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Model: DRF36C000SR/DA

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Dacor DRF36C000SR/DA Refrigerator is a counter-depth French door model designed for seamless integration with kitchen cabinetry. It features advanced cooling technologies and flexible storage options to preserve food freshness.

- **Precise Cooling Technology:** Digital Inverter Technology maintains consistent temperatures with minimal fluctuation, supported by a Digital Compressor.
- **Twin Cooling System:** Two independent evaporators help protect the flavor and aroma of food by maintaining optimal humidity levels in both the refrigerator and freezer compartments.
- **FreshZone Drawer:** A full-width storage drawer with customizable temperature settings for items like meat, fish, chilled drinks, or deli. It also offers a controlled space for defrosting.
- **External Ice and Water Dispenser:** Provides convenient access to filtered water and various ice types.



Figure 1: Overview of the Dacor DRF36C000SR/DA Refrigerator interior with doors open. The image displays various food items organized on shelves and in drawers, highlighting the spacious design and internal ice maker.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Read all safety instructions before using your refrigerator to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury.

Electrical Safety

- Ensure the refrigerator is connected to a properly grounded 3-prong outlet. Do not remove the grounding prong.
- Do not use extension cords or ungrounded adapters.
- Unplug the refrigerator before cleaning or performing any maintenance.

Installation Safety

- The refrigerator is heavy. Use at least two people to move and install it to prevent injury.
- Ensure proper ventilation around the appliance. Maintain recommended clearances from walls and cabinets.
- Connect to a potable water supply only for the ice maker and water dispenser.

Child Safety

- Do not allow children to play in, on, or around the refrigerator.
- Properly dispose of old refrigerators to prevent child entrapment.

3. UNPACKING AND INSTALLATION

What's in the Box

Your Dacor DRF36C000SR/DA Refrigerator package includes:

- One 36" Stainless Steel Recessed Handle Counter Depth French Door Refrigerator unit.
- User Manual and Warranty Information.
- Installation hardware (if applicable).

Placement and Clearance

For optimal performance and safety, ensure the following:

- Place the refrigerator on a level, sturdy floor capable of supporting its weight (approximately 375 pounds).
- Allow adequate clearance around the unit for proper air circulation and door opening. Refer to the installation guide for specific dimensions.
- Avoid direct sunlight or proximity to heat sources like ovens or radiators.

Electrical Connection

Connect the refrigerator to a dedicated 115 Volts (AC) electrical outlet. Ensure the outlet is properly grounded and protected by a circuit breaker.

Water Line Connection

For the ice maker and water dispenser to function, connect the refrigerator to a cold water supply line. Use a copper or braided stainless steel water line kit (not included) and follow local plumbing codes. Flush the water system for several minutes before initial use to remove air and impurities.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Control Panel

The control panel is located on the front of the FreshZone drawer, allowing easy access to temperature settings and feature controls.



Figure 2: Close-up of the refrigerator's control panel, showing buttons for Fridge, Freezer, FreshZone temperature, Ice Maker, Water Filter, and other settings. The FreshZone drawer is visible below the control panel.

- **Fridge/Freezer Temp:** Press to adjust the temperature for the refrigerator and freezer compartments.
- **FreshZone Temp:** Press to cycle through temperature options for the FreshZone drawer.
- **Ice Maker:** Turn the ice maker on or off.
- **Water Filter:** Indicates when the water filter needs replacement and allows resetting the filter indicator.
- **Door Alarm:** Activates an alarm if a door is left open for too long.

Temperature Control

Use the 'Fridge' and 'Freezer' buttons on the control panel to set desired temperatures. The digital display will show the current settings. Allow 24 hours for the refrigerator to reach stable temperatures after initial setup or significant adjustments.

External Ice and Water Dispenser

The dispenser provides filtered water, cubed ice, and crushed ice. Select your desired option using the buttons above the dispenser chute.



Figure 3: Close-up of the external ice and water dispenser on the refrigerator door. The control panel above the dispenser shows options for Water, Cubed Ice, and Crushed Ice.

- **Water:** Press the lever with your glass to dispense filtered water.
- **Cubed Ice:** Select 'Cubed Ice' and press the lever for cubed ice.
- **Crushed Ice:** Select 'Crushed Ice' and press the lever for crushed ice.

Note: It may take 12-24 hours for the ice maker to produce its first batch of ice after installation or extended power outage.

FreshZone Drawer

The FreshZone drawer offers flexible storage with adjustable temperature settings. Use the 'FreshZone Temp' button on the control panel to select the optimal temperature for different food types.



Figure 4: The FreshZone drawer partially open, revealing its interior. The drawer is designed for specialized temperature control to preserve specific food items.

This drawer is ideal for:

- Meat and Fish (lower temperatures)
- Deli Items (medium temperatures)
- Chilled Drinks (slightly higher temperatures)
- Defrosting items in a controlled environment.

Crisper Drawers

The refrigerator includes multiple crisper drawers designed to maintain optimal humidity for fruits and vegetables, helping them stay fresh longer.



Figure 5: Interior view of the refrigerator showing the crisper drawers filled with various fruits and vegetables, demonstrating their capacity and design for produce storage.

5. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Cleaning the Interior

Clean the interior of your refrigerator regularly to prevent odors and maintain hygiene.

- Unplug the refrigerator before cleaning.
- Remove all food items and removable parts like shelves and drawers.
- Wash interior surfaces and removable parts with a mild detergent and warm water solution. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
- For stubborn odors, use a solution of baking soda and water.

Cleaning the Exterior

Wipe exterior surfaces with a soft cloth and a mild, non-abrasive cleaner. For stainless steel surfaces, use a stainless steel cleaner and polish in the direction of the grain.

Water Filter Replacement

The water filter should be replaced approximately every six months, or when the 'Water Filter' indicator light illuminates on the control panel, or if water flow decreases significantly.

1. Locate the water filter cartridge (typically inside the refrigerator compartment).
2. Twist the old filter counter-clockwise to remove it.
3. Insert the new filter and twist clockwise until it locks into place.
4. Flush the dispenser with several gallons of water to remove air and carbon fines.
5. Reset the 'Water Filter' indicator on the control panel.

Condenser Coils

Periodically clean the condenser coils (located at the back or bottom of the refrigerator) to ensure efficient operation. Use a vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment to remove dust and debris.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Before contacting service, review these common issues and solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Refrigerator not cooling	Power outage; thermostat set too high; door left open; condenser coils dirty.	Check power supply; adjust thermostat; ensure doors are closed; clean condenser coils.
Ice dispenser not working	Ice maker turned off; water line frozen or clogged; ice bin jammed.	Ensure ice maker is on; check water line; clear any ice jams in the bin.
Water dispenser not working	Water supply turned off; water filter clogged; air in water line.	Check water supply valve; replace water filter; flush water system.
Unusual noises	Refrigerator not level; items vibrating; normal operating sounds (compressor, fan).	Level the refrigerator; reposition items; consult manual for normal sounds.
Excessive frost in freezer	Door not sealed properly; door opened frequently; defrost system issue.	Check door gasket for seal; minimize door openings; contact service if problem persists.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Dacor
Model Number	DRF36C000SR/DA
Installation Type	Freestanding, Counter Depth
Configuration	French Door
Total Capacity	22.6 Cubic Feet
Refrigerator Fresh Food Capacity	22.6 Cubic Feet
Freezer Capacity	6.6 Cubic Feet
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	24"D x 36"W x 70"H (61 cm D x 91.4 cm W x 177.8 cm H)
Item Weight	375 Pounds (170 kg)
Voltage	115 Volts (AC)
Annual Energy Consumption	554 Kilowatt Hours Per Year
Defrost System	Frost Free
Door Material Type	Stainless Steel
Number of Doors	2
Crispers/Drawers	10 (including FreshZone)

Feature	Detail
Shelves	7
Special Features	Compact (referring to counter-depth design)

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information

Dacor appliances typically come with a limited warranty covering defects in materials and workmanship. The specific terms and duration of your warranty may vary. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Dacor website for detailed information. *Note: Some warranties may be specific to the original purchaser.*

Customer Support

For technical assistance, service requests, or questions regarding your Dacor DRF36C000SR/DA Refrigerator, please contact Dacor Customer Support:

- **Website:** Visit the official Dacor website for support resources, FAQs, and contact information.
- **Phone:** Refer to your warranty documentation or the Dacor website for the appropriate customer service phone number.
- When contacting support, please have your model number (DRF36C000SR/DA) and serial number ready.