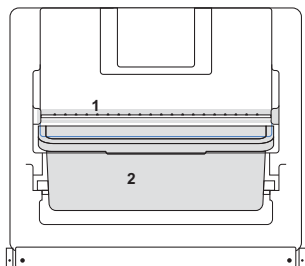
# Freezer Compartment

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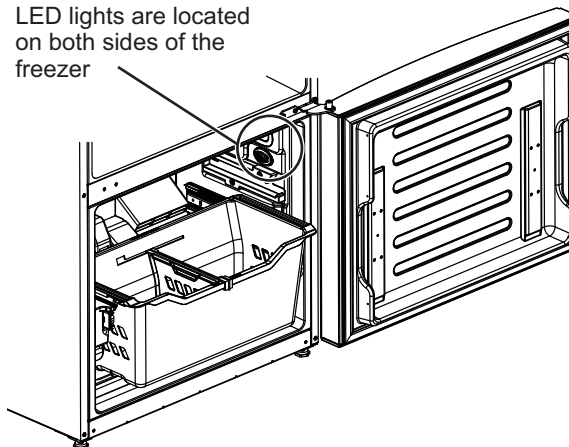
## FREEZER SHELF AND BASKET

1. A full-width fixed wire shelf
2. A full-width sliding plastic basket

**NOTE:** Do not fill baskets higher than the rim. This may cause basket to stick or jam when opening or closing.



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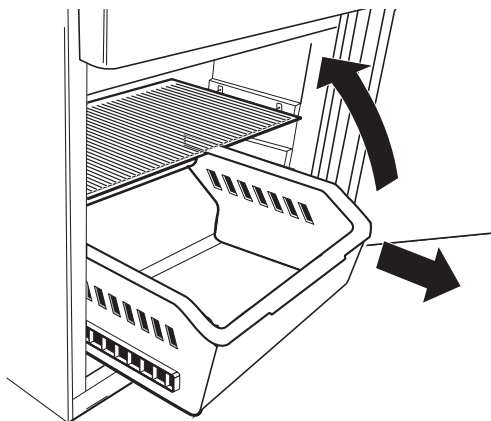


## Basket Removal

**To remove the full-width sliding basket on freezer door models:**

1. Open the basket out to its full extension.
2. Lift up the front of the basket and pull straight out to remove.

**When replacing the basket,** insert the plastic basket into the lower liner rails and push back into place.

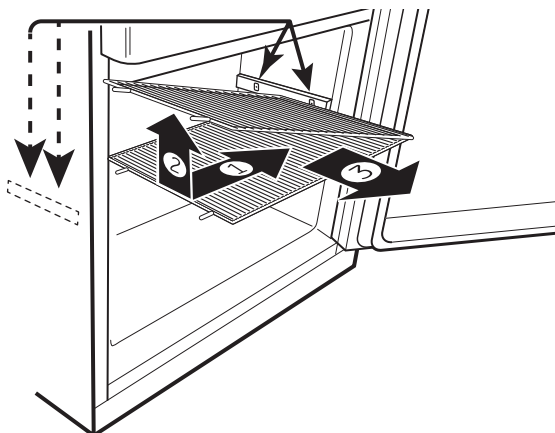


## Fixed Shelf Removal

**NOTE:** The full-width wire shelf is not intended to slide.

**To remove for cleaning,** push the shelf to one side while then pull up on the opposite side and out to remove.

**To replace the full-width wire shelf,** insert one side of the shelf into the supports, pushing the shelf to that side until the opposite side will fit into its supports.



# Automatic Icemaker

A newly installed refrigerator may take 12 to 24 hours to begin making ice.

**⚠ WARNING** Connect to potable water supply only. A cold water supply is required for automatic icemaker operation. The water pressure must be between 40 and 120 psi (275-827 kilopascals).

## Automatic Icemaker (on some models)

The icemaker will produce seven cubes per cycle approximately 100–130 cubes in a 24-hour period, depending on freezer compartment temperature, room temperature, number of door openings and other use conditions.

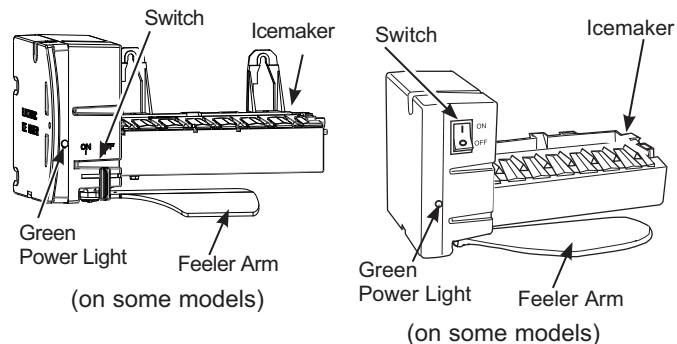
If the refrigerator is operated before the water connection is made to the icemaker, set the switch in the **OFF** position.

When the refrigerator has been connected to the water supply, set the switch to the **ON** position.

The icemaker will fill with water when it cools to 15°F (–10°C). A newly installed refrigerator may take 12 to 24 hours to begin making ice cubes.

You may hear a buzzing sound each time the icemaker fills with water.

**⚠ CAUTION** To minimize the risk of personal injury, avoid contact with the moving parts of the ejector mechanism, or with the heating element that releases the cubes. Do not place fingers or hands on the automatic ice making mechanism while the refrigerator is plugged in.



Throw away the first few batches of ice to allow the water line to clear.

Be sure nothing interferes with the sweep of the feeler arm.

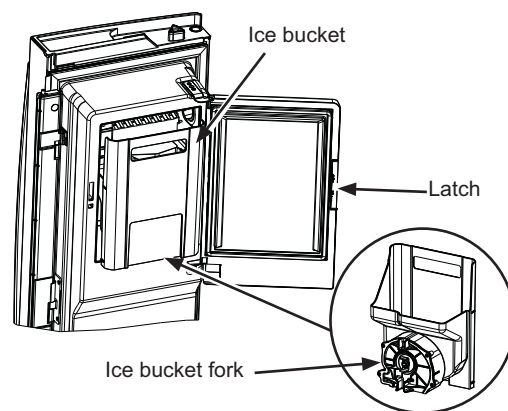
When the bin fills to the level of the feeler arm, the icemaker will stop producing ice. It is normal for several cubes to be joined together.

If ice is not used frequently, old ice cubes will become cloudy, taste stale and shrink.

**NOTE:** In homes with lower-than-average water pressure, you may hear the icemaker cycle multiple times when making one batch of ice.

## For Refrigerator Models with Icemaker in the Door Ice Bucket and Dispenser

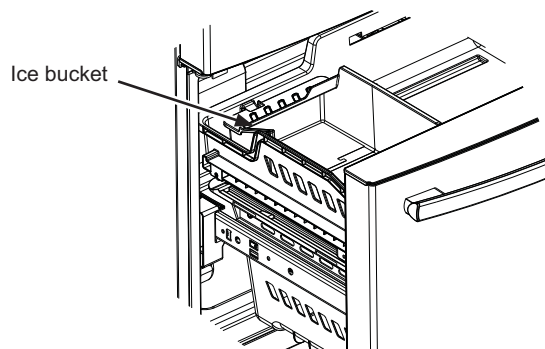
- Open the ice box door on inside of the left door.
- Pull up and out on the ice bucket in the left hand door to remove it from the compartment.
- To replace the ice bucket, set it on the guide brackets and push until the ice bucket seats properly.
- If bucket cannot be replaced, rotate the ice bucket fork 1/4 turn clockwise.
- Icemaker can be turned on and off using this display (see Controls on pages 8 and 9.)



## For Refrigerator Models with Icemaker in the Freezer Compartment

Some models come with an icemaker installed in the freezer compartment. For those models that come ice-maker ready, you can purchase Kit IM4D. Visit our website at [GEAppliances.com](http://GEAppliances.com) or call GE Appliances Parts and Accessories, 877.959.8688 (in Canada visit [geappliances.ca/en/products/parts-filters-accessories](http://geappliances.ca/en/products/parts-filters-accessories) or call 1.800.661.1616).

There is ice storage in the freezer compartment located on the left side of the upper basket. Pull the upper basket forward to remove the ice bucket.



# Care and Cleaning

## Cleaning the Outside

### FINGERPRINT RESISTANT STAINLESS STEEL\*, BLACK STAINLESS, SLATE, DARK SLATE, PAINTED - Outside surfaces, door handles, and trim

**⚠ DO NOT use Stainless Steel cleaners on the door surfaces. ⚠**

**IMPORTANT:** The use of incorrect products may damage the outer finish of Fingerprint Resistant Stainless and Black Stainless models. Please follow these instructions and use only the appropriate items below to clean your appliance surfaces.

- Clean interior/exterior surfaces with warm water, mild soap or detergent, and a soft or microfiber cloth to avoid damage.
- Wipe the appliance surface dry with a soft clean cloth or microfiber towel to avoid streaking or water spotting.

DO USE	DO NOT USE
Soft, clean cloth or sponge Microfiber cloth	Abrasive cloths, paper towels, scrubbing sponges (with or without soap), scouring or steel wool pads
Mild detergent mixed with warm water	<div>           Abrasive powders, liquids, or sprays            Window sprays, ammonia, or bleach            Citrus or plant oil-based cleaners            Acidic or vinegar-based cleaners         </div> <div>           Oven cleaners            Alkaline cleaners            Stainless steel cleaners         </div>

\*Easily wipe away smudges and fingerprints.

### STAINLESS STEEL - Outside surfaces, door handles, and trim

**NOTE: DO NOT** allow stainless steel cleaner to come in contact with any plastic parts such as trim pieces, handle hardware and liners. If unintentional contact of cleaners with plastic parts does occur, clean plastic part with a sponge and mild detergent mixed with warm water.

DO USE	DO NOT USE
Soft, clean cloth or sponge	Abrasive cloths, scrubbing sponges (with or without soap), scouring or steel wool pads
Mild detergent mixed with warm water Approved stainless steel cleaners; Visit the GE Appliances parts store for approved stainless steel cleaners: <b>GEApplianceparts.com</b> or call <b>877.959.8688</b> Cleaners with oxalic acid such as Bar Keepers Friend Soft Cleanser™ can be used to remove surface rust, tarnish and small blemishes on stainless steel surfaces only.	Abrasive powders or sprays Window Sprays or Ammonia Citrus or plant oil-based cleaners Acidic or vinegar-based cleaners Oven cleaners Cleaners containing acetone (propanone) Any cleaner with WARNING about plastic contact

## Cleaning the Inside

### 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 an appliance wax polish on the inside surface between the doors.

Use warm water and baking soda solution—about a tablespoon (15 ml) of baking soda to a quart (1 liter) of water. This both cleans and neutralizes odors. Rinse and wipe dry.

**To clean the inside metal panel**, open the outer door using the Door in Door Latch. Clean the panel with a mild detergent and then wipe dry with a soft cloth. Do not use any stainless steel cleaner on the panel as it may damage the surrounding plastic.

### ⚠ CAUTION

Do not clean glass shelves or covers with warm water when they are cold. Glass shelves and covers may break if exposed to sudden temperature changes or impact such as bumping or dropping. Tempered glass is designed to shatter into many small pieces if it breaks.



# Care and Cleaning

## Behind the Refrigerator

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.

Raise the leveling legs located at the bottom front of the refrigerator.

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.

Lower the leveling legs until they touch the floor.

**When pushing the refrigerator back, make sure you don't roll over the power cord or water supply line.**

## Preparing for Vacation

For long vacations or absences, remove food and unplug the refrigerator. Clean the interior with a baking soda solution of one tablespoon (15 ml) of baking soda to one quart (1 liter) of water. Leave the doors open.

If the temperature can drop below freezing, have a qualified service technician drain the water supply system to prevent serious property damage due to flooding.

- 1) Turn refrigerator off (pages 8 and 9) or unplug the refrigerator.

- 2) Empty ice bucket

- 3) Turn water supply off

**If you cut the water supply off, turn off the icemaker (pg. 20).**

Upon returning from vacation:

- 1) Replace the water filter.
- 2) Run 2 gallons of water through the cold water dispenser (about 5 minutes) to flush the system.

## Preparing to Move

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

When using a hand truck to move the refrigerator, do not rest the front or back of the refrigerator against the hand truck. This could damage the refrigerator.

Handle only from the sides of the refrigerator.

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

## Replacing the Lights

There is LED lighting in the refrigerator compartment at the top center and on the left and right sides above the climate zone pans on the french door models. LED lighting is located at the top of the refrigerator compartment on the single door models.

LED lights are also located at the top of the left and right sides of the freezer in all models.

An authorized technician will need to replace the LED light.

If this assembly needs to be replaced, call GE Appliances Service at 1.800.432.2737 in the United States or 1.800.561.3344 in Canada.

