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Whirlpool W10326469 Center Rail Instruction Manual

Genuine Replacement Part for Refrigerators

1. Product Overview

The Whirlpool W10326469 Center Rail is a genuine replacement part designed for use in compatible Whirlpool refrigerators. This component is crucial for the proper functioning and smooth operation of refrigerator drawers, such as crisper or deli drawers, providing the necessary support and glide mechanism.



Image 1.1: The Whirlpool W10326469 Center Rail, a genuine replacement part for refrigerator drawers.

This part ensures that drawers slide in and out smoothly, preventing them from sticking or falling out of alignment. It is manufactured to Whirlpool's specifications to ensure compatibility and reliable performance.

2. Installation Instructions

Before beginning any installation, ensure the refrigerator is disconnected from its power source to prevent electrical hazards. Always wear appropriate safety gear, such as gloves, if necessary.

1. **Prepare the Area:** Empty the refrigerator drawer that requires the replacement rail. Remove any food items or other contents.
2. **Disconnect Power:** Unplug the refrigerator from the wall outlet.
3. **Remove Existing Drawer:** Carefully remove the drawer that uses the center rail. This may involve lifting it

slightly and pulling it out.

4. **Locate and Remove Old Rail:** Identify the damaged or broken center rail. Depending on your refrigerator model, it may be snapped into place or secured with screws. Gently detach or unscrew the old rail.
5. **Install New Rail:** Position the new Whirlpool W10326469 Center Rail in the correct location. Ensure it aligns with the mounting points. If applicable, snap it into place or secure it with the original screws. Verify that it is firmly attached and stable.
6. **Reinstall Drawer:** Carefully slide the drawer back into its position, ensuring it engages correctly with the new center rail. Test the drawer's movement to confirm smooth operation.
7. **Restore Power:** Plug the refrigerator back into the wall outlet.
8. **Verify Functionality:** Open and close the drawer several times to ensure it operates smoothly and without obstruction.

If you encounter difficulty during installation, consult your refrigerator's specific service manual or contact a qualified technician.

3. Usage

The W10326469 Center Rail facilitates the smooth movement of refrigerator drawers. To ensure its longevity and proper function:

- **Gentle Operation:** Always open and close drawers gently. Avoid forcing them if they feel stuck.
- **Even Loading:** Distribute the weight of items evenly within the drawer. Overloading or placing heavy items predominantly on one side can stress the rail and lead to premature wear or breakage.
- **Avoid Excessive Weight:** Do not exceed the recommended weight capacity for your refrigerator drawers. Refer to your refrigerator's user manual for specific weight limits.

4. Care and Maintenance

Regular care helps maintain the performance and lifespan of your center rail:

- **Cleaning:** Periodically remove the drawer and wipe down the center rail with a damp cloth and mild soap. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely before reinstalling the drawer. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the rail for any signs of wear, cracks, or damage. Early detection of issues can prevent further problems.
- **Lubrication (if applicable):** Most modern drawer rails are designed to operate without lubrication. If the drawer feels stiff, ensure the rail is clean and free of debris. Do not apply lubricants unless specifically recommended by Whirlpool for your refrigerator model, as some lubricants can attract dirt or damage plastic components.

5. Troubleshooting

If you experience issues with your refrigerator drawer after installing the W10326469 Center Rail, consider the following:

- **Drawer Not Sliding Smoothly:**
  - Ensure the rail is clean and free of food debris or obstructions.
  - Verify the drawer is correctly seated on the rail.
  - Check if the drawer is overloaded or unevenly loaded.
- **Rail Appears Loose or Damaged:**
  - Re-check the installation to ensure the rail is securely attached.

- Inspect the rail for any new cracks or breaks. While this is a replacement part, design limitations in some refrigerator models can lead to repeated stress on the rail, especially with heavy use.

- **Drawer Not Closing Completely:**
  - Ensure no items in the drawer or refrigerator cavity are obstructing its path.
  - Verify the rail is not bent or misaligned.

If troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, it may indicate a more complex problem with the refrigerator or the need for professional assistance.

6. Product Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Manufacturer	Whirlpool
Part Number	W10326469
Item Weight	6.4 ounces
Product Dimensions	14.1 x 2.6 x 1.5 inches
Item Model Number	W10326469
Item Package Quantity	1
Date First Available	June 21, 2012

7. Warranty Information

Specific warranty details for the Whirlpool W10326469 Center Rail are not provided in this document. For information regarding the warranty coverage for this genuine replacement part, please refer to the documentation included with your original refrigerator purchase or contact Whirlpool customer support directly.

8. Customer Support

For further assistance, technical support, or to inquire about other genuine Whirlpool replacement parts, please contact Whirlpool customer service. You can typically find contact information on the Whirlpool official website or within your refrigerator's user manual.
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