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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, installation, and maintenance of your Element ERT14CSCS 14.2 Cu. Ft. Stainless Steel Freestanding Top-Freezer Refrigerator. Please read these instructions thoroughly before using the appliance and retain them for future reference.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Your safety and the safety of others are very important. Please read all safety messages in this manual and on your appliance. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious injury or death.

- Ensure the refrigerator is properly grounded.
- Do not use electrical appliances inside the food storage compartments unless they are of the type recommended by the manufacturer.
- Unplug the refrigerator before cleaning or performing any maintenance.
- Keep ventilation openings clear of obstruction.
- Do not damage the refrigerant circuit.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Element ERT14CSCS is a 14.2 cubic feet freestanding top-freezer refrigerator designed for efficient food preservation. It features a stainless steel finish and a no-frost system.



Figure 3.1: Front view of the Element ERT14CSCS refrigerator, showcasing its stainless steel exterior and top-freezer design.

Key Features:

- **2 Glass Shelves:** Durable and easy-to-clean shelves for organized storage.
- **Crisper Drawers:** Designed to maintain optimal humidity for fresh fruits and vegetables.
- **Door Storage:** Convenient compartments in the refrigerator door for bottles, condiments, and smaller items.
- **LED Interior Lights:** Energy-efficient lighting illuminates the refrigerator compartment for clear visibility.
- **No-Frost System:** Prevents ice buildup in the freezer, eliminating the need for manual defrosting.



Figure 3.2: Interior view of the Element ERT14CSCS refrigerator with doors open, showing the glass shelves, crisper drawers, and door storage compartments.

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

4.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove all packaging materials, including tape and protective films. Dispose of packaging responsibly. Ensure all accessories are present.

4.2 Placement

- Place the refrigerator on a firm, level floor.
- Allow at least 2 inches (5 cm) of space at the back and sides for proper air circulation.
- Avoid direct sunlight or heat sources (e.g., stove, radiator).
- Ensure the room temperature is between 50°F (10°C) and 109°F (43°C).

4.3 Leveling

Adjust the leveling feet at the bottom front of the refrigerator to ensure it is stable and level. This prevents vibrations and ensures proper door sealing.

4.4 Power Connection

Plug the refrigerator into an exclusive, grounded 115V, 60Hz AC outlet. Do not use extension cords or adapter plugs. Allow the refrigerator to stand for at least 2-4 hours before plugging it in to allow refrigerants to settle.

4.5 Initial Cleaning

Before first use, clean the interior and exterior of the refrigerator with a mild detergent and warm water. Wipe dry thoroughly.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Temperature Control

The refrigerator features an adjustable thermostat. Locate the temperature control dial inside the refrigerator compartment. Turn the dial to adjust the cooling level. A setting of '3' or '4' is typically recommended for normal use. Allow several hours for the temperature to stabilize after adjustment.

5.2 Food Storage Guidelines

- **Refrigerator Compartment:** Store fresh foods, dairy products, and beverages. Ensure food is covered to prevent drying out and odor transfer.
- **Freezer Compartment:** Store frozen foods. For best results, pre-package food in airtight containers or freezer bags.
- **Crisper Drawers:** Use for fruits and vegetables. The humidity control helps keep produce fresh longer.

5.3 Adjusting Shelves

The glass shelves can be adjusted to different heights to accommodate various food items. To adjust, carefully lift the shelf and pull it out. Reinsert at the desired level, ensuring it is securely seated.

6. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

6.1 Cleaning the Interior

Unplug the refrigerator before cleaning. Wash the interior surfaces, shelves, and drawers with a solution of mild detergent and warm water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Do not use abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals.

6.2 Cleaning the Exterior

Wipe the exterior surfaces with a soft cloth dampened with mild detergent and water. For stainless steel, use a specialized stainless steel cleaner and polish in the direction of the grain. Avoid getting water into electrical components.

6.3 Door Seals

Regularly check and clean the door gaskets to ensure a tight seal. A dirty or damaged gasket can lead to inefficient operation and increased energy consumption.

6.4 Power Outage

In case of a power outage, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain internal temperatures. Food can remain frozen for several hours if the doors are not opened frequently.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Refrigerator does not operate.	Not plugged in; circuit breaker tripped; power outage.	Check power cord; reset circuit breaker; check household power.
Temperature is too warm.	Door left open; temperature control set too high; excessive food load; poor ventilation.	Ensure door is closed; adjust temperature control to a lower setting; reduce food load; ensure proper clearance.
Unusual noises.	Refrigerator not level; items vibrating inside; normal operating sounds.	Level the refrigerator; rearrange items; gurgling/hissing sounds are normal refrigerant flow.
Water on floor.	Drain tube clogged; excessive humidity.	Clear drain tube; ensure door is not left open frequently.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	ERT14CSCS
Capacity	14.2 Cubic Feet
Configuration	Freezer-on-Top
Installation Type	Freestanding
Defrost System	Automatic (No-Frost)
Finish Type	Stainless Steel
Door Material Type	Stainless Steel
Shelf Type	Glass
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	29.1"D x 27.6"W x 60.7"H
Item Weight	144 pounds
Manufacturer	Element

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or contact Element customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.
For further assistance, you may visit the official Element website or contact their support line.

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