## Refrigerator GE and GE Profile™ models

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#### **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Read these instructions completely and carefully.

#### **▲WARNING**



#### Tip Over Hazard.

Built-in style models (model PYE, GYE, GYS, PWE, and ZWE) are top heavy, especially with any doors open. These models must be secured with the anti-tip floor bracket to prevent tipping forward, which could result in death or serious injury. Read and follow the entire installation instructions for installing the anti-tip floor bracket packed with your refrigerator.

- IMPORTANT Observe all governing codes and ordinances. Save these instructions for local inspector's use.
- Note to Installer Be sure to leave these instructions with the Consumer.
- Note to Consumer Keep these instructions for future reference.
- **Skill level** Installation of this appliance requires basic mechanical skills.
- Completion time Refrigerator Installation can vary Water Line Installation 30 minutes
- Proper installation is the responsibility of the installer.
- Product failure due to improper installation is not covered under the Warranty.

#### **PREPARATION**

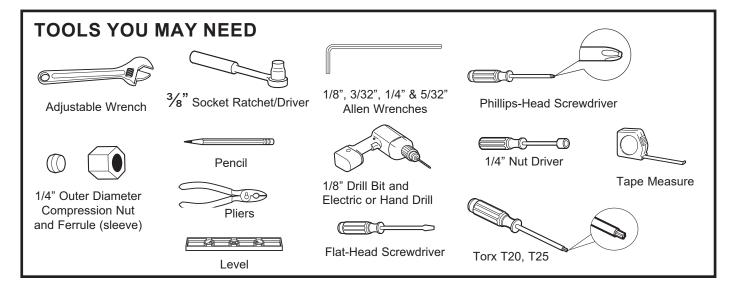
#### **MOVING THE REFRIGERATOR INDOORS**

If the refrigerator will not fit through a doorway, the refrigerator door and freezer drawer can be removed.

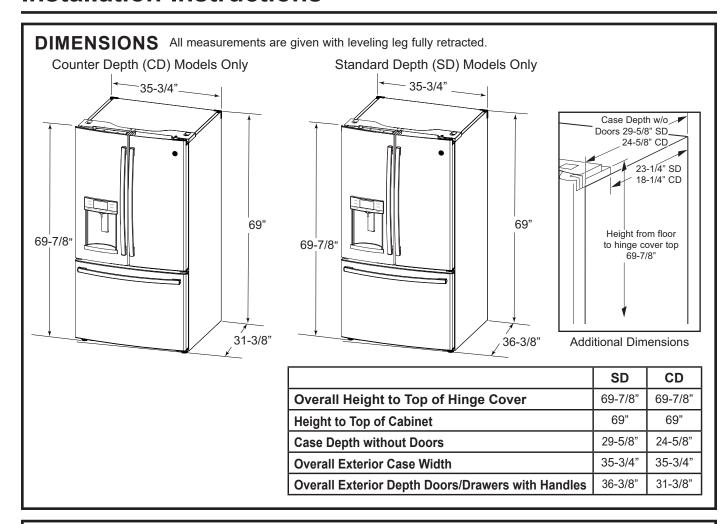
- To remove the refrigerator door, see the Installing the Refrigerator section.
- To remove the freezer drawer, see the Removing the Freezer Drawer section.

## WATER SUPPLY TO THE ICE MAKER AND DISPENSER

If the refrigerator has an ice maker, it will have to be connected to a cold water line. A GE Appliances water supply kit (containing tubing, shutoff valve, fittings and instructions) is available at extra cost from your dealer, by visiting our website at **GEAppliances.com** (in Canada at **GEAppliances.ca**) or from Parts and Accessories, 888.959.8688 (in Canada 1.800.661.1616).



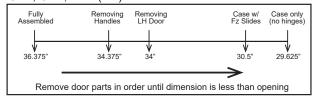
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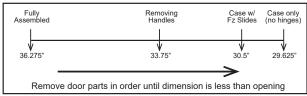
#### MOVING THE REFRIGERATOR

- Using the chart below determine if the width of your passageway can accommodate the depth of the refrigerator. Ensure you have clearance to prevent damage to the refrigerator before safely moving it to the final location.
- If passageways are large enough to accommodate the refrigerator without removing the handles skip to Step 6. Leave tape, film and all packaging on doors until the refrigerator is in the final location.
- NOTE: Use a padded hand truck or moving straps to move this refrigerator. Place the refrigerator on the hand truck with a side against the truck. We strongly recommend that two people move and complete this installation.

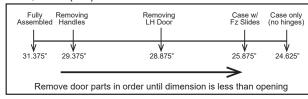
If your model number starts with PFE, PFH, PFD, GFD, GFE, GFS, DFE (SD)



If your model number starts with GNE (SD)



If your model number starts with DYE, GYE, GYS, PYE, PYD, PWE (CD)



#### INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR

#### REFRIGERATOR LOCATION

- Do not install the refrigerator where the temperature will go below 60°F (16°C) because it will not run often enough to maintain proper temperatures.
- Do not install the refrigerator where the temperature will go above 100°F (37°C) because it will not perform properly.
- Do not install the refrigerator in a location exposed to water (rain, etc.) or direct sunlight.
- Install it on a floor strong enough to support it fully loaded.

#### **CLEARANCES**

Allow the following clearances for ease of installation, proper air circulation and plumbing and electrical connections.

Sides 1/8" (3 mm)

Top 1" (25 mm) Cabinet/Hinge Cover

Back 2" (50 mm)

## REMOVING THE REFRIGERATOR DOORS

- *IMPORTANT NOTE:* This refrigerator is 36¹/₄" deep (31¹/₄" for CD models). Doors and passageways leading to the installation location must be at least 36¹/₄" wide in order to leave the doors and handles attached to the refrigerator while transporting it into the installation location. If passageways are less than 36¹/₄", the refrigerator doors and handles can easily be scratched and damaged. The top cap and doors can be removed to allow the refrigerator to be safely moved indoors. If passageways are less than 31¹/₄", start with Step 1.
- If it is not necessary to remove doors, skip to Step 11. Leave tape and all packaging on doors until the refrigerator is in the final location.
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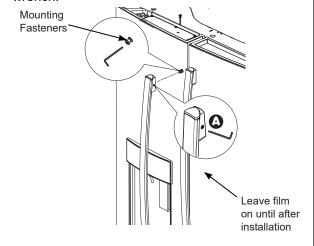
## REMOVE THE FRESH FOOD DOOR HANDLE

Handle Design varies based on models, however Installation is same.

Stainless steel and plastic handles:

♠ Loosen the set screws with the 1/8" Allen wrench and remove the handle.

**NOTE:** If the handle mounting fasteners need to be tightened or removed, use a 1/4" Allen wrench.



## 1a FOR DOOR IN DOOR MODELS ONLY

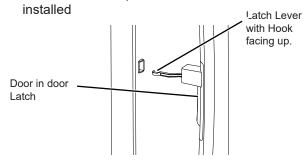
#### To Remove the Handle:

- Open the outer door by pressing the Door in Door latch.
- Loosen the set screws as shown in Step 1.

#### To Install the Handle:

- Align the lever with the opening on the outer door. Make sure the hook is pointed up.
- Insert the latch lever into the opening and align the handle with the mounting fasteners.
- Once the handle is flush with the outer door, tighten the set screws.

Do not remove tape from door until handle is installed



### **INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.)**

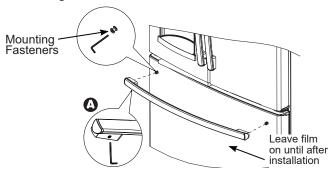
## 2 REMOVE THE FREEZER DOOR HANDLE

Handle Design varies based on models, however Installation is same.

Stainless steel and plastic handles:

♠ Loosen the set screws with the 1/8" Allen wrench and remove the handle.

**NOTE:** If the handle mounting fasteners need to be tightened or removed, use a 1/4" Allen wrench.

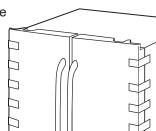


Reinstall the handles using the same procedure as removing.

### **3 REMOVE REFRIGERATOR DOORS**

AWARNING
Follow all steps for removing
and reinstalling the door. Failure to follow these
instructions, leaving off parts, or overtightening screws,
can lead to the door falling off and result in injury and
property damage.

A Securely tape the door shut with masking tape or have a second person support the door.



B Start with left-hand door first: Remove

first: Remove the hinge cover on top of the left refrigerator door by removing all hex screws and pulling it up. Do the same for the right-hand door and the middle cover.

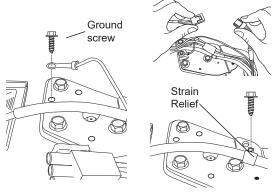


## 3 REMOVE THE REFRIGERATOR DOORS (cont)

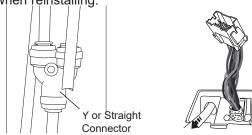
C Disconnect electrical connectors coming from each door located under the hinge covers.

Remove the 1/4" hex head screw to disconnect the ground wire from the hinge.

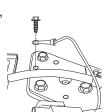
Remove the 1/4" hex head screw to remove the strain relief from the water line.



Disconnect the water line from the back of the unit by pressing down on the dark grey collar while pulling up on the water line.Pull water line through case conduit from the top to free the line for door removal. The water line is more than 4' long and may need to be taped to Door for accessibility when reinstalling.



EUsing a 3/8" socket ratchet/driver, remove the screws securing the top hinge to the cabinet, then lift the hinge straight up to free the hinge pin from the location in the top of the door.



## **▲CAUTION** Lifting Hazard

Single person lift could cause injury. Use assistance when handling, moving or lifting the doors.

**NOTE:** when removing door, to prevent damage to door and electronics, carefully place the door in a proper location.

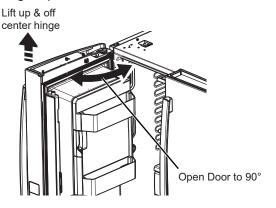
**NOTE:** The lower door hinge pin and hinge are keyed and must be matched correctly for the door to self close properly. Please follow the directions carefully.

#### **INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.)**

## 3 REMOVE THE REFRIGERATOR DOORS (cont)

Note: For proper installation later, please follow the next step carefully.

Remove the tape and keeping the door as straight as possible, open the door to 90° then lift straight up to remove it.



#### **REMOVE OPPOSITE DOOR**

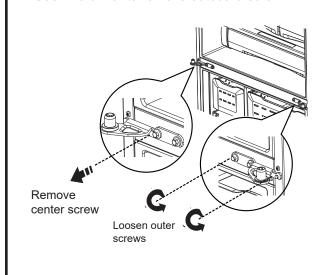
Follow the same procedure on the opposite door. There are no water lines on the opposite side.

**For Door in Door Models:** Securely tape the inner and outer doors before installing or removing. 90° door alignment not required during installation or removal for these models.

### 4 REMOVE CENTER HINGE (if necessary)

Remove the 3/8" screws securing the center hinge to the cabinet.

Use T20 driver to remove outboard screw.



## **5**REINSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR DOORS

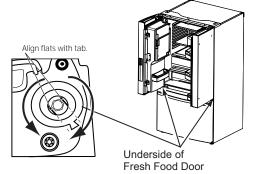
Reverse steps 1 through 4 to reinstall refrigerator doors, follow details below for critical alignments.

A Reinstall center hinge first and torque the screws to 65 in-lbs (7.34 N-m). With the LH door at 90° to the front of the case, lower the refrigerator door onto the center hinge.



Ensure that the door and hinge align correctly.

Rotate doors closed and make sure moveable center sealing portion of the door aligns with the striker. If the door will not self-close after reinstalling, remove door, turn door upside down, check alignment mark and arrow; (there is an alignment mark on the door closure mechanism. It corresponds to an alignment arrow on the plastic ring. Rotate door closure mechanism to align mark and arrow, reinstall door). Door in Door models do not have the same closure mechanism on the right hand door. You may notice a difference in closure.



If door cannot be installed at 90° follow steps below:

- 1. Install door at 180° to case front.
- 2. If space limits opening door to less than 180°, then:
  - a) Remove door, carefully turn door upside down.
  - b) Check alignment of door closure mechanism shaft on underside of door. The flats on the shaft should correspond to alignment tab on plastic ring or mark on bottom end cap.
  - c) If shaft is not aligned to tab/mark, using 5/32" Allen wrench, rotate door closure mechanism shaft counterclockwise for right door and clockwise for left door. Then align flat with tab/mark.
  - d) Install the door at 90°.

Securely tape the door shut with masking tape or have a second person support the door. Reinstall the top hinge and torque the screws to 65 in-lbs (7.34 N-m).

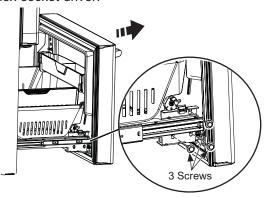
- Be sure to reinstall the ground wire and strain relief to the top hinge.
- Reinstall hinge cover. **NOTE:** Ensure wires are not pinched or under screw bosses before tightening screws.

#### **INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.)**

#### **6 REMOVE THE FREEZER DOOR**

A Pull the freezer door open to full extension.

B Remove 3 attachment screws, located at the bottom on each side of the freezer door using 3/8" hex socket driver.



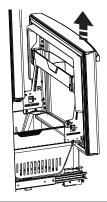
#### **▲**CAUTION

Lifting Hazard

Freezer door is heavy Use both hands to secure the door before lifting.

C Lift the freezer door to disengage it from the slide mechanism

The door can safely rest on the bottom. Do not rest the door on any other surfaces to avoid scratches.



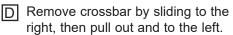
## **REMOVE FREEZER BASKET**

- Pull the lower basket and slide mechanism to full extension using both hands.
- Remove the top freezer drawer by fully extending the drawer then lifting up and out.
- Remove the basket resting on the slides.
- Push the bottom
  basket slides back
  until the slide mechanism self retracts.

## 8 REMOVE THE FREEZER BASKET SLIDES

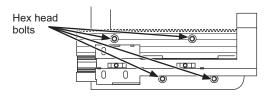
The freezer basket slides can be removed to gain another 3/4" (1.90 cm) clearance through a doorway.

- A Remove freezer door as shown in Step 6.
- B Remove the upper and lower baskets as shown in Step 7.
- Remove the clip on the crossbar located along the right hand side of the rack and pinion gear assembly by sliding forward.



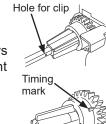


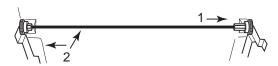
Remove the four 1/4" hex head bolts per side and remove side supports.



Reverse the steps to assemble. When installing the crossbar, always put the hole on the right

hand side. Align the left and right gears with the timing marks on the gears when inserting the crossbar. Always insert the crossbar in the right hang gear first and then the left hand gear.





Inset the clip into the crossbar hole located on the right hand side.

### **INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.)**

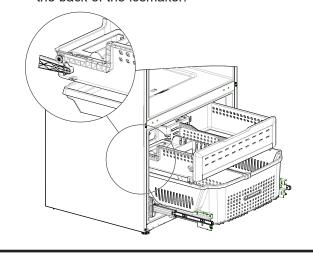
#### **9 RE-INSTALL FREEZER DRAWER**

A Re-install freezer drawer by placing the drawer wheels onto the top of the track mounted to the side of the freezer walls. The wheels on the freezer drawer should be on top of the bottom basket sides.

ON MODELS EQUIPPED WITH ICE MAKER IN THE FREEZER: Place the ice bucket in the drawer and push the drawer into the freezer with the front of the bucket to the front of the basket,.

#### Make sure:

- The ice bucket does not hit the icemaker arm and the freezer drawer retracts completely into the freezer compartment.
- The fill tube extends into the fill cup opening at the back of the icemaker.



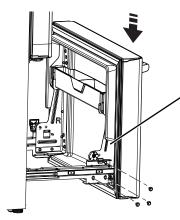
#### **10 REPLACE FREEZER DOOR**

#### **ACAUTION**

#### **Lifting Hazard**

Freezer door is heavy Use both hands to secure the door before lifting.

- A Pull the lower basket slide mechanism to full extension with both hands.
- B Lift the freezer door and align the tabs on the door bracket sides with the square holes in slide mechanisms.



Align and insert tab on Freezer Door Bracket with slot on Freezer Slide Bracket.

**NOTE:** Place one side in first and then align the other side.

- Replace the attachment screws and torque the screws to 65 in-lb (7.34 N-m).
- For adjusting freezer door gaps, follow the instructions on page 30 or in the Owner's Manual.
- Replace freezer basket onto the slide brackets and make sure the freezer door operates and closes freely.

#### **INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.)**

#### Instructions for adjusting freezer door gaps:

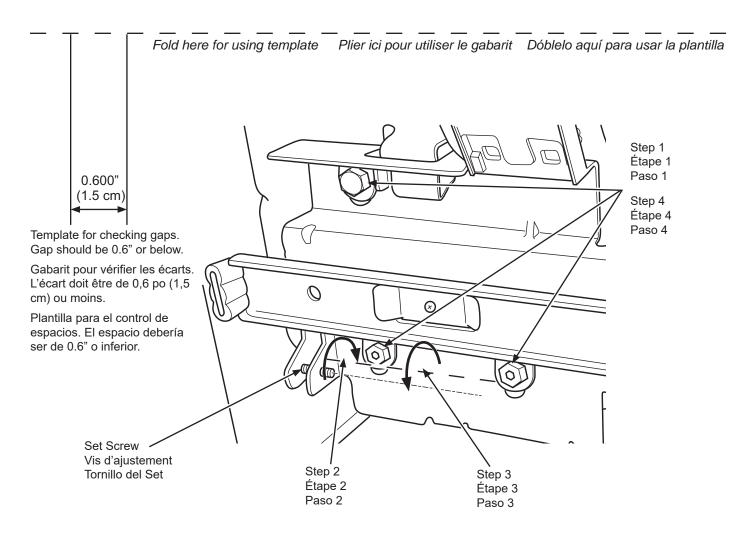
#### **IMPORTANT!**

The 6 mounting screws (3 on each side) are NOT interchangeable with the center or top hinge screws. Drawer screws have flat washer heads, and other screws have lines/ribs on washer heads.

After installation of the freezer door, check for uniform gaps (top and bottom of right and left hand side) with the template provided.

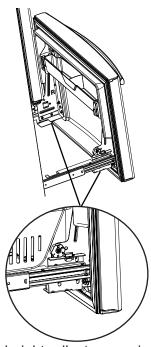
In the event of excessive gaps use the following steps to adjust the freezer door.

- Step 1 Loosen the 3 screws on each side (right and left) of the freezer door.
- **Step 2 -** Adjust set screw clockwise if gap at the top is too big (see template). Turn the set screw using 3/32" hex key clockwise by quarter to half a rotation
- **Step 3 -** Adjust set screw counter-clockwise if gap at the bottom is too big (see template). Turn the set screw using 3/32" hex key counter-clockwise by quarter to half a rotation
- Step 4 Tighten the 3 screws on each side (right and left).
- Step 5 Re-check the gaps using the template and repeat steps 1 to 4 if required and complete with step 5.

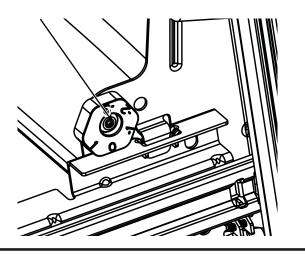


### **INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.)**

### 10 LEVEL THE FREEZER DOOR

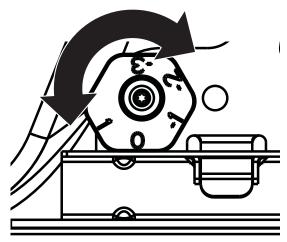


- Locate the height adjuster cam in the freezer door. Slightly loosen the three door attachment screws on both sides using a 3/8" hex socket driver.
- B Locate and loosen the cam screw using the T-27 screw driver.



## 10 LEVEL THE FREEZER DOOR (cont.)

A Lift the door on the side requiring adjustment, rotate the cam to required position.



- 0 Initial position
- 1 Lift by 0.050" (0.127 cm)
- -1 Lower by 0.050" (0.127 cm)
- -2 Lower by 0.100" (0.254 cm)
- -3 Lower by 0.150" (0.391 cm)
- B After adjustment tighten the 3 attachment screws using to 65 in-lb (7.34 N-m).

#### 11 REMOVE PACKAGING

Remove all tape, foam and protective packing from shelves and drawers.

INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.) Anti-Tip Floor Bracket Installation (Models PYE, GYE, GYS, DYE, PWE, and ZWE only)







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#### NOTE:

If you did not receive an anti-tip bracket with your purchase, call 1.800.626.8774 to receive one at no cost. (In Canada, call 1.800.561.3344.)

For installation instructions of the bracket, visit: **GEAppliances.com**.

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### MATERIALS YOU MAY NEED (not included)

Lag Bolts

1/4" (6 mm) x 1-1/2" (38 mm)

Drill Bit Appropriate for Anchors

Anchor Sleeves 1/2" (12 mm) OD

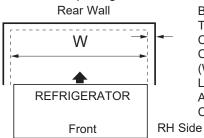
For Anti-Tip Bracket Mounted on CONCRETE Floors Only

## AT-1

# MEASURE CABINET OPENING AVAILABLE VS. REFRIGERATOR WIDTH

Measure width of cabinet opening where refrigerator will be placed, W.

Be sure to account for any countertop overhang, baseboard thickness and any clearance desired. Width, W, should not be less than 36". The refrigerator will be placed approximately in the middle of this opening.



Baseboard Thickness or Countertop Overhang (Whichever Is Larger) Plus Any Desired Clearance

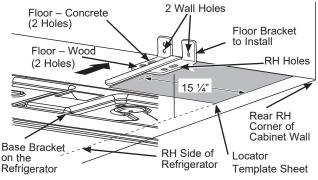
#### **TOOLS YOU WILL NEED**



## AT-2 LOCATING THE ANTI-TIP FLOOR BRACKET

A Place the anti-tip floor bracket locator template (included inside the anti-tip kit) onto the floor up against the rear wall, within W, and in line with the desired location of the RH side of the refrigerator (see Figure 1).

Figure 1 - Installation Overview

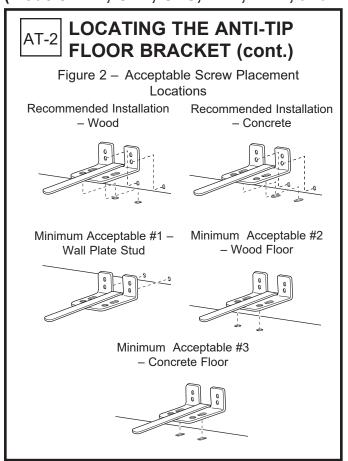


- B Place the anti-tip floor bracket onto the locator template with its RH floor holes lined up with the floor holes indicated on the template sheet, approximately 15 1/4" (38.73 cm) from the edge of the sheet or the RH side of the refrigerator.
- Hold down in position and use the anti-tip floor bracket as a template for marking the holes based upon your configuration and type of construction as shown in Step 3. Mark the hole locations with a pencil, nail or awl.

#### NOTE:

• It is REQUIRED to use at least 2 screws to mount the floor bracket (one on each side of the anti-tip floor bracket). Both must be into either the wall or the floor. Figure 2 indicates all the acceptable mounting configurations for screws. Identify the screw holes on the anti-tip floor bracket for your configuration.

INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.) Anti-Tip Floor Bracket Installation (Models PYE, GYE, GYS, DYE, PWE, and ZWE only)

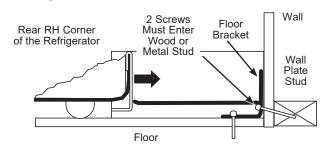




## ANTI-TIP BRACKET INSTALLATION

- A WOOD Wall and Floor Construction:
  - Drill the appropriate number of 1/8" (3 mm) pilot holes in the center of each floor bracket hole being used (a nail or awl may be used if a drill is not available) AND remove the locator template from the floor.
  - Mount the anti-tip floor bracket by fastening the 2, or recommended 4, #10-16 hex-head screws tightly into place as illustrated in Figure 3.

Figure 3 – Attachment to Wall and Floor



- B CONCRETE Wall and Floor Construction:
  - Anchors required (not provided):
    4 each 1/4" (6 mm) x 1-1/2" (38 mm) lag bolts 4 each 1/2" (12 mm) O.D. sleeve anchors
  - Drill the recommended size holes for the anchors into the concrete at the center of the holes marked in Step 2.
  - Install the sleeve anchors into the drilled holes.
    Place the anti-tip floor bracket as indicated in Step
    Remove the locator template from the floor.
  - Install the lag bolts through the anti-tip floor bracket and tighten appropriately.
- C WOOD Wall and TILE Floor Construction:
  - For this special case, locate the 2 wall holes identified in Fig. 2. Drill an angled 1/8" (3 mm) pilot hole (approx. as shown in Fig. 3) in the center of each hole.
  - Mount the anti-tip floor bracket using the Minimum Acceptable Installation #1, as illustrated in Fig. 2.

## AT-4

#### POSITIONING THE REFRIGERATOR TO ENGAGE THE ANTI-TIP FLOOR AND BASE BRACKETS

- A Before pushing the refrigerator into the opening, plug the power cord into the receptacle and connect waterline (if equipped). Check for leaks.
- B Locate the refrigerator's RH side and move back approximately in line with the RH side of the cabinet opening, W. This should position the anti-tip floor bracket to engage the anti-tip base bracket on the refrigerator.
- Gently roll the refrigerator back into the cabinet opening until it comes to a complete stop.
  Check to see if the refrigerator front lines up with the cabinet front face. If not, carefully rock the refrigerator forward and backward until engagement occurs and you notice that the refrigerator is fully pushed up against the rear wall.
- If Applicable: Adjust the rear (and front) wheel height settings to fully engage the rear anti-tip brackets, while also aligning the refrigerator front with the cabinet front face.

**NOTE:** If you pull the refrigerator out and away from the wall for any reason, make sure the anti-tip floor bracket is engaged when the refrigerator is pushed back against the rear wall.

#### **INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.)**

## 11 CONNECTING THE REFRIGERATOR TO THE HOUSE WATER LINE

A cold water supply is required for automatic ice maker operation. If there is not a cold water supply, you will need to provide one. See Installing the Water Line section.

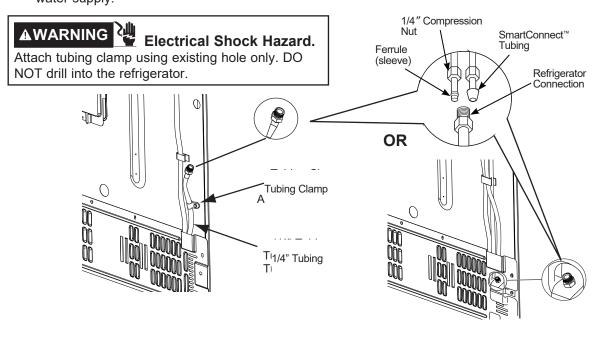
#### NOTES:

- Before making the connection to the refrigerator, be sure the refrigerator power cord is not plugged into the wall outlet.
- If your refrigerator does not have a water filter, we recommend installing one if your water supply has sand or particles that could clog the screen of the refrigerator's water valve. Install it in the water line near the refrigerator. If using SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing Kit, you will need an additional tube (WX08X10002) to connect the filter. Do not cut plastic tube to install filter.
- Before connecting the water line to the house, purge the house line for at least 2 minutes.
- If you are using copper tubing, place a compression nut and ferrule (sleeve) onto the end of the tubing coming from the house cold water supply.

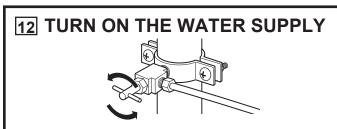
If you are using the SmartConnect™ tubing, the nuts are already assembled to the tubing.

- B If you are using copper tubing, insert the end of the tubing into the refrigerator connection, at the back of the refrigerator, as far as possible. While holding the tubing, tighten the fitting. If you are using SmartConnect™ tubing, insert the molded end of the tubing into the refrigerator connection, at the back of the refrigerator, and tighten the compression nut until it is hand tight. Then tighten one additional turn with a wrench. Over tightening may cause leaks.
- Fasten the tubing into the clamp provided to hold it in position. You may need to pry open the clamp.

AWARNING
Connect to potable water supply only. A cold water supply is required for automatic icemaker operation. The water pressure must be between 40 and 120 psi (275-827 kilopascals)

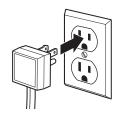


#### **INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.)**



Turn the water on at the shutoff valve (house water supply) and check for any leaks.

### 13 PLUG IN THE REFRIGERATOR

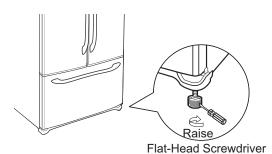


See the grounding information attached to the power cord.

#### 14 LEVEL THE REFRIGERATOR

The leveling legs have 2 purposes:

- Leveling legs adjust so the refrigerator is firmly positioned on the floor and does not wobble.
- 2. Leveling legs serve as a stabilizing brake to hold the refrigerator securely in position during operation and cleaning. The leveling legs also prevent the refrigerator from tipping.
- Turn the leveling legs clockwise to raise the refrigerator, counterclockwise to lower it.



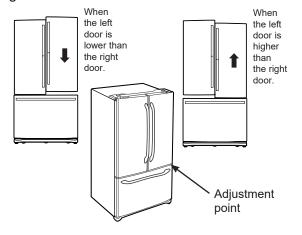
**NOTICE:** To avoid possible property damage, the leveling legs must be firmly touching the

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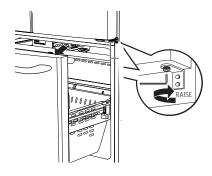
## **INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.)**

## 15 LEVEL THE REFRIGERATOR DOORS

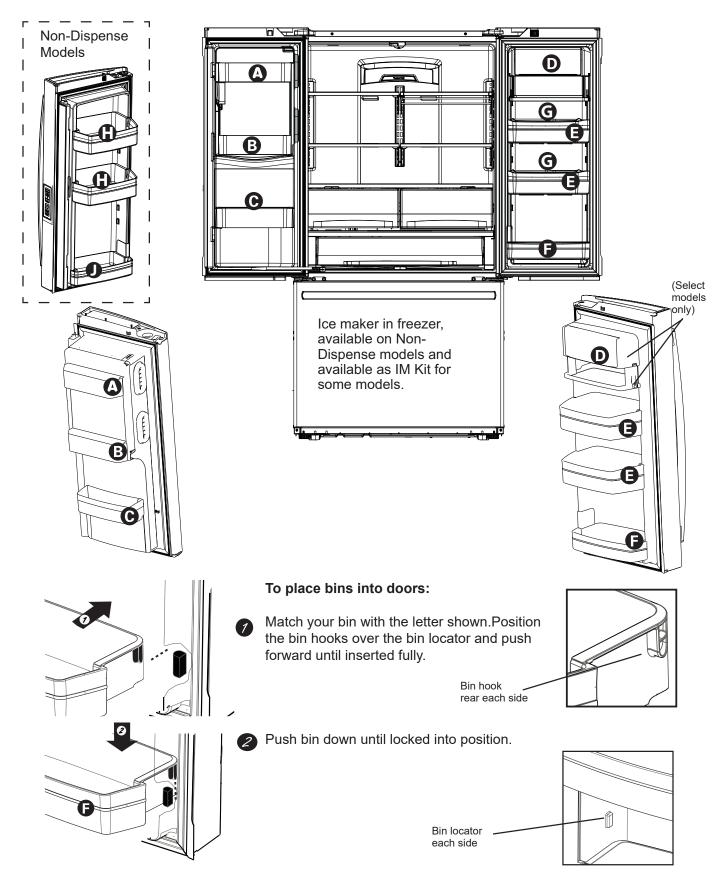
Remember a level refrigerator is necessary for getting the doors perfectly even. If you need help, review the previous section on leveling the refrigerator.



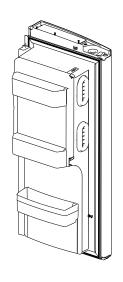
- A If you open the freezer door, you can see the center hinge.
- B Insert 1/4" Allen wrench into the shaft of the center hinge.
- C Adjust the height by turning clockwise or counterclockwise. When you turn counterclockwise, the door will move up.

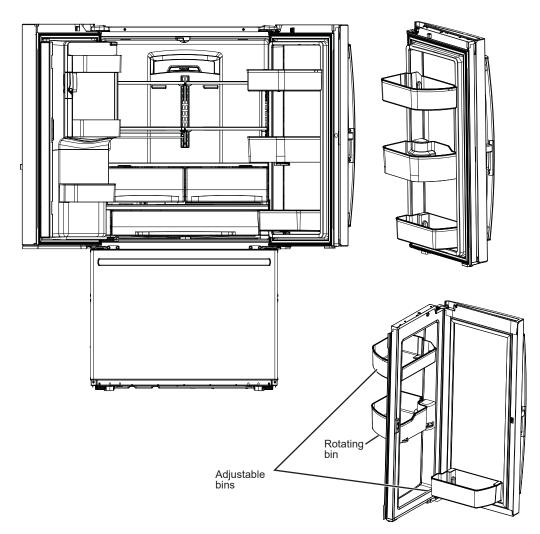


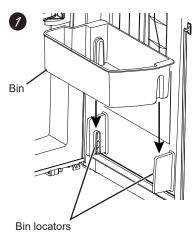
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## INSTALLING THE REFRIGERATOR (Cont.) Models PFD, PYD, GFD



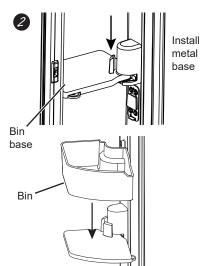




**⚠** To place adjustable bins into door:

Position the bins over the bin locators and push down until locked in position.

- To place rotating bin into door:
  - 1. Slide bin base assembly onto the bracket on the door.
  - 2. Slide the bin onto the bin base



#### INSTALLING THE WATER LINE

#### **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Recommended copper water supply kits are WX8X2, WX8X3 or WX8X4, depending on the amount of tubing you need. Approved plastic water supply lines are SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing (WX08X10006, WX08X10015 and WX08X10025).

When connecting your refrigerator to a GE Appliances Reverse Osmosis Water System, the only approved installation is with a GE Appliances RVKit. For other reverse osmosis water systems, follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

If the water supply to the refrigerator is from a Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water Filtration System AND the refrigerator also has a water filter, use the refrigerator's filter bypass plug. Using the refrigerator's water filtration cartridge in conjunction with the RO water filter can result in hollow ice cubes. Some models do not come equipped with the filter bypass plug. To obtain a free bypass plug, call 800. GECARES. In Canada, call 800.561.3344.

This water line installation is not warranted by the refrigerator or ice maker manufacturer. Follow these instructions carefully to minimize the risk of expensive water damage.

Water hammer (water banging in the pipes) in house plumbing can cause damage to refrigerator parts and lead to water leakage or flooding. Call a qualified plumber to correct water hammer before installing the water supply line to the refrigerator.

To prevent burns and product damage, do not hook up the water line to the hot water line.

If the refrigerator is operated before the water connection is made to the ice maker, see *Controls* section on page 9 to turn ice maker off.

Do not install the ice maker tubing in areas where temperatures fall below freezing.

When using any electrical device (such as a power drill) during installation, be sure the device is double insulated or grounded in a manner to prevent the hazard of electric shock, or is battery powered.

All installations must be in accordance with local plumbing code requirements.

#### WHAT YOU WILL NEED



• Copper or SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing kit, 1/4" outer diameter to connect the refrigerator to the water supply. If using copper, be sure both ends of the tubing are cut square.

To determine how much tubing you need: measure the distance from the water valve on the back of the refrigerator to the water supply pipe. Be sure there is sufficient extra tubing to allow the refrigerator to move out from the wall after installation.

SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing Kits are available in the following lengths:

8' (2.4 m) - WX08X10006

15' (4.6 m) - WX08X10015

25' (7.6 m) - WX08X10025

#### **▲WARNING**

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#### **INSTALLING THE WATER LINE (Cont.)**

### WHAT YOU WILL NEED (Cont.)

**NOTE:** The only GE Appliances approved plastic tubing is that supplied in SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing kits. Do not use any other plastic water supply line because the line is under pressure at all times. Certain types of plastic will crack or rupture with age and cause water damage to your home.

- A GE Appliances water supply kit (containing tubing, shutoff valve and fittings listed below) is available at extra cost from your dealer or from Parts and Accessories, 877-959-8688 (in Canada 1.800.661.1616).
- A cold water supply. The water pressure must be between 20 and 120 p.s.i. (1.4–8.1 bar).
- Power drill.



- 1/2" or adjustable wrench.
- Straight and Phillips blade screwdriver.



 Two 1/4" outer diameter compression nuts and 2 ferrules (sleeves)—to connect the copper tubing to the shutoff valve and the refrigerator water valve.

OR

• If you are using a SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing kit, the necessary fittings are preassembled to the tubing.



 If your existing copper water line has a flared fitting at the end, you will need an adapter (available at plumbing supply stores) to connect the water line to the refrigerator OR you can cut off the flared fitting with a tube cutter and then use a compression fitting. Do not cut formed end from SmartConnect™ Refrigerator tubing.



• Shutoff valve to connect to the cold water line. The shutoff valve should have a water inlet with a minimum inside diameter of 5/32" at the point of connection to the COLD WATER LINE. Saddle-type shutoff valves are included in many water supply kits. Before purchasing, make sure a saddle-type valve complies with your local plumbing codes.

Install the shutoff valve on the nearest frequently used drinking water line.

## ☐ SHUT OFF THE MAIN WATER SUPPLY

Turn on the nearest faucet long enough to clear the line of water.

#### 2 CHOOSE THE VALVE LOCATION

Choose a location for the valve that is easily accessible. It is best to connect into the side of a vertical water pipe. When it is necessary to connect into a horizontal water pipe, make the connection to the top or side, rather than at the bottom, to avoid drawing off any sediment from the water pipe.



## 3 DRILL THE HOLE FOR THE VALVE

Drill a 1/4" hole in the water pipe (even if using a self-piercing valve), using a sharp bit. Remove any burrs resulting from drilling the hole in the pipe.

Take care not to allow water to drain into the drill.

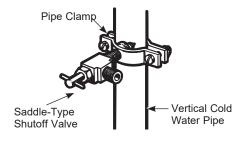
Failure to drill a 1/4" hole may result in reduced ice production or smaller cubes.



### **INSTALLING THE WATER LINE (Cont.)**

#### 4 FASTEN THE SHUTOFF VALVE

Fasten the shutoff valve to the cold water pipe with the pipe clamp.

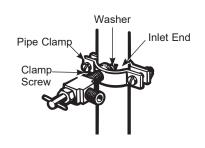


**NOTE:** Commonwealth of Massachusetts Plumbing Codes 248CMR shall be adhered to. Saddle valves are illegal and use is not permitted in Massachusetts. Consult with your licensed plumber.

#### **5 TIGHTEN THE PIPE CLAMP**

Tighten the clamp screws until the sealing washer begins to swell.

**NOTE:** Do not over tighten or you may crush the tubing.



#### **6** ROUTE THE TUBING

Route the tubing between the cold water line and the refrigerator.

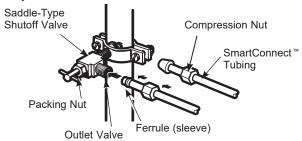
Route the tubing through a hole drilled in the wall or floor (behind the refrigerator or adjacent base cabinet) as close to the wall as possible.

## ☑ CONNECT THE TUBING TO THE VALVE

Place the compression nut and ferrule (sleeve) for copper tubing onto the end of the tubing and connect it to the shutoff valve.

Make sure the tubing is fully inserted into the valve. Tighten the compression nut securely.

For plastic tubing from a SmartConnect™ Refrigerator Tubing kit, insert the molded end of the tubing into the shutoff valve and tighten compression nut until it is hand tight, then tighten one additional turn with a wrench. Over tightening may cause leaks.



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#### **8 FLUSH OUT THE TUBING**

Turn the main water supply on and flush out the tubing until the water is clear.

Shut the water off at the water valve after about one quart (1 liter), or 2 minutes, of water has been flushed through the tubing.



To complete the installation of the refrigerator, go back to Step 11 in Installing the Refrigerator.