

USE AND CARE GUIDE

REFRIGERATOR / FREEZER MODEL: ARD298C

READ THIS INFORMATION

It will tell you how to operate and care for your refrigerator.

It also offers tips on how to get the best as well as lowest cost performance.

IMPORTANT WARNING

An empty refrigerator is a very dangerous attraction to children. Remove the gasket, latches, lids or doors from unused appliances, or take some other action that will guarantee the appliance harmless.

-DANGER: Risk of child entrapment. Before you throw away your old refrigerator:

- Take off the doors.
- Leave the shelves in place so that children may not easily climb in.

If you prefer ordering your own parts, use the enclosed list to find the part number. Do not use the illustration number.

For parts or service information, call Absocold : (800) 843-3714 or (765) 935-7501

Record in the space provided below the serial number and model number of this appliance.

They are located on the serial plate affixed to the backside of the refrigerator or inside the refrigerator affixed to the inner liner surface on the right hand side.

Model # _____

Serial # _____

ONE FULL YEAR WARRANTY

Absocold guarantees to the original purchaser that this appliance will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of purchase, when this refrigerator is operated and maintained according to instructions attached to or furnished with this product.

FIVE FULL YEAR WARRANTY ON HERMETIC COMPRESSOR UNIT

Absocold additionally guarantees, to the original purchaser only, the hermetic motor (compressor) furnished as a part of this refrigerator for a period of five (5) years from the date of purchase, when this refrigerator is operated and maintained according to instructions attached to or furnished with this product.

During the above warranty periods, Absocold and its authorized dealers or its representatives retain the option to repair or replace the product, free of charge, if installation is within the fifty (50) states and the District of Columbia. If installation is outside the fifty (50) states, the cost of installation is borne by the purchaser, and Absocold's warranty obligations hereunder shall be limited to furnishing all replacement parts and materials, freight prepaid, to the continental United States port designated by the purchaser.

In an effort to properly administer its warranty policy, Absocold or its representatives may require a proof-of-purchase document before authorizing service or repair to the appliance under this warranty.

Warranty service information is available by simply contacting Absocold at 1 (800) 843-3714 or by contacting the dealer from whom you purchased this product.

It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to deliver any compact refrigerator or freezer of less than 4.0 cubic feet in capacity to the nearest authorized service station, as designated by Absocold or its representatives, to obtain service under this warranty.

Except as provided herein, Absocold makes no other warranties, expressed or implied, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

This warranty gives you specific rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

WHEN YOUR REFRIGERATOR IS INSTALLED

INSPECT

Inspect for shipping damage. If unit is damaged or parts are missing, notify your Absocold dealer at once.

INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Remove all packing material and tape. Install on a level floor or well-supported counter. Avoid any direct sunlight, heat source, or moisture. This refrigerator is designed to be *freestanding* – that is, the appliance is to be installed at least 2" from the wall and the cabinet bottom is at least $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" above the floor or carpet, in order to let the air circulate freely around the refrigerator.

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

115 volts, 60 Hz.

ELECTRICAL GROUNDING

(for 115-volt models only)

Must be grounded. Uses 110-115 volts, 60 Hz.

(60 cycles A.C.) Do not use extension cord. Use three-prong plug, with three-prong grounded wall outlet.

Unless the above grounding method is followed, you are not protected against severe or lethal shock, in the event of a short circuit of an electrical component or wiring of refrigerator.

CAUTION

Should you unplug refrigerator, allow at least three minutes before restarting in order to allow the start relay to function properly.

USE AND CARE INFORMATION

• TIPS ON EVERYDAY USE AND CARE

TO CONTROL TEMPERATURE:

Normally the Temperature Control Knob should be set at the 3 position. The refrigerator and freezer compartment temperature can be adjusted colder or warmer by turning the Temperature Control Knob. Colder temperature can be achieved by turning the Control Knob clockwise towards the *MAX* position. Warmer temperature can be selected by turning the Control Knob counterclockwise towards the 1 position.

Set the knob at *MAX* position only when ice cubes are needed in a hurry. Be sure to return Control setting to normal position when the ice cubes have been made. When room temperature is high and Temperature Control knob is set at 5 or *MAX* position for a long time, it is possible that the evaporator of the refrigerator compartment will be frosted heavily which may cause insufficient cooling of the refrigerator compartment. In this case, the Temperature Control Knob should be set at the 2 position or lower. Then, set the knob at normal position.

Refrigerator compartment temperature and freezer compartment temperature will vary depending on the quality of foods stored and upon the frequency with which the doors are opened.

DEFROST: This refrigerator has separate defrosting systems for each compartment:

1. Freezer Compartment

When freezer compartment is frosted about $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thick, defrosting is required. Frost will interfere with proper freezing.

When frost is thin or soft, scrape off and remove frost on freezer compartment walls with scraper. This can be done without interrupting freezing operation.

When frost is hard, icy or heavy, defrost freezer compartment as follows: Remove foods from freezer compartment. Then set Temperature Control Knob to the *OFF* position. When the ice/frost on the side walls and ceiling of the freezer compartment comes off, remove ice and melted water with scraper and cloth. After defrosting, reset Temperature Control Knob to normal position and start freezing.

2. Refrigerator Compartment

As long as Temperature Control Knob is set at the normal position, the evaporator of the refrigerator compartment is automatically defrosted and no manual operations are needed to defrost. Defrosted water is drained out to an evaporating tray on the back of the refrigerator cabinet and is evaporated therein.

FOR ALL CLEANING: Mix 2 tablespoons baking soda or mild soap with 1 quart warm water. No strong cleaners, scouring powder or pads should be used. Do not put the defrost tray in the dishwasher. Vacuum the tubing on outside back when dusty.

• THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Allow 24 hours for your refrigerator to reach a new temperature setting.
2. The motor will start and stop often. It must do so in order to maintain the temperature you select.
3. Keep your refrigerator reasonably level.
4. Unplug refrigerator before doing anything with its electrical system (even changing a light bulb).

• BEFORE CALLING FOR SERVICE

Check plug and outlet. Test outlet with lamp or other device. Be sure control is on. Read all Use & Care Information. Your questions may be answered. If not, find your model number (on upper back of refrigerator or inside the refrigerator affixed to the inner liner surface on the right-hand side). Refer your model number and the problem to Absocold at (800) 843-3714 or (765) 935-7501.

DANGER—ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD. Disconnect power before servicing.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS - WAYS TO SAVE POWER, SAVE MONEY, AND STILL ENJOY YOUR REFRIGERATOR

- Reduce door openings.
- Close the door as soon as you can.
- Keep coils on back of the refrigerator clean.
- Adjust temperature control to warmer setting when practical.
- Don't put hot foods in refrigerator.
- Don't allow more than $\frac{1}{4}$ " of frost to build up in the freezer compartment.
- Keep your refrigerator away from stoves and other heat sources.

WARNING!

- Your refrigerator should be connected directly to a grounded electrical wall outlet. No extension cords, multi-connection bars, etc. should be used.
- In case of prolonged power outage or an electrical disconnect of any type, please check your refrigerator for spoiled food.