

rackpart#251249

Maytag Dishwasher Upper Rack Adjuster Kit Installation Guide

Compatible Dishwasher Model: MDB8959SBS3 | Replacement Part Number: rackpart#251249

1. INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides detailed guidance for the installation of the Generic Replacement Upper Rack Adjuster Kit, designed for Maytag dishwashers, specifically compatible with model MDB8959SBS3. The kit's part number is rackpart#251249. Please read these instructions thoroughly before beginning the installation process to ensure proper fit and function.

This kit is intended to replace worn or damaged components of your dishwasher's upper rack adjustment mechanism, restoring its ability to move smoothly and securely.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

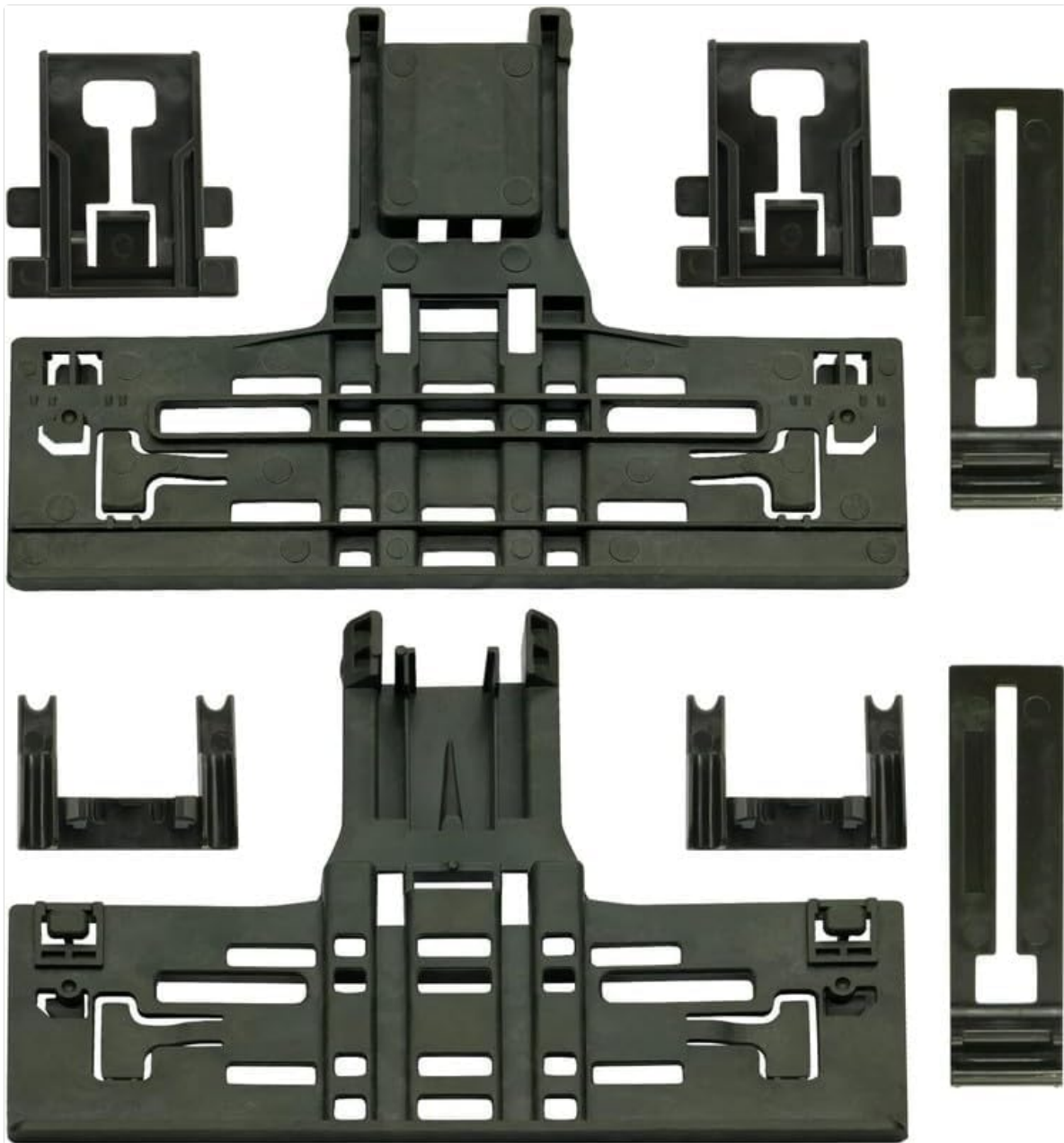
Always prioritize safety when performing appliance repairs. Failure to follow these safety precautions may result in injury or damage to the appliance.

- **Disconnect Power:** Before starting any repair, always unplug the dishwasher from the electrical outlet or turn off the circuit breaker supplying power to the dishwasher.
- **Wear Protective Gear:** It is recommended to wear work gloves to protect your hands from sharp edges or components.
- **Handle with Care:** Dishwasher racks and components can be heavy or awkward. Exercise caution to avoid dropping them or causing damage.
- **Professional Assistance:** If you are unsure about any step or uncomfortable performing the repair, consult a qualified appliance technician.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

The replacement kit includes the following components:

- Upper Rack Adjuster Frames (2 pieces)
- Adjuster Clips/Retainers (4 pieces)
- Vertical Guide Rails (2 pieces)



This image displays all the individual components included in the replacement upper rack adjuster kit. It features two main adjuster frames, four smaller clips, and two vertical guide rails, all made of dark gray plastic.

Note: The package contains one complete set of components for the upper rack adjuster. Please verify all parts are present and undamaged before proceeding.

4. COMPATIBILITY

This replacement upper rack adjuster kit (part number rackpart#251249) is compatible with Maytag dishwasher model MDB8959SBS3. It may also fit other Maytag models. To ensure proper fitment, compare the appearance and dimensions of your existing adjuster components with the provided images and part number before installation.

If your dishwasher model number differs, it is recommended to cross-reference the part number with your appliance's specifications or consult your dishwasher's original manual.

5. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps carefully to replace the upper rack adjuster kit:

1. Prepare the Dishwasher:

- Ensure the dishwasher is empty and clean.
- **Disconnect the power supply** to the dishwasher by unplugging it or turning off the corresponding circuit breaker.

2. Remove the Upper Dishwasher Rack:

- Pull the upper rack out as far as it will go.
- Locate the rack stops or clips at the end of the rack rails. Remove these to allow the rack to slide completely off the rails.
- Carefully lift and remove the entire upper rack from the dishwasher tub. Place it on a clean, stable surface.

3. Remove Old Adjuster Components:

- Examine the existing adjuster mechanism on the upper rack. Note how the components are assembled.
- Carefully detach the old adjuster frames, clips, and guide rails. This may involve releasing plastic tabs or clips. Take photos if needed for reference during reassembly.

4. Install New Adjuster Components:

- Attach the new vertical guide rails to the sides of the upper rack, ensuring they are securely seated.
- Position the new adjuster frames onto the guide rails and secure them with the provided clips/retainers. Ensure all tabs click into place firmly.
- Verify that the new adjuster mechanism moves smoothly and locks into position correctly.

5. Reinstall the Upper Dishwasher Rack:

- Carefully slide the upper rack back onto the dishwasher rails.
- Reattach the rack stops or clips to the ends of the rails to prevent the rack from sliding out.

6. Test and Finalize:

- Gently pull and push the upper rack to ensure it moves freely and the adjuster mechanism functions as expected.
- Reconnect the power supply to the dishwasher.
- Run a short test cycle to confirm proper operation.

6. MAINTENANCE

To prolong the life of your dishwasher's upper rack adjuster kit and ensure smooth operation:

- **Regular Cleaning:** Periodically clean the rack and adjuster components to remove food debris and mineral buildup that can impede movement.
- **Avoid Overloading:** Do not overload the upper rack, as excessive weight can stress the adjuster mechanism and lead to premature wear.
- **Gentle Handling:** Always pull and push the rack gently. Avoid forcing it if it encounters resistance.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues after installing the new adjuster kit, consider the following:

- **Rack Not Moving Smoothly:**

- Check for any obstructions on the rails or within the adjuster mechanism.
- Ensure all components are correctly seated and clips are fully engaged.
- **Rack Not Adjusting Height:**
 - Verify that the adjuster levers or buttons (if applicable to your specific rack design) are functioning correctly and engaging the height mechanism.
 - Inspect for any misaligned parts within the adjuster assembly.
- **Loose or Wobbly Rack:**
 - Ensure all clips and fasteners holding the adjuster frames to the rack are securely attached.
 - Confirm the rack stops are properly installed on the dishwasher rails.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Product Type	Dishwasher Upper Rack Adjuster Kit
Brand	Generic
Compatible Dishwasher Model	Maytag MDB8959SBS3
Replacement Part Number	rackpart#251249
Item Package Quantity	1 Set
ASIN	B0F7YMPJMB

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This product is a generic replacement part. For specific warranty information, please refer to the seller's return policy or contact the seller directly. For installation assistance or further inquiries, please reach out to the point of purchase or a qualified appliance repair professional.