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Whirlpool W11346622 Refrigerator Water Reservoir and Filter Head Assembly User Manual

Genuine OEM Replacement Part

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the Whirlpool W11346622 Refrigerator Water Reservoir and Filter Head Assembly. This component is a genuine Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) part designed to ensure proper water dispensing and filtration in compatible refrigerators. It includes the reservoir for chilling water and the head that secures the water filter.

Safety Information

WARNING:

- Always disconnect power to the refrigerator before attempting any repairs or installations.
- Turn off the water supply to the refrigerator before beginning installation.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves and eye protection.
- If you are unsure about any step, consult a qualified appliance technician.
- Refer to your refrigerator's service manual for model-specific instructions.

Compatibility

The Whirlpool W11346622 Water Reservoir and Filter Head Assembly is compatible with certain refrigerators from the following brands:

- Whirlpool
- Kenmore
- KitchenAid
- Amana
- Jenn-Air
- Ikea
- Maytag

This part replaces the following part numbers:

- W10418477
- W10463663
- W10657240
- W10657242
- W10736751
- W10753488
- W11308017
- WPW10463663

It is recommended to verify compatibility with your specific refrigerator model by referencing the manufacturer's service manual or contacting Whirlpool customer support.

Setup and Installation

This section outlines the general steps for replacing the water reservoir and filter head assembly. Specific procedures may vary by refrigerator model. Always consult your appliance's service manual or a reputable online video guide for detailed, model-specific instructions.

Tools Required:

- Screwdriver (Phillips or flathead, depending on your model)
- Wrench (adjustable or specific size, if needed for water line connections)
- Towels or rags to absorb water
- Bucket or shallow pan

Installation Steps:

1. **Prepare the Refrigerator:**
    - Disconnect the refrigerator from its power source by unplugging it.
    - Turn off the main water supply valve to the refrigerator.
    - Place towels or a pan under the water filter area and dispenser to catch any residual water.
2. **Access the Assembly:**
   Depending on your refrigerator model, you may need to remove shelves, drawers, or access panels to reach the water reservoir and filter head assembly. Refer to your refrigerator's manual for specific access instructions.
3. **Disconnect Water Lines:**
   Carefully disconnect the water lines connected to the old filter head and reservoir. Be prepared for some water to drain out. Use a wrench if connections are tight.
4. **Remove Old Assembly:**
   Unscrew or unclip the old water reservoir and filter head assembly from its mounting brackets. Remove it from the refrigerator.
5. **Install New Assembly:**
   Position the new Whirlpool W11346622 assembly in the same location as the old one. Secure it using the existing screws or clips.

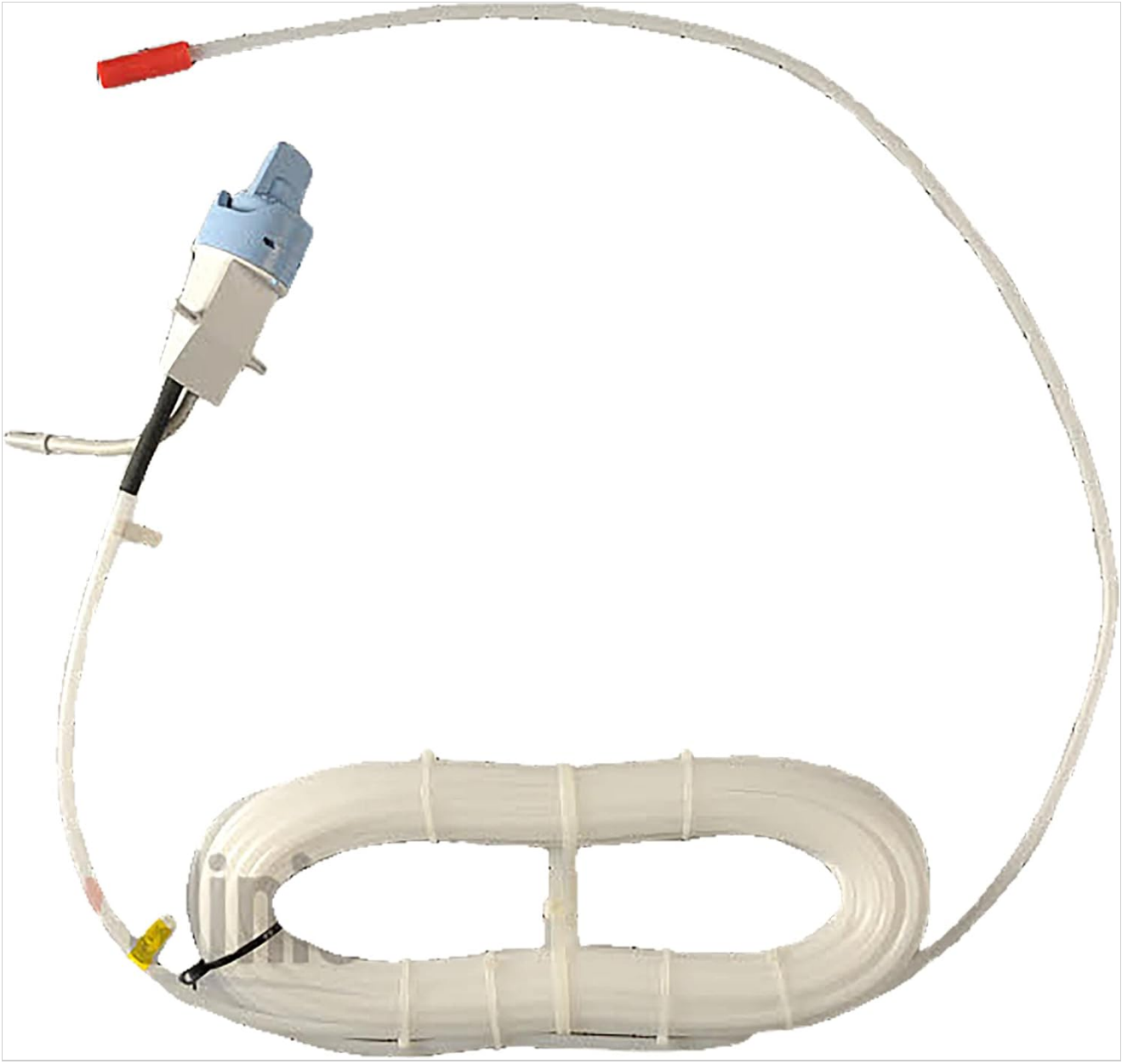


Image 1: The Whirlpool W11346622 Refrigerator Water Reservoir and Filter Head Assembly. This image displays the complete assembly, including the coiled water reservoir tubing, the filter head connection point (blue and white component), and the water inlet/outlet lines. The red cap on one end indicates a protective cover for a water line connection.

6. **Reconnect Water Lines:**
   Connect the water lines to the new filter head and reservoir, ensuring all connections are secure and leak-free. Hand-tighten first, then use a wrench for a final snug fit, being careful not to overtighten.
7. **Restore Water and Power:**
   - Slowly turn on the main water supply valve to the refrigerator. Check for any leaks around the newly installed assembly.
   - Plug the refrigerator back into its power source.
8. **Flush the System:**
   Dispense several gallons of water through the refrigerator's dispenser to flush out any air or carbon fines from the new filter head and reservoir. This also helps to ensure the water lines are properly filled and free of air pockets.
9. **Check for Leaks:**
   Monitor the area around the new assembly for leaks over the next 24 hours.

Operating Principles

The Water Reservoir and Filter Head Assembly performs two primary functions:

- **Water Chilling:** The reservoir holds a volume of water, allowing it to be chilled by the refrigerator's cooling system before being dispensed. This ensures cold water is available on demand.
- **Water Filtration:** The filter head securely holds the refrigerator's water filter (sold separately), directing incoming water through the filter media to remove impurities before it reaches the reservoir and dispenser.

Maintenance

- **Filter Replacement:** While this assembly is the filter head, regular replacement of the water filter cartridge (not included) is crucial for optimal water quality. Follow the filter manufacturer's recommendations, typically every 6 months or 200 gallons.
- **Leak Inspection:** Periodically inspect the connections around the reservoir and filter head for any signs of leaks. Address any leaks promptly to prevent damage.
- **Cleaning:** The exterior of the assembly can be wiped clean with a damp cloth if accessible. Do not use harsh chemicals.

Troubleshooting

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Water Leakage	Loose connections, damaged O-rings, incorrect filter installation.	Ensure all water line connections are tight. Check O-rings for damage and replace if necessary. Verify the water filter is correctly seated in the filter head.
Low Water Pressure from Dispenser	Clogged water filter, kinked water line, low household water pressure.	Replace the water filter. Check water lines for kinks or obstructions. Verify household water pressure.
No Water from Dispenser	Water supply turned off, refrigerator unplugged, frozen water line, faulty dispenser switch.	Ensure water supply is on and refrigerator is plugged in. Check for frozen water lines (thaw if necessary). Consult a technician for dispenser switch issues.

Specifications

- **Part Number:** W11346622
- **Manufacturer:** Whirlpool
- **Item Weight:** 1.26 pounds
- **Product Dimensions:** 1 x 1 x 1 inches (Note: These dimensions may refer to packaging or a simplified representation; actual assembly size may vary slightly for installation.)
- **Included Components:** Single Whirlpool W11346622 Refrigerator Water Reservoir and Filter Head Assembly

Warranty Information

The manufacturer's warranty for this product is listed as "Not Applicable" in the product specifications. For specific warranty details or concerns regarding genuine Whirlpool parts, please contact Whirlpool customer service directly.

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