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Frigidaire EFR176 Retro Compact Refrigerator User Manual

Model: EFR176

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Frigidaire EFR176 Retro Compact Refrigerator. Please read all instructions carefully before use and retain this manual for future reference. The Frigidaire EFR176 is a 1.6 cubic foot compact refrigerator designed for small spaces, featuring a chiller compartment and a built-in bottle opener.



Figure 1: Frigidaire EFR176 Retro Compact Refrigerator (Blue)

2. Safety Information

Always follow basic safety precautions when using electrical appliances to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury.

- Ensure the refrigerator is properly grounded.
- Do not operate with a damaged power cord or plug.
- Keep ventilation openings clear of obstructions.
- Do not store explosive substances such as aerosol cans with a flammable propellant in this appliance.
- This appliance is intended for household use only.
- Manual defrosting is required. Do not use mechanical devices or other means to accelerate the defrosting process.

3. Setup and Installation

3.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove all packaging materials, including foam and adhesive tape. Inspect the refrigerator for any shipping damage. Report any damage to your retailer immediately.

3.2 Placement

Place the refrigerator on a flat, stable surface away from direct sunlight and heat sources. The space-saving flush back design allows for placement against walls. Ensure adequate air circulation around the unit.



Figure 2: Space-saving design for versatile placement.

3.3 Leveling

Adjust the leveling legs at the bottom of the refrigerator to ensure the unit is stable and level. Proper leveling is crucial for efficient operation and door sealing.

3.4 Reversible Door

The door hinges are reversible, allowing you to change the door swing direction to suit your space. Refer to the detailed instructions in the full product manual for reversing the door.



Figure 3: Key features including reversible door and adjustable leveling legs.

3.5 Power Connection

Plug the refrigerator into a dedicated, grounded electrical outlet. Allow the unit to stand upright for at least 2-4 hours before plugging it in to allow refrigerants to settle.

4. Operating Instructions

4.1 Temperature Control

The refrigerator features an adjustable thermostat. Turn the dial to your desired setting. A higher number typically indicates a colder temperature. Allow several hours for the temperature to stabilize after adjustment.

4.2 Internal Storage

The 1.6 cu. ft. capacity provides ample storage. Utilize the interior wire shelf and 2-liter door basket for organized placement of beverages and snacks. A chiller compartment and ice tray are included for colder items.



Figure 4: Interior layout with labeled components.



Figure 5: Example of internal storage capacity.

4.3 Built-in Bottle Opener

A convenient bottle opener is integrated on the side of the unit for easy access.

5. Maintenance

5.1 Cleaning

Unplug the refrigerator before cleaning. Clean the interior and exterior surfaces with a mild detergent and warm water. Do not use abrasive cleaners or sharp objects. Remove and wash shelves and door baskets as needed.

5.2 Manual Defrosting

This refrigerator requires manual defrosting. When frost accumulates to a thickness of 1/4 inch (6 mm) or more, defrost the unit. To defrost:

1. Unplug the refrigerator.
2. Remove all food items and place them in another cooling unit or cooler.

3. Leave the door open to allow frost to melt naturally. Place a towel or shallow pan to collect water.
4. Once defrosted, clean and dry the interior thoroughly before plugging the unit back in and returning food items.

Do not use sharp objects or heating devices to remove frost, as this can damage the cooling system.

6. Troubleshooting

Before contacting customer service, review the following common issues and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Refrigerator does not operate.	Not plugged in; circuit breaker tripped; power outage.	Ensure plug is secure; check circuit breaker; verify power supply.
Temperature is not cold enough.	Temperature control set too warm; door opened too frequently; warm food placed inside; poor air circulation.	Adjust thermostat to a colder setting; minimize door openings; allow hot food to cool before storing; ensure proper clearance around unit.
Excessive frost buildup.	Door not sealed properly; high humidity; frequent door openings.	Check door gasket for damage; ensure door closes completely; manually defrost as needed.
Unusual noises.	Unit not level; objects vibrating against the unit; normal operating sounds.	Level the refrigerator; ensure nothing is touching the unit; gurgling or humming sounds are normal.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Frigidaire
Model Number	EFR176BLUE
Capacity	1.6 Cubic Feet
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	16" x 18" x 18.5"
Item Weight	31 Pounds
Installation Type	Tabletop
Defrost System	Manual
Special Features	Built-in Bottle Opener, Chiller Compartment, Reversible Door, Adjustable Leveling Legs
Voltage	127 Volts
Certification	Energy Star

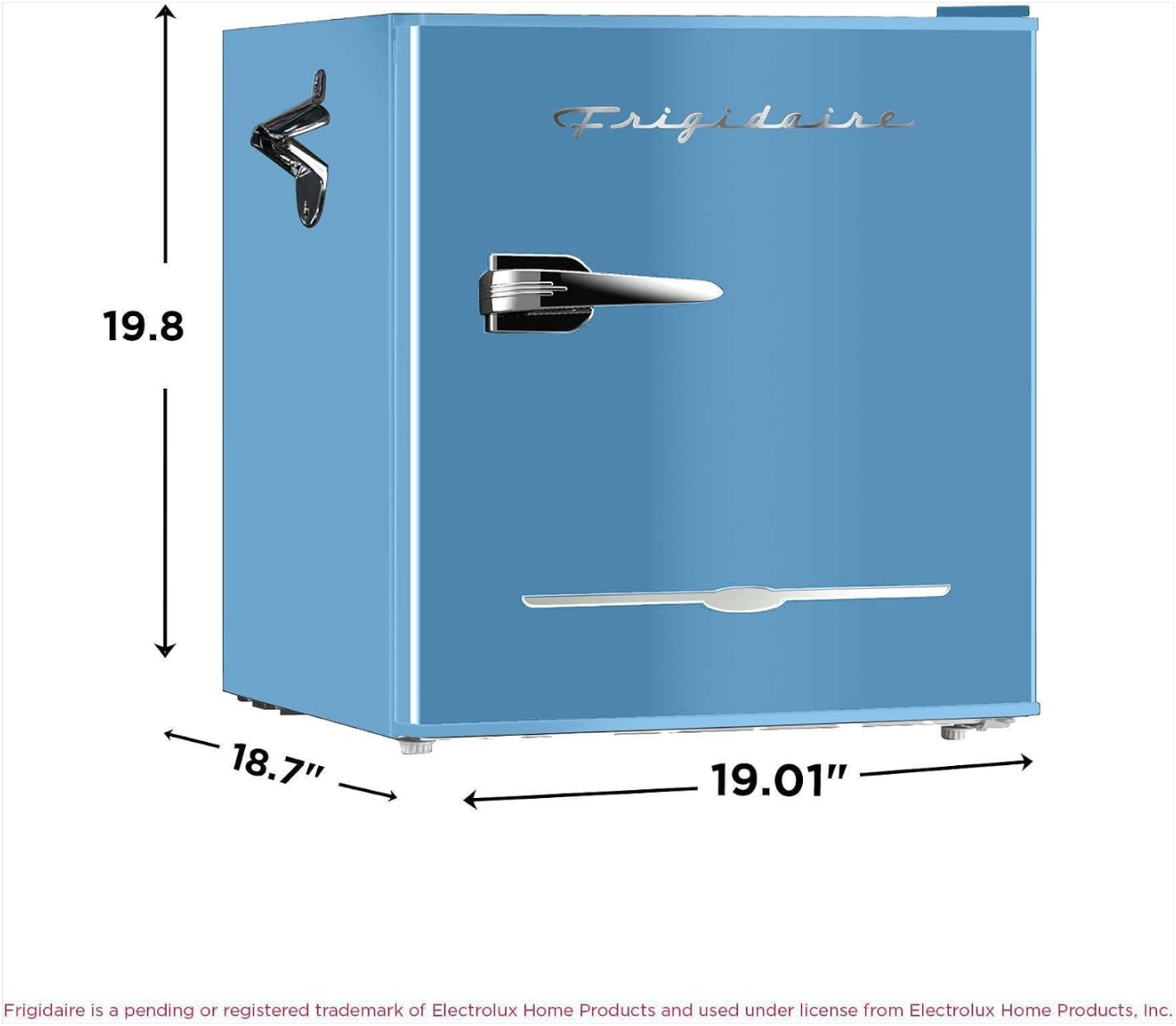

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Figure 6: Product Dimensions

8. Warranty Information

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Frigidaire website. Warranty terms and conditions may vary by region and retailer.

9. Customer Support

If you require assistance or have questions not covered in this manual, please contact Frigidaire customer support. Contact details can typically be found on the Frigidaire website or on your product packaging.
For additional resources and product videos, please visit the official Frigidaire website.

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