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Model: 5304496236

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the installation and use of the RATION Refrigerator Door Reversal Kit, model 5304496236. This kit is designed to allow you to change the swing direction of your refrigerator door, providing flexibility for various kitchen layouts. Please read all instructions carefully before beginning the installation process. The kit is compatible with multiple Frigidaire refrigerator models, including side-by-side and top-freezer configurations. Always verify compatibility with your specific refrigerator model before proceeding.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Always unplug the refrigerator from the power outlet before beginning any installation or maintenance.
- Work with a partner if possible, especially when handling the refrigerator door, as it can be heavy.
- Wear appropriate safety gear, such as gloves, to protect your hands.
- Keep all small parts and tools away from children and pets.
- Ensure the refrigerator is stable and will not tip during the door reversal process.

KIT CONTENTS AND TOOLS REQUIRED

The RATION Refrigerator Door Reversal Kit 5304496236 typically includes the necessary components for reversing the door swing. Please verify all parts are present before starting.



Figure 1: Kit Components. This image displays the two primary components of the door reversal kit. On the left is a metallic, L-shaped bracket or hinge component, featuring a pivot point at its base. On the right is a white, plastic, hook-shaped piece with a circular hole and a protruding stud, likely a cam or guide for the door mechanism.

Tools You May Need:

- Phillips head screwdriver
- Flathead screwdriver
- Adjustable wrench or socket set
- Pliers
- Masking tape (to secure door during removal)

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Follow these steps carefully to reverse your refrigerator door. Steps may vary slightly depending on your specific refrigerator model.

1. Prepare the Refrigerator:

- Unplug the refrigerator from the wall outlet.
- Empty the contents of the refrigerator door shelves to reduce weight.
- If applicable, remove any covers from the top hinge.

2. Remove the Top Hinge:

- Carefully support the refrigerator door.
- Unscrew and remove the top hinge from the refrigerator cabinet. Keep all screws and parts organized.

3. Remove the Refrigerator Door:

- Lift the door off the bottom hinge pin.
- Place the door on a protected, flat surface to avoid scratches.

4. Relocate the Bottom Hinge:

- Remove the bottom hinge from its current position.
- Install the bottom hinge on the opposite side of the refrigerator, using the pre-drilled holes.
- Transfer any hinge pins or bushings as required by your refrigerator model.

5. Prepare the Door for Reversal:

- Remove any plugs or covers from the opposite side of the door where the new hinges will attach.

- Transfer the door handle to the opposite side if necessary. This usually involves unscrewing the handle, moving it, and re-screwing it into the pre-drilled holes on the new side.
- Install the new plastic cam or guide (white piece from the kit) into the appropriate hole on the bottom of the door, on the side that will now be hinged.

6. Install the Door:

- Carefully align the door onto the bottom hinge pin on the new side.
- Install the new metallic bracket/hinge (from the kit) onto the top of the door and secure it to the refrigerator cabinet using the screws. Ensure the door is level and aligned.

7. Final Checks:

- Close the door slowly to ensure it seals properly and swings freely.
- Check for any gaps or misalignment. Adjust hinges as needed.
- Replace any covers or plugs.

8. Reconnect Power:

- Plug the refrigerator back into the power outlet.

OPERATING (POST-INSTALLATION CHECK)

After completing the door reversal, perform the following checks to ensure proper functionality:

- **Door Seal Test:** Close the door and try to insert a thin piece of paper (like a dollar bill) between the door gasket and the refrigerator frame. If the paper slides out easily, the seal may not be tight. Repeat this around the entire perimeter of the door.
- **Door Swing:** Open and close the door several times to ensure it swings smoothly without catching or rubbing against the cabinet or other doors (if applicable).
- **Leveling:** Verify the refrigerator remains level after the process. Adjust the leveling feet if necessary.

MAINTENANCE

The RATION Refrigerator Door Reversal Kit requires minimal maintenance once installed. However, periodic checks can ensure long-term performance:

- **Hinge Tightness:** Periodically check the hinge screws for tightness. If they become loose, gently tighten them to prevent door sagging or misalignment. Do not overtighten.
- **Lubrication:** If the door hinges begin to squeak, a small amount of food-grade silicone lubricant can be applied to the hinge pins. Avoid using oil-based lubricants.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the hinge areas clean from dust and debris to ensure smooth operation.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Door does not close completely or seal properly.	- Hinges are misaligned. - Screws are loose. - Gasket is pinched or damaged.	- Adjust hinge alignment. - Tighten all hinge screws. - Inspect gasket for damage; reposition if pinched.
Door sags or rubs against the cabinet.	- Hinges are loose or worn. - Door not properly seated on hinge pins.	- Tighten hinge screws. - Re-seat the door on the hinge pins. - Check for proper installation of the plastic cam/guide.
Door handle is loose.	Handle screws are loose.	Tighten the handle mounting screws.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Brand:** RATION
- Model Number:** 5304496236
- Part Type:** Refrigerator Door Reversal Kit
- ASIN:** B0DGRT4ZC2
- Compatibility:** Designed for various Frigidaire refrigerator models.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

For specific warranty details regarding your RATION Refrigerator Door Reversal Kit, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact the seller directly. Warranty terms typically cover manufacturing defects for a specified period from the date of purchase.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

If you encounter any issues or have questions not addressed in this manual, please contact the retailer or manufacturer for assistance. When contacting support, please have your product model number (5304496236) and purchase information readily available.