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Whirlpool 2196157 Icemaker Instruction Manual

Model: 2196157
Brand: Whirlpool

Product Overview

The Whirlpool 2196157 Icemaker is a genuine replacement part designed for refrigerator ice makers. This component is crucial for the proper functioning of your appliance's ice production system, specifically as an icemaker fitting.



This image displays the Whirlpool 2196157 Icemaker fitting. It includes the main white plastic tube, which is designed to direct water into the ice maker, along with a small white plastic insert and a small metal clip, which are components for securing and sealing the connection.

Important Safety Information

- Always **disconnect power** to the appliance before attempting any installation or maintenance.
- Wear appropriate **personal protective equipment**, such as gloves and eye protection, during installation.
- Refer to your refrigerator's main instruction manual for specific safety guidelines related to your appliance model.
- Ensure all water connections are secure to prevent leaks.

Setup and Installation

This part is designed to replace an existing icemaker fitting. Installation may require cutting the tube to the appropriate length to fit your specific refrigerator model. It typically involves connecting the tube to the water supply and the ice maker

unit, often secured with a compression nut and an insert.

Installation Steps:

1. **Disconnect Power:** Unplug the refrigerator from the power outlet or turn off the circuit breaker supplying power to the appliance.
2. **Turn Off Water Supply:** Locate and turn off the water supply valve to the refrigerator.
3. **Locate and Remove Old Fitting:** Access the ice maker compartment and carefully remove the old or damaged icemaker fitting. Note its orientation and connection points.
4. **Measure and Cut New Tube:** Compare the new tube to the old one. If necessary, cut the new plastic tube to the exact length required for your refrigerator model. Use a clean, sharp tool for a precise cut.
5. **Install Compression Components:** Slide the compression nut and the small plastic insert onto the cut end of the new tube. The insert helps prevent the tube from collapsing when tightened.
6. **Connect New Fitting:** Securely attach the new icemaker fitting to the water inlet of the ice maker unit. Tighten the compression nut firmly but do not overtighten.
7. **Reconnect Water and Power:** Turn the water supply back on and check for any leaks around the new connection. Once confirmed leak-free, restore power to the refrigerator.
8. **Test Ice Maker:** Allow several hours for the ice maker to cycle and produce ice. Discard the first few batches of ice to ensure cleanliness.

Operating Instructions

Once properly installed, the Whirlpool 2196157 Icemaker fitting will direct water from your refrigerator's water supply line into the ice maker mold. The ice maker will then cycle automatically to fill the mold, freeze the water, and dispense the ice into the ice bin. No manual operation is required for this specific part.

Maintenance

The Whirlpool 2196157 Icemaker fitting requires minimal maintenance. Periodically inspect the fitting for any signs of wear, cracks, or leaks. Ensure all connections remain secure. No routine cleaning is typically required for this specific part, but ensure the surrounding area within the ice maker compartment is free from debris or ice buildup that could obstruct the fitting.

Troubleshooting

- **No Ice Production:** If the ice maker is not producing ice, first check if the water supply to the refrigerator is active and the water line is not kinked. Ensure the new tube is properly seated and not obstructed. Verify that the ice maker unit itself is functioning correctly.
- **Water Leaks:** If you observe water leaks around the fitting, immediately turn off the water supply and power to the refrigerator. Ensure all connections are tight and the compression nut is properly secured. Check for any damage to the tube or seals that might require replacement.
- **Tube Freezing:** While this plastic part is designed to reduce freezing compared to older metal components, ensure the refrigerator's freezer temperature settings are correct. Extreme cold or drafts directly on the ice maker area can

sometimes cause water in the tube to freeze before it reaches the mold.

Specifications

Attribute	Value
Manufacturer	Whirlpool
Part Number	2196157
Item Weight	1.58 ounces
Product Dimensions	1.5 x 2.5 x 3.5 inches
Item Model Number	2196157
Item Package Quantity	1
UPC	794397787742, 638876920247

Warranty Information

As a genuine Whirlpool replacement part, this item is covered by Whirlpool's standard warranty for replacement parts. Please refer to Whirlpool's official website or contact their customer service for specific warranty terms and conditions applicable to genuine parts.

Customer Support

For further assistance, technical support, or to inquire about other genuine Whirlpool parts, please visit the official Whirlpool website or contact their customer service department. When contacting support, it is helpful to have your refrigerator's full model and serial numbers readily available.

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