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Generic Replacement Bake Element Instruction Manual

For Whirlpool and Compatible Oven Models

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective installation, operation, and maintenance of your new Generic replacement bake element. This element is designed to be compatible with various oven models, including specific Whirlpool models. Please review this manual thoroughly before proceeding with installation or use.

Safety Information

WARNING: Before attempting any installation, maintenance, or repair, ensure the appliance is completely disconnected from its power source. Failure to do so can result in electric shock, serious injury, or death. Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves and eye protection.

- Always disconnect power to the oven at the circuit breaker or fuse box before beginning work.
- Allow the oven to cool completely before handling any internal components.
- Handle the new bake element carefully to avoid damage.
- If you are unsure about any step, consult a qualified appliance technician.

Setup and Installation

Follow these steps to replace your oven's bake element. Ensure you have disconnected power to the appliance before starting.

1. **Prepare the Oven:** Open the oven door and remove any racks or other obstructions.
2. **Locate the Old Element:** The bake element is typically located at the bottom of the oven cavity. It is usually held in place by screws and connected by two wires at the back.
3. **Remove Mounting Screws:** Using a screwdriver, carefully remove the screws that secure the old bake element to the back wall of the oven.
4. **Disconnect Wiring:** Gently pull the old element forward a few inches. This will expose the electrical terminals. Carefully disconnect the two wires from the element terminals. It may be helpful to use needle-nose pliers. Ensure the wires do not retract into the oven wall.
5. **Remove Old Element:** Once the wires are disconnected, remove the old bake element from the oven cavity.
6. **Install New Element:** Connect the two wires to the terminals of the new replacement bake element. Ensure connections are secure.

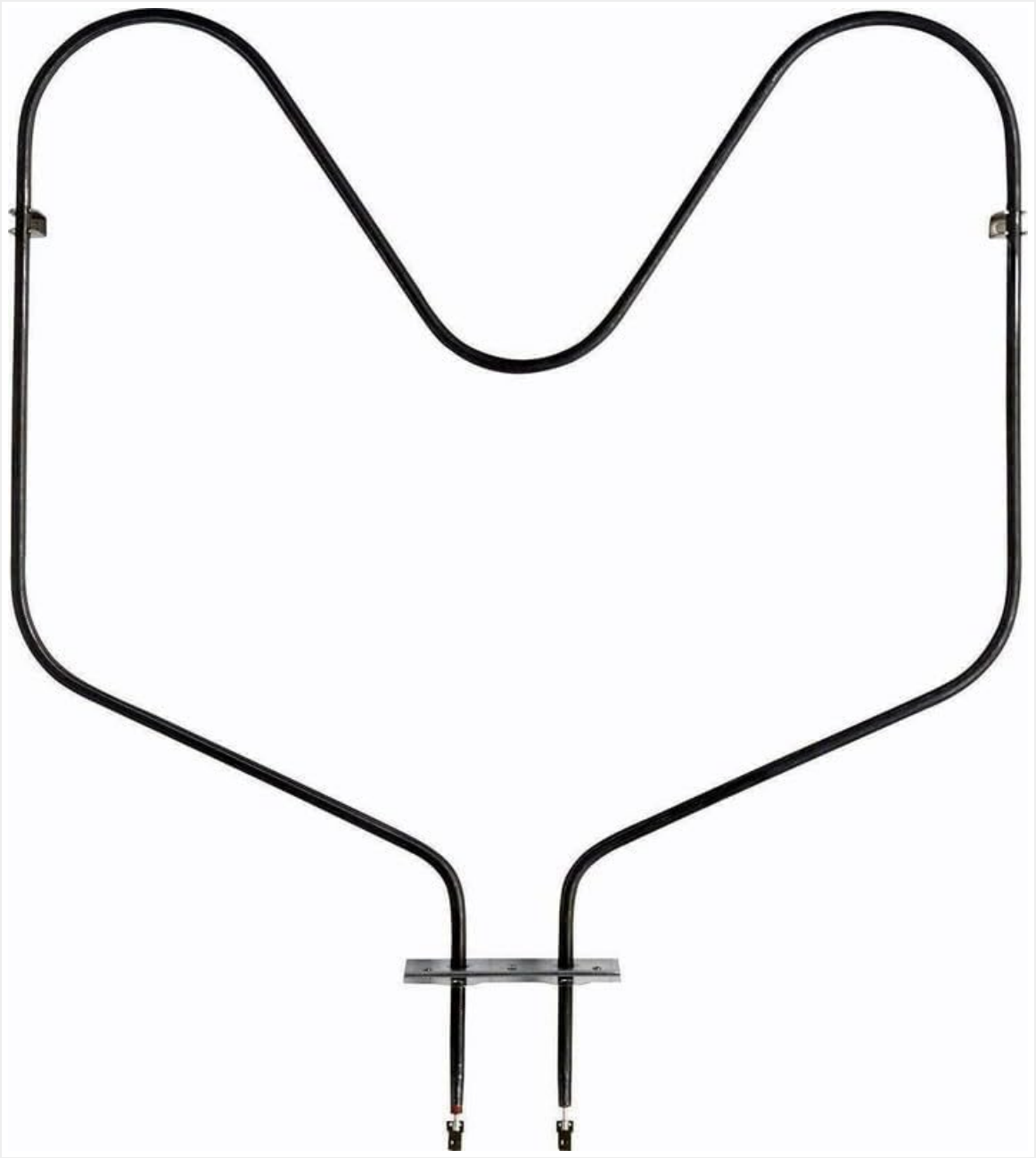


Image 1: Front view of the Generic Replacement Bake Element. This image shows the general shape and terminal connections of the element.

7. **Secure New Element:** Carefully push the new element into place, aligning the mounting brackets with the screw holes. Reinstall the mounting screws to secure the element.

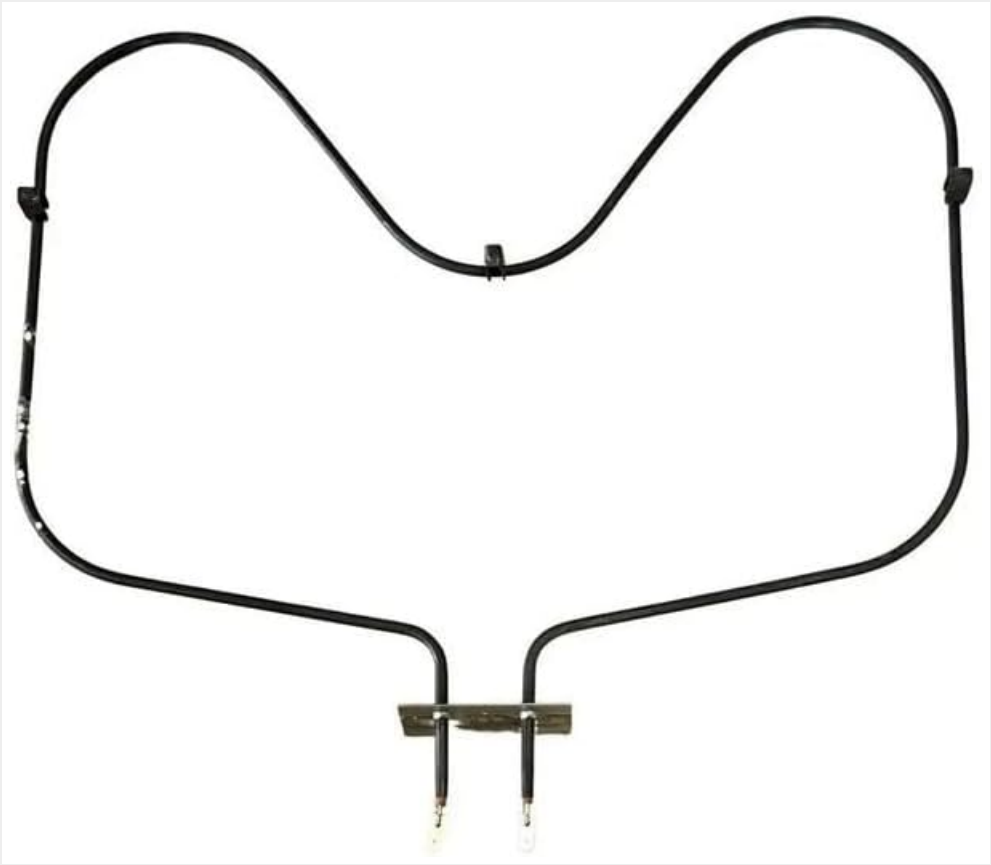


Image 2: Angled view of the Generic Replacement Bake Element. This image provides another perspective of the element's design and terminal placement.

8. **Restore Power:** Close the oven door, then restore power to the oven at the circuit breaker or fuse box.

Initial Use and Testing

After installation, perform a test to ensure the element is functioning correctly.

1. Set the oven to a low bake temperature (e.g., 300°F or 150°C).
2. Observe the bake element. It should begin to glow red within a few minutes, indicating it is heating.
3. Allow the oven to reach the set temperature and maintain it for a short period to confirm proper operation.
4. A slight burning smell may occur during the first use as manufacturing residues burn off. This is normal and should dissipate quickly.

Maintenance

The bake element itself requires minimal maintenance. However, regular oven cleaning can help prolong its life and ensure efficient operation.

- **Cleaning:** Ensure the oven is cool and disconnected from power before cleaning. Avoid direct contact of cleaning solutions with the element. Clean around the element carefully.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the element for any visible damage, such as cracks or breaks. If damage is observed, discontinue use and replace the element.

Troubleshooting

If your oven is not heating properly after replacing the bake element, consider the following:

- **Element Not Heating:**
  - Check if the oven has power.
  - Ensure the element wires are securely connected to the terminals.
  - Verify that the element is correctly seated and the mounting screws are tightened.
  - If the element is new and still not heating, it may be faulty.
- **Uneven Heating:**
  - Ensure the element is fully functional and glowing evenly.
  - Check for any obstructions inside the oven that might be blocking heat distribution.
- **Oven Not Reaching Temperature:**
  - This could indicate an issue with the oven's thermostat or temperature sensor, not necessarily the element itself.

If troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, it is recommended to contact a qualified appliance technician.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Part Number	refrigPart#261281
Color	Black
Package Contents	1 PC Bake Element
Compatible Models	AER5844VCS0, ACR4503SFW0, AER5830VAS0, ACR4303MFB0, TES355MQ1, TEP315KW1, TEP315RW2, TEP315RW1, 66595014102, FEP320KN0, FEP310KW5, FEP320KW0, FEP310KW1, FEP310KW2, RME32300, FEP310EW0, WFE361LVS0, RF263LXTB3, WFE361LVT0, RF265LXTT0, RF265LXTB3, RF364LXMT0, WERP4110SB0, RF378LXPQ0, RF364PXKW0

Warranty Information

Please refer to the seller or original purchase documentation for specific warranty details regarding this replacement part. Warranty terms may vary depending on the retailer and purchase date.

Support

For technical assistance, installation questions, or further support, please contact the seller or the manufacturer of this replacement part. Provide your purchase details and the model number of your appliance when seeking support.

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