

ForeverPRO WP2261963

ForeverPRO Refrigerator Hinge (Top) Instruction Manual

Model: WP2261963

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of the ForeverPRO WP2261963 Top Hinge for Whirlpool Refrigerators. This replacement part is designed to meet or exceed OEM specifications, ensuring reliable performance for your appliance.

Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting any installation or maintenance to ensure proper operation and safety.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when working with appliances. Failure to follow these safety guidelines may result in personal injury or property damage.

- **Disconnect Power:** Before beginning any repair or installation, always unplug the refrigerator from the power outlet or turn off the circuit breaker to prevent electrical shock.
- **Wear Protective Gear:** Use appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves and safety glasses, to prevent injury.
- **Handle with Care:** Refrigerator doors can be heavy. Exercise caution and consider having assistance when removing or reattaching doors to avoid injury or damage.
- **Proper Tools:** Use the correct tools for the job to avoid stripping screws or damaging components.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation if using any cleaning agents or lubricants.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The ForeverPRO WP2261963 is a top hinge replacement part for various Whirlpool refrigerator models. It is crucial for the proper alignment and function of the refrigerator door.



Figure 1: ForeverPRO WP2261963 Top Hinge. This image shows the metallic hinge component, featuring a flat base with screw holes for mounting and a protruding pin designed to support the refrigerator door.

This hinge replaces original part numbers 2261963, 2189410, 1016848, AH870379, EA870379, and PS870379.

4. INSTALLATION (SETUP)

Follow these steps carefully to replace the top hinge on your Whirlpool refrigerator. It is recommended to have a second person assist with door removal and reinstallation.

1. Prepare the Refrigerator:

- Empty the contents of the refrigerator door shelves to reduce weight.
- Disconnect the refrigerator from the power supply.
- Open the refrigerator door to access the top hinge.

2. Remove the Top Hinge Cover:

Locate and remove any plastic or decorative cover over the top hinge. This may involve unscrewing small screws or gently prying it off.

3. Support the Refrigerator Door:

Have a second person firmly hold the refrigerator door to prevent it from falling once the hinge screws

are removed. Alternatively, use sturdy blocks or shims under the door for support.

4. **Remove the Old Hinge:**

Using a screwdriver or wrench, carefully remove the screws securing the old top hinge to the refrigerator frame. Once the screws are removed, lift the door slightly off the bottom hinge pin and carefully remove the door.

5. **Install the New Hinge:**

Position the new ForeverPRO WP2261963 hinge in the correct orientation on the refrigerator frame. Ensure the hinge pin is facing the correct direction for the door to slide onto it.

6. **Secure the New Hinge:**

Align the screw holes and secure the new hinge to the refrigerator frame using the original screws. Tighten them firmly but do not overtighten.

7. **Reattach the Refrigerator Door:**

With assistance, carefully lift the refrigerator door and align the top hinge hole with the pin on the newly installed top hinge. Lower the door onto the pin, ensuring it seats properly. Then, align the bottom hinge hole with its pin.

8. **Test Door Operation:**

Gently open and close the refrigerator door several times to ensure it swings smoothly and closes completely without binding. Check for proper alignment.

9. **Replace Hinge Cover and Power:**

Reattach the top hinge cover, if applicable. Reconnect the refrigerator to the power supply.

5. MAINTENANCE

The ForeverPRO WP2261963 hinge is designed for durability and requires minimal maintenance. However, periodic checks can extend its lifespan and ensure smooth operation.

- **Periodic Inspection:** Every 6-12 months, visually inspect the hinge for any signs of wear, corrosion, or looseness.
- **Lubrication (Optional):** If the door begins to squeak or feel stiff, a small amount of food-grade silicone lubricant can be applied to the hinge pin. Wipe away any excess.
- **Cleaning:** Keep the hinge area clean and free of dust or debris. Use a soft, damp cloth for cleaning.
- **Tighten Screws:** If the door feels loose or sags, check the hinge mounting screws and tighten them if necessary. Do not overtighten.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues after installing the hinge, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Door Squeaks	Lack of lubrication on hinge pin.	Apply a small amount of food-grade silicone lubricant to the hinge pin.
Door Does Not Close Properly	Hinge screws are loose; door is misaligned; hinge is damaged.	Tighten hinge screws. Realign the door on the hinge pins. Inspect hinge for damage; replace if necessary.
Door Sags or Feels Loose	Hinge screws are loose; hinge is worn or damaged.	Tighten hinge screws. If problem persists, the hinge may need replacement.

If troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, please contact customer support.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Part Number	WP2261963 (FP-WP2261963)
Replaces Part Numbers	2261963, 2189410, 1016848, AH870379, EA870379, PS870379
Compatibility	Compatible with various Whirlpool, Maytag, KitchenAid, Jenn-Air, Amana, Magic Chef, Admiral, Norge, Roper refrigerator models. Refer to product description for full list.
Type	Refrigerator Top Hinge
Material	Durable metal construction

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

ForeverPRO products are manufactured to high standards. For warranty information or technical support, please refer to the contact information provided with your purchase or visit the ForeverPRO official website. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.