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Franke Imagine SC FIM 918 XG Range Hood User Manual

Model: FIM 918 XG

1. Product Overview

The Franke Imagine SC FIM 918 XG is a modern, wall-mounted head-free range hood designed for efficient kitchen ventilation. It features a sleek stainless steel finish, intuitive touch controls, and energy-efficient LED lighting. This appliance can operate in both extraction (ducted) and recirculation (vented) modes, providing flexibility for various kitchen setups.



Figure 1: Front view of the Franke Imagine SC FIM 918 XG Head-Free Range Hood.



Figure 2: The Franke Imagine SC FIM 918 XG Range Hood installed in a kitchen setting. This image is for illustrative purposes.

2. Safety Instructions

Please read all safety instructions carefully before installation and operation to prevent injury or damage. Keep this manual for future reference.

- Ensure the electrical supply matches the rating plate on the appliance.
- Installation must be performed by a qualified technician in accordance with local regulations.
- Do not operate the appliance if it is damaged.
- Regularly clean grease filters to prevent fire hazards.
- Do not flambé under the range hood.
- Adequate ventilation is required when the range hood is used simultaneously with appliances burning gas or other fuels.
- For information on recycling and disposal of lamps, refer to local guidelines and the manufacturer's recommendations.
- For disposal of broken or damaged lamps, follow specific safety procedures to avoid exposure to hazardous materials.

3. Installation and Setup

3.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove the range hood from its packaging. Inspect for any signs of damage during transit. Retain packaging materials for potential future transport or return.

3.2 Mounting the Hood

The Franke FIM 918 XG is designed for wall mounting. Ensure the wall structure is strong enough to support the weight of the appliance. Maintain the recommended minimum distance between the cooking surface and the lower edge of the hood as specified in the installation template (not provided in this manual, refer to separate installation guide).

3.3 Ventilation Modes

This range hood supports both extraction (ducted) and recirculation (vented) modes.

- **Extraction Mode:** Air is drawn from the kitchen, filtered, and expelled outside through a ducting system. This requires an external vent.
- **Recirculation Mode:** Air is drawn, filtered through grease and charcoal filters (charcoal filter sold separately for recirculation), and then returned to the kitchen. This mode is suitable when external venting is not possible.

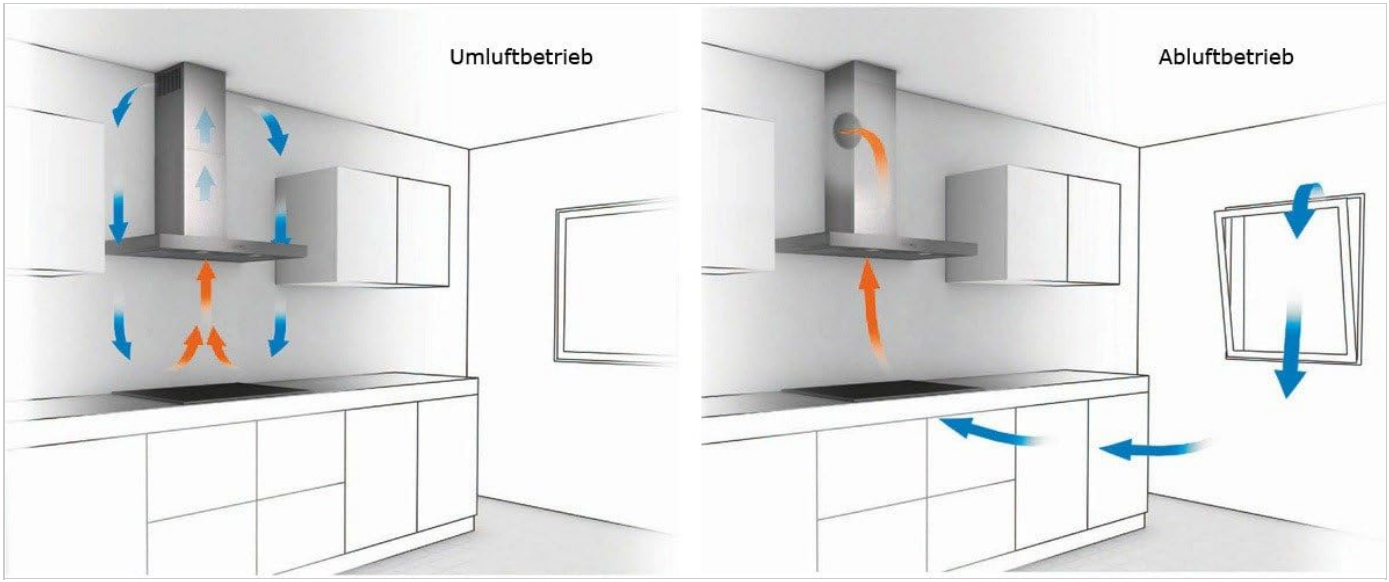


Figure 3: Illustration of air flow in Recirculation (left) and Extraction (right) modes.

3.4 Electrical Connection

Connect the appliance to a grounded electrical outlet according to local electrical codes. Ensure the power supply is disconnected before making any electrical connections.

4. Operating Instructions

The Franke FIM 918 XG features a touch control panel for easy operation.



Figure 4: Detailed view of the touch control panel.

4.1 Power On/Off

Press the **Power** button (usually indicated by a circle with a vertical line) to turn the hood on or off.

4.2 Fan Speed Adjustment

The hood offers multiple fan speeds. Use the **'+'** and **'-'** buttons to increase or decrease the fan speed according to your cooking needs. Higher speeds are recommended for strong odors or heavy steam.

4.3 Lighting Control

Press the **Light** button (usually indicated by a light bulb icon) to turn the LED lighting on or off. The LED lights provide illumination for your cooking area.

4.4 Timer Function (if applicable)

Some models may include a timer function (e.g., 24h icon). Consult the specific icons on your control panel for detailed timer operation. This function allows the hood to run for a set period before automatically shutting off.

5. Maintenance and Cleaning

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the lifespan of your range hood.

5.1 Cleaning the Exterior

Clean the stainless steel surfaces with a soft cloth and a mild, non-abrasive cleaner specifically designed for stainless steel. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive pads that can scratch the surface.

5.2 Cleaning/Replacing Grease Filters

The metal grease filters should be cleaned regularly, typically every 2-4 weeks depending on usage. They can be washed by hand with hot soapy water or in a dishwasher. Ensure they are completely dry before re-installing.

5.3 Replacing Charcoal Filters (Recirculation Mode Only)

If your hood is operating in recirculation mode, the charcoal filters (not included with all models, sold separately) need to be replaced every 3-6 months, or more frequently with heavy use. These filters cannot be washed and must be replaced.

5.4 Replacing LED Lights

The LED lights are designed for long life. If replacement is necessary, contact a qualified technician or Franke customer service for assistance, as specialized tools or knowledge may be required.

6. Troubleshooting

Before contacting customer service, please refer to the following common issues and solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Hood does not turn on.	No power supply; tripped circuit breaker; loose connection.	Check power cord connection. Check circuit breaker/fuse box. Ensure power outlet is functional.
Low suction power.	Clogged grease filters; charcoal filters saturated (recirculation mode); ducting obstruction; incorrect installation height.	Clean grease filters. Replace charcoal filters. Check ducting for blockages. Verify installation height.
Excessive noise.	Loose components; fan obstruction; improper ducting.	Check for loose screws or parts. Ensure no foreign objects are in the fan. Inspect ducting for proper installation and sealing.
Lights not working.	Faulty LED module; loose connection.	Ensure power is supplied to the unit. If individual LEDs are out, contact service for replacement.
Touch controls unresponsive.	Temporary electronic glitch; moisture on panel.	Disconnect power for a few minutes and reconnect (reset). Ensure control panel is dry and clean.

7. Specifications

Model: Franke Imagine SC FIM 918 XG

Type: Head-Free Wall-Mounted Range Hood

Material: Stainless Steel

Control Type: Touch Control

Lighting: LED

Ventilation Type: Ducted/Vented (Extraction/Recirculation)

Filter Type: Metal Grease Filter (Charcoal filter for recirculation sold separately)

Dimensions: 90 cm width (approximate, based on product title)

Power Supply: Refer to product rating label for specific voltage and frequency.

8. Warranty and Support

8.1 Warranty Information

Franke products are covered by a manufacturer's warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official Franke website for detailed terms and conditions. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

8.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, spare parts, or service requests, please contact Franke customer support. Contact details can typically be found on the Franke official website or in the documentation provided with your appliance.

Note: This manual provides general guidance. Specific features and troubleshooting steps may vary slightly depending on the exact production batch. Always refer to the official Franke website or contact customer support for the most up-to-date information.

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