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USER MANUAL



UPRIGHT FREEZER

6.6 CU FT.
CAPACITY

BEFORE USING YOUR PRODUCT:
Please read this manual carefully & follow all safety rules & operating instructions. Keep this manual for future reference.

Model Number:
CUF66C1W

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for choosing this product.

This user manual contains important information on safety and instructions intended to assist you in the operation and maintenance of your appliance.

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Icon	Type	Meaning
	**WARNING**	Serious injury or death risk
	**RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK**	Dangerous voltage risk
	**FIRE**	Warning; Risk of fire / flammable materials
	**CAUTION**	Injury or property damage risk
	**IMPORTANT**	Operating the system correctly

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1 SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 General Safety Warnings

Read this user manual carefully.

⚠ **WARNING:** Keep ventilation openings, in the appliance enclosure or in the built-in structure, clear of obstruction.

⚠ **WARNING:** Do not use mechanical devices or other means to accelerate the defrosting process, other than those recommended by the manufacturer.

⚠ **WARNING:** Do not use electrical appliances inside the food storage compartments of the appliance, unless they are of the type recommended by the manufacturer.

⚠ **WARNING:** Do not damage the refrigerant circuit.

⚠ **WARNING:** When positioning the appliance, ensure the supply cord is not trapped or damaged.

⚠ **WARNING:** Do not locate multiple portable socket-outlets or portable power supplies at the rear of the appliance.

⚠ **WARNING:** In order to avoid any hazards resulting from the instability of the appliance, it must be fixed in accordance with the instructions.

⚠ If your appliance uses R600a as a refrigerant (this information will be provided on the label of the cooler) you should take care during transportation and installation to prevent the cooler elements from being damaged. R600a is an environmentally friendly and

natural gas, but it is explosive. In the event of a leak due to damage of the cooler elements, move your fridge away from open flames or heat sources and ventilate the room where the appliance is located for a few minutes.

- While carrying and positioning the fridge, do not damage the cooler gas circuit.
- Do not store explosive substances such as aerosol cans with a flammable propellant in this appliance.
- This appliance is intended to be used in household and domestic applications such as:
  - staff kitchen areas in shops, offices and other working environments.
  - farm houses and by clients in hotels, motels and other residential type environments.
  - bed and breakfast type environments;
  - catering and similar non-retail applications.
- If the socket does not match the refrigerator plug, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, a service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard.
- A specially grounded plug has been connected to the power cable of your refrigerator. This plug should be used with a specially grounded socket of 10 amperes. If there is no such socket in your house, please have one installed by an authorised electrician.

- This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.
- Children aged from 3 to 8 years are allowed to load and unload refrigerating appliances. Children are not expected to perform cleaning or user maintenance of the appliance, very young children (0-3 years old) are not expected to use appliances, young children (3-8 years old) are not expected to use appliances safely unless continuous supervision is given, older children (8-14 years old) and vulnerable people can use appliances safely after they have been given appropriate supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance. Very vulnerable people are not expected to use appliances safely unless continuous supervision is given.
- If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, an authorised service agent or similar qualified persons, in order to avoid a hazard.
- This appliance is not intended for use at altitudes exceeding 6500 ft.
- WARNING: The refrigeration system is under high pressure. Do not tamper with it. Contact qualified service personal before disposal.

- CAUTION To Prevent A Child From Being Entrapped, Keep Out Of Reach Of Children And Not In The Vicinity Of Freezer Or Refrigerator.
- WARNING: Risk of child entrapment. Before you throw away your old refrigerator or freezer:
- * Take off the doors.
- * Leave the shelves in place so that children may not easily climb inside.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

To avoid contamination of food, please respect the following instructions:

- Opening the door for long periods can cause a significant increase of the temperature in the compartments of the appliance.
- Clean regularly surfaces that can come in contact with food and accessible drainage systems
- Store raw meat and fish in suitable containers in the refrigerator, so that it is not in contact with or drip onto other food.

- Two-star frozen-food compartments are suitable for storing pre-frozen food, storing or making ice cream and making ice cubes.
- One-, two- and three-star compartments are not suitable for the freezing of fresh food.
- If the refrigerating appliance is left empty for long periods, switch off, defrost, clean, dry, and leave the door open to prevent mould developing within the appliance.

1.2 Installation warnings

Before using your freezer for the first time, please pay attention to the following points:

- The operating voltage for your freezer is 115-127 V 60Hz .
- The plug must be accessible after installation.
- Your freezer may have an odour when it is operated for the first time. This is normal and the odour will fade when your freezer starts to cool.
- Before connecting your freezer, ensure that the information on the data plate (voltage and connected load) matches that of the mains electricity supply. If in doubt, consult a qualified electrician.
- Insert the plug into a socket with an efficient ground connection. If the socket has no ground contact or the plug does not match, we recommend you consult a qualified electrician for assistance.
- The appliance must be connected with a properly installed fused socket. The power supply (AC) and voltage at the operating point must match with the details on the name plate of the appliance (the name plate is located on the inside left of the appliance).
- We do not accept responsibility for any damages that occur due to ungrounded usage.
- Place your freezer where it will not be exposed to direct sunlight.
- Your freezer must never be used outdoors or exposed to rain.
- Your appliance must be at least 20 inches away from stoves, gas ovens and heater cores, and at least 2 inches away from electrical ovens.
- If your freezer is placed next to a deep freezer, there must be at least 1 inch between them to prevent humidity forming on the outer surface.
- Do not cover the body or top of freezer with lace. This will affect the performance of your freezer.
- Clearance of at least 6 inches is required at the top of your appliance. Do not place anything on top of your appliance.
- Do not place heavy items on the appliance.
- Clean the appliance thoroughly before use (see Cleaning and Maintenance).
- Before using your freezer, wipe all parts with a solution of warm water and a teaspoon of sodium bicarbonate. Then, rinse with clean water and dry. Return all parts to the freezer after cleaning.
- When the product is running, high temperature can be noticed on the side panels. This situation is normal.
- In order for the product to work efficiently,

there must be some gap around it for air circulation. If you are going to place the product in a recessed area on the wall, make sure that the gap should be 4 inches between top surface and ceiling, 2 inches between walls and side panels.
- The distance between the appliance and back wall must be a maximum of 3 inches

1.3 During Usage

- Do not connect your freezer to the mains electricity supply using an extension lead.
- Do not use damaged, torn or old plugs.
- Do not pull, bend or damage the cord.
- Do not use plug adapter.
- This appliance is designed for use by adults. Do not allow children to play with the appliance or hang off the door.
- Never touch the power cord/plug with wet hands. This may cause a short circuit or electric shock.
- Do not place glass bottles or cans in your freezer as they will burst when the contents freeze.
- Do not place explosive or flammable material in your freezer.
- When removing ice from the ice-making compartment, do not touch it. Ice may cause frost burns and/or cuts.
- Do not touch frozen goods with wet hands. Do not eat ice-cream or ice cubes immediately after they are removed from the ice-making compartment.
- Do not re-freeze thawed frozen food. This may cause health issues such as food poisoning.

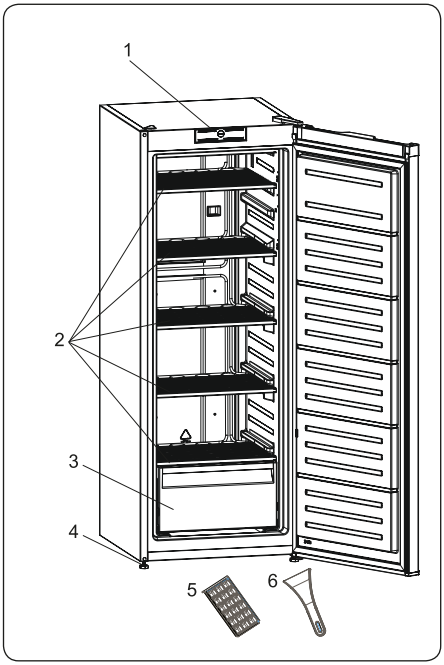
Old and Out-of-order Fridges

- If your old fridge or freezer has a lock, break or remove the lock before discarding it, because children may get trapped inside it and may cause an accident.
- Old fridges and freezers contain isolation material and refrigerant with CFC. Therefore, take care not to harm environment when you are discarding your old fridges.

Notes:

- Please read the instruction manual carefully before installing and using your appliance. We are not responsible for the damage occurred due to misuse.
- Follow all instructions on your appliance and instruction manual, and keep this manual in a safe place to resolve the problems that may occur in the future.
- This appliance is produced to be used in homes and it can only be used in domestic environments and for the specified purposes. It is not suitable for commercial or common use. Such use will cause the guarantee of the appliance to be cancelled and our company will not be responsible for any losses incurred.
- This appliance is produced to be used in houses and it is only suitable for cooling / storing foods. It is not suitable for commercial or common use and/or for storing substances except for food. Our company is not responsible for any losses incurred by inappropriate usage of the appliance.

2 DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLIANCE



This presentation is only for information about the parts of the appliance. Parts may vary according to the appliance model.

1) Thermostat knob
2) Freezer shelf
3) Freezer drawer
4) Levelling feet
5) Ice box tray
6) Plastic ice scraper *

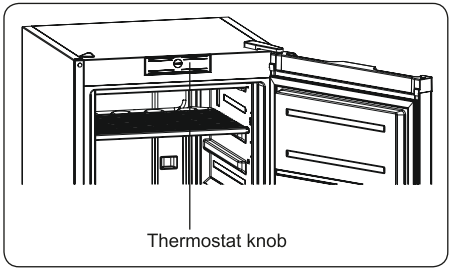
** In some models*

3 USING THE APPLIANCE

3.1 Thermostat Setting

The thermostat automatically regulates the temperature inside the cooler and freezer compartments. Refrigerator temperatures can be obtained by rotating the knob to higher numbers; 1 to 3, 1 to 5 or SF (Maximum numbers on the thermostat depends on your product.)

Important note: Do not try to rotate the knob beyond position 1, it will stop your appliance from working.



Thermostat settings:

1 – 2 : For short-term storage of food

3 – 4 : For long-term storage of food

5 : Maximum cooling position. The appliance will work longer.If required, change the temperature setting.

If device has SF position:

- Turn the knob to SF to freeze fresh food quickly. In this position, the freezer compartment will operate at lower temperatures. After your food freezes, turn the thermostat knob to its normal use position. If you do not change the SF position, your appliance work will automatically return to its last used thermostat position according to the time indicated in the note. Return the thermostat switch to the SF position and return it to normal use according to the time indicated in the note.If the thermostat switch is in the SF position when your appliance is first started, your appliance work will automatically return to the operation in the thermostat-3 position according to the time indicated in

the note.

3.2 Temperature Settings Warnings

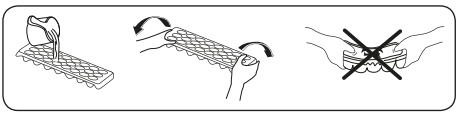
- Your appliance is designed to operate in the ambient temperature ranges stated in the standards, according to the climate class stated in the information label. It is not recommended that your fridge is operated in the environments which are outside of the stated temperature ranges. This will reduce the cooling efficiency of the appliance.
- Temperature adjustments should be made according to the frequency of door openings, the quantity of food kept inside the appliance and the ambient temperature in the location of your appliance.
- When the appliance is first switched on, allow it to run for 24 hours in order to reach operating temperature. During this time, do not open the door and do not keep a large quantity of food inside.
- A 5 minute delay function is applied to prevent damage to the compressor of your appliance when connecting or disconnecting to mains, or when an energy breakdown occurs. Your appliance will begin to operate normally after 5 minutes.

3.3 Accessories

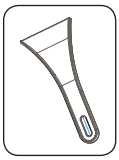
Visual and text descriptions in the accessories section may vary according to the model of your appliance.

3.3.1 Ice Tray *(In some models)*

- Fill the ice tray with water and place in the freezer compartment.
- After the water has completely frozen, you can twist the tray as shown below to remove the ice cubes.



3.3.2 The Plastic Scraper *(In some models)*



After some time, frost will build up in certain areas of the freezer. The frost accumulated in the freezer should be removed regularly. Use the plastic scraper provided, if necessary. Do not use sharp metal objects for this operation. They could puncture the refrigerator circuit and cause irreparable damage to the unit.

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4 FOOD STORAGE

4.1 Freezer Compartment

For normal operating conditions, set the temperature of the freezer compartment to 0 or -3 °F.

- The freezer is used for storing frozen food, freezing fresh food, and making ice cubes.
- Food in liquid form should be frozen in plastic cups and other food should be frozen in plastic folios or bags.For freezing fresh food; wrap and seal fresh food properly, that is the packaging should be air tight and shouldn't leak. Special freezer bags, aluminum foil polythene bags and plastic containers are ideal.
- Do not store fresh food next to frozen food as it can thaw the frozen food.
- Before freezing fresh food, divide it into portions that can be consumed in one sitting.
- Consume thawed frozen food within a short period of time after defrosting
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions on food packaging when storing frozen food. If no information is provided food, should not be stored for

more than 3 months from the date of purchase.

- When purchasing frozen food, make sure that it has been stored under appropriate conditions and that the packaging is not damaged.
- Frozen food should be transported in appropriate containers and placed in the freezer as soon as possible.
- Do not purchase frozen food if the packaging shows signs of humidity and abnormal swelling. It is probable that it has been stored at an unsuitable temperature and that the contents have deteriorated.
- The storage life of frozen food depends on the room temperature, the thermostat setting, how often the door is opened, the type of food, and the length of time required to transport the product from the shop to your home. Always follow the instructions printed on the packaging and never exceed the maximum storage life indicated.
- If the freezer door has been left open for a long time or not closed properly, frost will form and can prevent efficient air circulation. To resolve this, unplug the freezer and wait for it to defrost. Clean the freezer once it has fully defrosted.
- The freezer volume stated on the label is the volume without baskets, covers, and so on.
- Do not refreeze thawed food. It may pose a danger to your health and cause problems such as food poisoning.

NOTE: If you attempt to open the freezer door immediately after closing it, you will find that it will not open easily. This is normal. Once equilibrium has been reached, the door will open easily.

- To use the maximum load capacity of your freezer, and to store large quantities of food, remove all drawers except the bottom one. Large items can be stored directly on the shelves.
- To use the maximum freezing capacity of your freezer move the frozen food in the upper basket to other baskets and activate “Super freeze” mode. “Super freeze” mode will be deactivated automatically after 24 hours. Place the food you want to freeze to the upper basket of the freezer without exceeding the freezing capacity of your freezer. Then reactivate the “Super freeze” mode. You can put your food next to other frozen food after it is completely frozen (minimum 24 hours after “Super freeze” mode is activated for the 2nd time).
- To freeze a small amount of food (up to 6 lb) in your freezer, place your food without touching already frozen food and activate “Super freeze” mode. You can put your food next to other frozen food after it is completely frozen (after minimum 24 hours).
- **Attention**. To save energy, when freezing small amounts of food, reset the temperature to the previous value as soon as the food is completely frozen.
- Use the fast freezing shelf to freeze home cooking (and any other food which needs to be frozen quickly) more quickly because of the freezing shelf’s greater freezing power. Fast freezing shelf is the bottom drawer of the freezer compartment.

The table below is a quick guide to show you the most efficient way to store the major food groups in your freezer compartment.

Meat and fish	Preparation	Maximum storage time (months)
Steak	Wrap in foil	6 - 8
Lamb meat	Wrap in foil	6 - 8
Veal roast	Wrap in foil	6 - 8
Veal cubes	In small pieces	6 - 8
Lamb cubes	In pieces	4 - 8
Minced meat	In packaging without using spices	1 - 3
Giblets (pieces)	In pieces	1 - 3
Bologna sausage/salami	Should be kept packaged even if it has a membrane	1 - 3
Chicken and turkey	Wrap in foil	4 - 6
Goose and duck	Wrap in foil	4 - 6
Deer, rabbit, wild boar	In 5.5 lb portions or as fillets	6 - 8
Freshwater fish (Salmon, Carp, Crane, Catfish)	After cleaning the bowels and scales of the fish, wash and dry it. If necessary, remove the tail and head.	2
Lean fish (Bass, Turbot, Flounder)		4
Fatty fishes (Tuna, Mackerel, Bluefish, Anchovy)		2 - 4
Shellfish	Clean and in a bag	4 - 6
Caviar	In its packaging, or in an aluminium or plastic container	2 - 3
Snails	In salty water, or in an aluminium or plastic container	3

NOTE: Thawed frozen meat should be cooked as fresh meat. If the meat is not cooked after defrosting, it must not be re-frozen.

Vegetables and Fruits	Preparation	Maximum storage time (months)
String beans and beans	Wash, cut into small pieces and boil in water	10 - 13
Beans	Hull, wash and boil in water	12
Cabbage	Clean and boil in water	6 - 8
Carrot	Clean, cut into slices and boil in water	12
Pepper	Cut the stem, cut into two pieces, remove the core and boil in water	8 - 10
Spinach	Wash and boil in water	6 - 9
Cauliflower	Remove the leaves, cut the heart into pieces and leave it in water with a little lemon juice for a while	10 - 12
Eggplant	Cut into pieces of 1 inc after washing	10 - 12
Corn	Clean and pack with its stem or as sweet corn	12
Apple and pear	Peel and slice	8 - 10
Apricot and Peach	Cut into two pieces and remove the stone	4 - 6
Strawberry and Blackberry	Wash and hull	8 - 12

Vegetables and Fruits	Preparation	Maximum storage time (months)
Cooked fruits	Add 10 % of sugar to the container	12
Plum, cherry, sourberry	Wash and hull the stems	8 - 12

	Maximum storage time (months)	Thawing time at room temperature (hours)	Thawing time in oven (minutes)
Bread	4 - 6	2 - 3	4-5 (428-437 °F)
Biscuits	3 - 6	1 - 1,5	5-8 (374-392 °F)
Pastry	1 - 3	2 - 3	5-10 (392-437 °F)
Pie	1 - 1,5	3 - 4	5-8 (374-392 °F)
Phyllo dough	2 - 3	1 - 1,5	5-8 (374-392 °F)
Pizza	2 - 3	2 - 4	15-20 (392 °F)

Dairy products	Preparation	Maximum storage time (months)	Storage conditions
Packet (Homogenized) Milk	In its own packet	2 - 3	Pure Milk – in its own packet
Cheese - excluding white cheese	In slices	6 - 8	Original packaging may be used for short-term storage. Keep wrapped in foil for longer periods.
Butter, margarine	In its packaging	6	

5 CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Disconnect the unit from the power supply before cleaning.

Do not wash your appliance by pouring water on it.

Do not use abrasive products, detergents or soaps for cleaning the appliance. After washing, rinse with clean water and dry carefully. When you have finished cleaning, reconnect the plug to the mains supply with dry hands.

- Make sure that no water enters the lamp housing and other electrical components.
- The appliance should be cleaned regularly using a solution of bicarbonate of soda and lukewarm water.
- Clean the accessories separately by hand with soap and water. Do not wash accessories in a dish washer.
- Clean the condenser with a brush at least twice a year. This will help you to save on energy costs and increase productivity.

The power supply must be disconnected during cleaning.

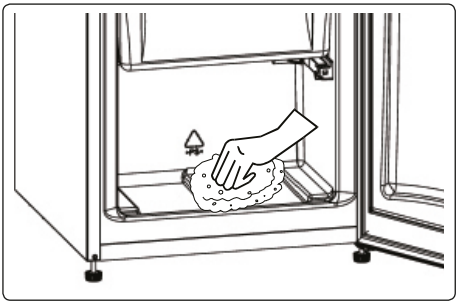
5.1 Defrosting

Freezer defrosting process

- Small amounts of frost will accumulate inside the freezer, depending on the length of time the door may be left open or the amount of moisture introduced. It is essential to ensure that no frost or ice is allowed to form in places where it will affect the close fitting of the door seal. This might allow air to penetrate the cabinet, encouraging continuous running of the compressor. Thin frost formation is quite soft and can be removed with a brush or plastic scraper. Do not use metal or sharp scrapers, mechanical devices or other means to accelerate the defrosting process. Remove all dislodged frost from the cabinet floor. It is not necessary to switch off the appliance for the removal of thin frost.
- For the removal of heavy ice deposits,

disconnect the appliance from the mains supply, empty the contents into cardboard boxes and wrap in thick blankets or layers of paper to keep cool. Defrosting will be most effective if carried out when the freezer is nearly empty and should be carried out as quickly as possible to prevent an unnecessary increase in the temperature of the contents.

- Do not use metal or sharp scrapers, mechanical devices or other means to accelerate the defrosting process. An increase in temperature of frozen food during defrosting will shorten the storage life. Keep contents well wrapped and cool while defrosting is taking place.



- Dry the inside of the compartment with a sponge or a clean cloth.
- To accelerate the defrosting process, place one or more bowls of warm water in the freezer compartment.
- Examine the contents when replacing them in the freezer and if some of the packages have thawed out, they should be eaten within 24hours, or be cooked and re-frozen.
- After defrosting is complete, clean the inside of the appliance with a solution of warm water and a little bicarbonate of soda, then dry thoroughly. Wash all removable parts in the same way and reassemble. Reconnect the appliance to the mains supply and leave for 2 to 3 hours on setting number MAX before introducing the food back into the freezer.

Replacing LED Lighting

To replace any of the LEDs, please contact the nearest Authorised Service Centre.

Note: The numbers and location of the LED strips may change according to the model.

6 SHIPMENT AND REPOSITIONING

6.1 Transportation and Changing Positioning

- The original packaging and foam may be kept for re-transportation (optional).
- Fasten your appliance with thick packaging, bands or strong cords and follow the instructions for transportation on the packaging.
- Remove all movable parts or fix them into the appliance against shocks using bands when re-positioning or transporting.

Always carry your appliance in the upright position.

6.2 Repositioning the Door

- It is not possible to change the opening direction of your appliance door if door handles are installed on the front surface of the appliance door.
- It is possible to change the opening direction of the door on models with handle on the side of the door or without handles.
- If the door-opening direction of your appliance can be changed, contact the nearest Authorised Service Centre to change the opening direction.

7 BEFORE CALLING AFTER-SALES SERVICE

If you are experiencing a problem with your **appliance**, please check the following before contacting the after-sales service.

Your appliance is not operating

Check if:

- There is power

- The plug is correctly placed in the socket
- The plug fuse or the mains fuse has blown
- The socket is defective. To check this, plug another working appliance into the same socket.

The appliance performs poorly

Check if:

- The appliance is overloaded
- The appliance door is closed properly
- There is any dust on the condenser
- There is enough space near the rear and side walls.

Your appliance is operating noisily

Normal noises

Cracking noise occurs:

- During automatic defrosting
- When the appliance is cooled or warmed (due to expansion of appliance material).

Short cracking noise occurs: When the thermostat switches the compressor on/off.

Motor noise: Indicates the compressor is operating normally. The compressor may cause more noise for a short time when it is first activated.

Bubbling noise and splash occurs: Due to the flow of the refrigerant in the tubes of the system.

Water flowing noise occurs: Due to water flowing to the evaporation container. This noise is normal during defrosting.

Air blowing noise occurs: In some models during normal operation of the system due to the circulation of air.

The edges of the appliance in contact with the door joint are warm

Especially during summer (warm seasons), the surfaces in contact with the door joint may become warmer during the operation of the compressor, this is normal.

There is a build-up of humidity inside the appliance

Check if:

- All food is packed properly. Containers must be dry before being placed in the **appliance**.
- The **appliance** door is opened frequently. Humidity of the room enters the **appliance** when the doors are opened. Humidity increases faster when the doors are opened more frequently, especially if the humidity of the room is high.

The door does not open or close properly

Check if:

- There is food or packaging preventing the door from closing
- The door joints are broken or torn
- Your **appliance** is on a level surface.

Recommendations

- If the appliance is switched off or unplugged, wait at least 5 minutes before plugging the appliance in or restarting it in order to prevent damage to the compressor.
- If you will not use your appliance for a long time (e.g. in summer holidays) unplug it. Clean your appliance according to chapter cleaning and leave the door open to prevent humidity and smell.
- If a problem persists after you have followed all the above instructions, please consult the nearest authorised service centre.
- The appliance you have purchased is designed for domestic use only. It is not suitable for commercial or common use. If the consumer uses the appliance in a way that does not comply with this, we emphasise that the manufacturer and the dealer will not be responsible for any repair and failure within the guarantee period.

8 TIPS FOR SAVING ENERGY

1. Install the appliance in a cool, well-ventilated room, but not in direct sunlight and not near a heat source (such as a radiator or oven) otherwise an insulating plate should be used.
2. Allow warm food and drinks to cool before placing them inside the appliance.
3. Place thawing food in the refrigerator compartment if available. The low temperature of the frozen food will help cool the refrigerator compartment while the food is thawing. This will save energy. Frozen food left to thaw outside of the appliance will result in a waste of energy.
4. Drinks or other liquids should be covered when inside the appliance. If left uncovered, the humidity inside the appliance will increase, therefore the appliance uses more energy. Keeping drinks and other liquids covered helps preserve their smell and taste.
5. Avoid keeping the doors open for long periods and opening the doors too frequently as warm air will enter the appliance and cause the compressor to switch on unnecessarily often.
6. Keep the covers of the different temperature compartments (such as the crisper and chiller if available) closed.
7. The door gasket must be clean and pliable. In case of wear, replace the gasket.