

HOTPOINT HANDBOOK

REFRIGERATOR

MODELS RS63, RS03, RS13

Key Contacts

Service

UK: 0541 500 500

Republic of Ireland: 1850 302 200

You will be asked to quote the Model Number and Serial Number, which can be found on the top left hand corner above rating plate on rear of appliance.

Genuine Parts & Accessories Mail Order Hotline

UK: 0541 530 530

Republic of Ireland: (01) 842 6836

Extended Warranty

To join: UK 0870 9 088 088

Republic of Ireland: 1850 502 200

For further product information

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Hotpoint®

General Domestic Appliances Limited, Morley Way, Peterborough, PE2 9JB.

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Your new Appliance

For your own safety and to get the best results it is important that you read right through this handbook **before** using your appliance for the first time.

WARNING: THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED.

Electrical Requirements


We recommend that this appliance is connected to the mains supply via a suitable switched socket in a readily accessible position. All appliances come complete with a fitted plug containing a 13 amp fuse. In the event of replacing the fuse, a 13A ASTA approved fuse to BS1362 must be fitted. The fuse cover must be refitted. In the event of losing the fuse cover the plug must **not** be used until a replacement fuse cover has been obtained and fitted. A new fuse cover can be obtained from your nearest Service Office or local Electricity Company. If the plug does not fit your sockets, an alternative plug can be fitted. Cut off the old plug and throw it away. Do not insert it into a socket elsewhere in the house as this could cause a shock hazard.

IMPORTANT: Fitting a Different Plug:

The wires in the mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

Green and Yellow - Earth
Blue - Neutral
Brown - Live

If you fit your own plug the colours of these wires may not correspond with the identifying marks on the plug terminals. This is what you have to do:

1. Connect the green and yellow (Earth) wire to the terminal in the plug marked 'E' or with the symbol , or coloured green or green and yellow.
 2. Connect the blue (Neutral) wire to the terminal in the plug marked 'N' or coloured black.
 3. Connect the brown (Live) wire to the terminal marked 'L' or coloured red.
- With alternative plugs a 5A fuse must be fitted either in the plug or adaptor or in the main fuse box.

Mains Lead Replacement

If the mains lead on this appliance needs replacing at any time, it must be replaced by a special lead which is obtainable from your nearest Service Office (see back page). A charge will be made for the replacement if you have damaged the lead or require a longer lead. It is essential that this operation is carried out by a qualified Electrician.

The old mains lead should be disposed of safely and **not** used for any other application.

NOTE: CE marking certifies that this appliance complies with the requirements laid down in EEC Directive 89:336 (Electromagnetic compatibility) and subsequent modifications and Low Voltage directive 73/23/EEC.

WARNING: HOW TO AVOID ACCIDENTS TO CHILDREN. WHEN DISCARDING AN OLD FRIDGE OR FREEZER BE CERTAIN TO MAKE THE LOCK UNUSABLE. IF POSSIBLE, REMOVE THE DOOR AND DISCARD SEPARATELY. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO STAND OR SIT ON TOP OF YOUR APPLIANCE. IT IS NOT DESIGNED FOR SUCH USE AND YOU COULD INJURE YOURSELF OR DAMAGE THE APPLIANCE BY SUCH ABUSE. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY WITH THE APPLIANCE OR TAMPER WITH THE CONTROLS.



Hotpoint Service Cover

Satisfaction Guaranteed or Your Money Back
Hotpoint gives you a unique 'Satisfaction Guaranteed' promise - valid for ninety days after you have purchased your Hotpoint product. If you have a technical problem with your appliance, just call Hotpoint Service. If necessary we will arrange for an engineer to call. If the technical problem is not resolved under this Guarantee, Hotpoint will replace your appliance or, if you prefer, give you your money back. Your statutory rights are not affected, and the Guarantee is additional and subject to the terms of Hotpoint's Five Year Parts Guarantee.

Hotpoint's Extended Warranties
Whether you have just one or a number of Hotpoint appliances in your kitchen, Hotpoint has a range of Service Plans to give you complete peace of mind. They enable you to extend your one year labour guarantee so that you can have repairs completed FREE during the membership period.

Service Cover
We offer a number of payment methods; cheque, credit card or you can spread the cost and pay by direct debit (full details available, tel 0870 9 088 088). This covers you for all repairs during the period of cover, which can be from 1 to 4 years. We also offer an annual Electrical and Safety check and replacement of any parts as necessary.

Kitchen Cover
An annual payment covers you for all repairs for all your Hotpoint appliances which are less than ten years old. Any additional Hotpoint appliances purchased after you have joined Hotpoint Kitchen Cover will automatically be included during the annual period of cover without further charge.

Appliance Registration
To ensure that you have the opportunity to benefit from any of the above Service Schemes and other offers you should complete and return immediately the Appliance Registration Form/Questionnaire supplied with this appliance. Full details and costs of our Service Schemes, together with an application form, will be sent to you at the end of the first year of the guarantee.

Annual Safety/Maintenance Checks
Hotpoint strongly recommend that all its appliances are regularly checked for electrical and mechanical safety. Worn door gaskets or hoses may cause a leak on an appliance, which could become dangerous if neglected.

Proof of Purchase
For future reference please attach your purchase receipt to this booklet and keep it in a safe place.

Genuine Parts and Accessories
Parts and accessories can be ordered from Hotpoint Genuine Parts and Accessories Mail Order Hotline, UK: 0541 530 530 or Republic of Ireland: (01) 842 6836.

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This Instruction Book must be kept handy for reference as it contains important details on the safe and proper use of the appliance.

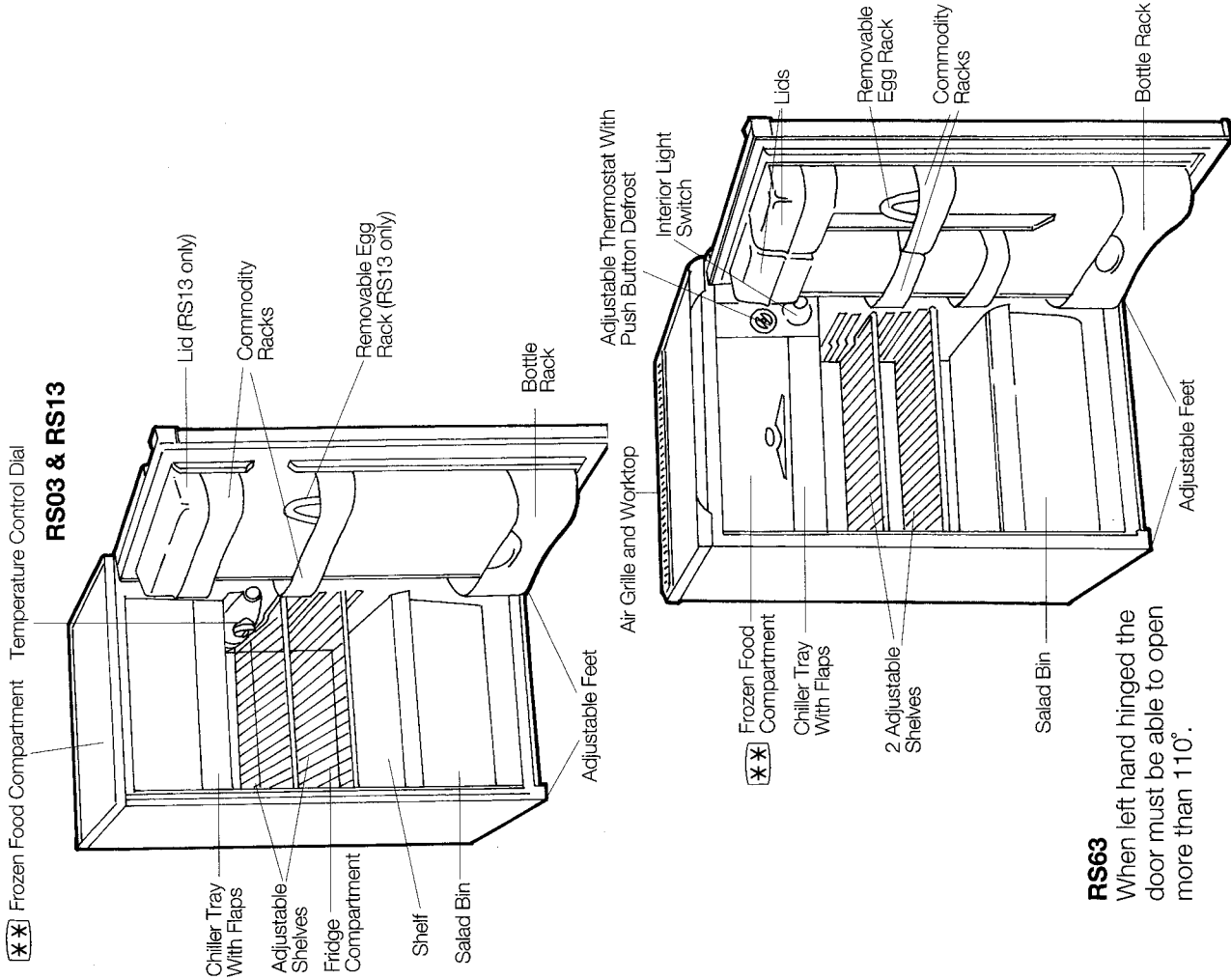
If you sell or pass the appliance to someone else, or move house and leave it behind, make sure this Book is also provided so the new owner can become familiar with the appliance and safety warnings.

If the Book is lost or damaged a copy may be obtained from Hotpoint Ltd, Morley Way, Peterborough, PE2 9JB.

From the moment your appliance is delivered, Hotpoint guarantees it for FIVE YEARS.

- In the Five Years all replacement parts are FREE provided that they are fitted by our own Service Engineer. During the first year our Engineer's time and labour is also free.
- Our guarantee covers loss of food in our refrigeration and freezer products up to £250 during the first year, subject to verification by one of our engineers.
- After the first year we will charge for our Engineer's time and labour. We do, however, operate a range of Service Plans (see opposite) for which an annual payment enables you to cover any repair costs which may be necessary.
- All our service repairs are guaranteed for twelve months in respect of our labour and any parts fitted.
- The appliance must be used in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and must not be tampered with or taken apart by anyone other than our own Service Engineers.
- You may however buy genuine Hotpoint parts from the Hotpoint Genuine Parts and Accessories Mail Order Hotline, UK: 0541 530 530 or Republic of Ireland: (01) 842 6836, which can be safely fitted without specialist knowledge or equipment. The correct fitting of such parts, provided they are genuine Hotpoint spares, will not affect your Guarantee.
- Our guarantee does not cover the cost of any repair, or loss of food in refrigeration products, due to power failure, accidents or misuse. Nor does it cover the cost of any visits to advise you on the use of your appliance.
- If at any time during the Guarantee period we are unable to repair your appliance, we will refund any repair costs paid to us in the previous twelve months.
- Our Guarantee is in addition to and does not affect your legal rights.
- Should you need independent advice on your consumer rights, help is available from your Consumer Advice Centre, Law Centre, Trading Standards Department and Citizens Advice Bureau.
- All Hotpoint servicing is carried out by our own Service Organisation located throughout the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. We will be happy to deal with any problems which you may have.
- Our Engineers will use every effort to avoid damage to floor coverings and adjacent units when carrying out repairs/service work, but in locations where the Engineer advises you that it will be impossible to move appliances without risk of damage, he will only proceed with your approval that no liability is accepted.

Get to know your Fridge



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When left hand hinged the door must be able to open more than 110°.

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY WITH THE APPLIANCE OR TAMPER WITH THE CONTROLS

Changing the door opening side

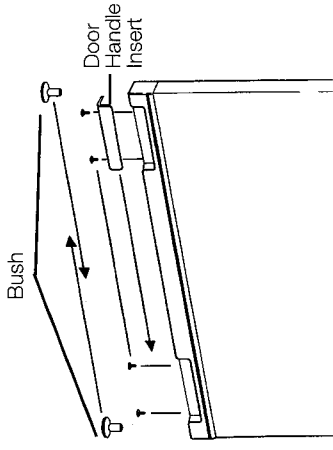
Repositioning the door hinge

Follow the step by step instructions below:-

1. Remove all loose items/fittings from inside the appliance and door
2. **Carefully** lay the appliance on its back (you may need a second person to support the appliance).

Take care to avoid damage to the pipe work by keeping it clear of the floor or by laying it on some protective material (eg. its original packaging).

3. Unscrew and remove the two front feet.
4. Unscrew and remove the bottom hinge. Ensure any spacing washers fitted and fixing screws are kept with the hinge.
5. Remove the door by gently sliding it downwards and lifting it off. Stand the door carefully to one side.
6. Unscrew and remove the top hinge, then replace the screw.
7. Remove the hinge fixing screw on the top left hand side and use it to refit the top hinge.
8. Remove the plate from the front/bottom left hand side of the cabinet and refit on the right hand side where the bottom hinge was.
9. **Preparing the door for change over**
Remove the top and bottom hinge bushes and the blanking plug, with a thin blunt instrument taking care not to mark the handle. Reposition on the opposite side.
10. Refit the door, sliding it upwards, locating the top hinge pin in the door hinge bush.
11. Fit the bottom hinge (and spacing washers) into the bottom hinge bush,



ensuring the door is evenly positioned about the cabinet sides.

12. Using the two fixing screws secure the bottom hinge to the cabinet.
13. Replace the adjustable front feet, setting them 25mm from the bottom of the cabinet to the bottom of the foot for appliances 850mm high or 36mm for taller appliances.
14. Carefully stand your appliance upright (you may need assistance for this) in the required location. Adjust the front feet until all four feet are in firm contact with the floor and the appliance does not rock. (See Installing Your Fridge on page 5)
15. Check the door opens and closes freely. Ensure door seal is seated evenly around the cabinet.
16. Finally put back all the loose items/fittings.
17. The appliance must be stood upright for at least 15 minutes before being switched on.

NOTE: If difficulties are encountered, contact your local service office. There may be a charge should it be necessary for a Service Engineer to visit.

If your Appliance won't work

- ... don't panic
Just run through these quick checks before calling your nearest Hotpoint Service Office.
1. Check that the plug is firmly in the wall outlet socket and that the power supply is on.
 2. Check the power supply to the socket by plugging in another appliance.
 3. If the other appliance works, check the fuse in the plug.
 4. If you have changed the plug, check the wiring (see page 2).
 5. If there is excessive noise or vibration, check that all four feet are firmly in contact with the ground (see page 5).
 6. If the interior light fails to work, refer to page 10 for further instructions.
 7. If water appears down the inside back of the compartment, check that the gutter drain hole has not become blocked and that there is nothing touching the cooling plate. (NB Water droplets on the cooling plate or back wall are normal.)
- If, after following all these instructions, you are still having problems, contact

Spare Parts

Please remember your new appliance is a complex piece of equipment. 'DIY' repairs or unqualified and untrained service people may put you in danger, could damage the appliance and might mean you lose cover under Hotpoint's Parts Guarantee.

If you do experience a problem with the appliance don't take risks; call in Hotpoint's own Service Engineer.

The address and telephone number of your nearest Hotpoint Service Office is in your local telephone directory.

Our spare parts are designed exclusively to fit only Hotpoint

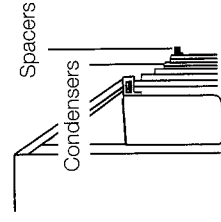
Installing your Fridge

Where to put your Fridge

Your fridge should be placed where it is easy to use allowing a gap of 25mm on each side of the appliance.

Avoid putting near anything which gives off heat as your fridge will run and may be damaged by the heat.

Ensure there is adequate air circulation at the back of the fridge by pushing back until the grille is against the wall, or by fitting the two wall spacers supplied to the top of the condenser as shown and pushing the fridge back until the spacers are against the wall.



If placed underneath a work surface, a gap of 30mm (1 1/4") must be allowed between the top of the fridge and the underside of the work surface. If there is not enough clearance available then ventilation must be provided by fitting an air grille. A grille is available by contacting Hotpoint Genuine Spares Mail Order Hotline (see back page). To increase efficiency and reduce running costs we recommend fitting an air grille at the rear of the work surface.

Note: Do not stack your fridge with any other appliance.

Do not stand or sit on top of the fridge, it is not designed for such abuse and you could injure yourself or damage the appliance.

To avoid excessive vibration and noise ensure your fridge is standing

correctly by carefully adjusting the left foot screw until all four feet are in firm contact with the floor. The right foot screw has been factory set to the correct position, but in extreme conditions may require some adjustment.

Do not obstruct the gap underneath the appliance.

A Wheel Kit, for fitting to the back of your fridge, is available by contacting Hotpoint Genuine Spares Mail Order Hotline (see back page).



Installing next to a Freezer

This can be done in one of two ways either free standing or linked.

Free Standing: Slide in next to the freezer leaving a gap of 50mm (2") between the two to avoid a build up of condensation. Make sure the fridge stands correctly (see above).

Linking: Your Hotpoint fridge can be joined with the appropriate freezer to make them look like one unit using a Linking Kit which is available by contacting Hotpoint Genuine Spares Mail Order Hotline (see back page). The kit comes complete with wheels so that the unit can be easily moved.

Table top

This is designed to serve as an extra work surface, but be careful with it. Do not drop heavy objects on it and **do not sit or stand on it!**

your nearest Hotpoint Service Office (or local importer if outside the United Kingdom). The telephone number is shown on the back page.

When you contact us we need to know:

1. Your name, address and post code.
2. Your telephone number.
3. Clear and concise details of the fault.
4. The model number, serial number (found on the label on the underside of the front top of the appliance), and colour.
5. When the appliance was purchased. Please put the date here

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6. If you have subscribed to the Hotpoint Service Cover Plan (see page 14).

Make sure you have all these details before you call.

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appliances. Do not use them for any other purpose as you may create a safety hazard.

Thinking of buying another appliance? For further Hotpoint product information please contact:-



Washing Machines, Dryers, Refrigeration, Dishwashers, Dehumidifiers and Cooking Appliances.

Installing your Fridge (cont.)

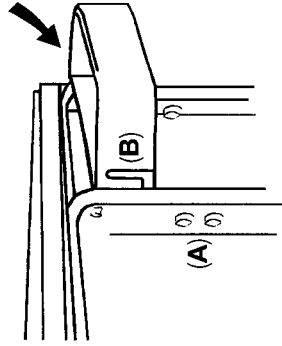
Note: To ensure that the doors function properly you will need to change the left hand appliance so that its door hinges are on the left hand side (see page 13).

Fitting decor panels to match your kitchen units

For a fully co-ordinated kitchen look a special trim kit is available by contacting Hotpoint Genuine Spares Mail Order Hotline (see back page). This attaches to the edges of the appliance door and enables a decor panel, up to 4mm (1/8") thick to be fitted. Decor panels are available from most kitchen suppliers.

Commodity rack adjustment

Depending on the model of fridge, some commodity racks are adjustable which enables you to gain maximum storage capacity of the inner door. To remove a rack for cleaning or repositioning, simply lift vertically to release it from the fixing supports (A) in the door liner. To replace, align the grooves (B) on the side of the rack above the fixing supports (A), push down until it clicks into place.



Getting your Fridge ready for use

Cleaning

Before using your fridge for the first time wipe out the interior, including the door, and all removable parts with a damp cloth wrung out in either a solution of one teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda to one pint of water or Milton® diluted according to the manufacturer's instructions.

WARNING: NEVER USE ANY HOUSEHOLD CLEANER OR DETERGENT, ABRASIVE POWDERS OR WAX POLISH.

Final check

Before you start using the fridge, check that

1. It is thoroughly dry inside.
2. Air can circulate freely.
3. The feet have been adjusted, ie. all four are firmly on the ground.

Starting

Insert the plug into the outlet socket and switch on the electricity supply. Open the fridge door and the light will come on. There is a control dial on the right hand side of the interior. Turning the dial clockwise from 'O' (off) will start the fridge working. You will hear a noise as the compressor starts up.

Running-in the compressor

The liquid and gases sealed within the refrigeration system may give rise to noise, whether the compressor is running or not. This is quite normal in order to maintain the fridge's temperature. The compressor is a precision piece of machinery and, like a car engine, requires a running-in period of up to 2 months. During this time the compressor has to work a little harder and this may result in more noise than usual.

Do's and Don'ts

- Do:-** Store raw meat and poultry below cooked foods and dairy products.
Do:- Clean out your salad crisper regularly.
Do:- Take off any unusable leaves on vegetables and wipe off any soil.
Do:- Leave lettuce, cabbage, parsley and cauliflower on the stem.
Do:- Wrap cheese firstly in greaseproof paper and then in a polythene bag excluding as much air as possible. For best results take out of the fridge compartment an hour before eating.
Do:- Wrap raw meat and poultry loosely in polythene or aluminium foil. This prevents drying.
Do:- Wrap fish and offal in polythene bags and store as close to the frozen food compartment as possible, the chiller tray is a good place, but follow the instructions above.
Do:- Wrap foods which have a strong odour, or can dry out in polythene bags, aluminium foil or place in airtight containers.
Do:- Keep food for as short a time as possible and adhere to 'sell by' dates.
Do:- Wrap bread well to keep it fresh.
Do:- Chill white wines, beer, lager and mineral water in the fridge compartment before serving.
Do:- Wrap frozen food when you buy it and put it into the frozen food compartment as soon as possible.
Do:- Empty and refill the ice tray periodically to ensure freshness.
Do:- Store and cook frozen foods in accordance with the instructions given on the packets that you buy.
Do:- Defrost the frozen food compartment regularly. (see page 9).
Do:- Package and store cooked and raw food separately.
Do:- Always defrost frozen food thoroughly before cooking unless the instructions on the packet state otherwise.
- Don't:-** Store bananas in your fridge.
Don't:- Store melon in your fridge. It can be chilled for short periods as long as it is wrapped to avoid it flavouring other food.
Don't:- Wash eggs as this removes their natural protective film. Wipe them instead.
Don't:- Use eggs straight from the fridge compartment, especially when making cakes or mayonnaise. Allow them to reach room temperature before use.
Don't:- Let defrosting food or food juices drip onto food in your fridge.
Don't:- Leave the door open for long periods as this will cause excessive ice formation and make the fridge more costly to run.
Don't:- Cover the shelves with any protective materials which may obstruct air circulation through them.
Don't:- Put liquid-filled bottles or sealed cans containing carbonated liquids (fizzy drinks, etc) in the frozen food compartment as they may burst.
Don't:- Try to keep frozen food which has thawed; it should be eaten within 24 hours or cooked and re-frozen.
Don't:- Give children lollipops and water ices direct from the frozen food compartment. The low temperature may cause 'freezer burns' on their lips.
Don't:- Store poisonous or dangerous substances in the fridge. Your fridge has been designed for the storage of edible foodstuffs only.
Don't:- Consume food which has been stored for an excessive time in the fridge.

Caring for your Fridge (cont.)

The rubber door seal must be cleaned with soap and water only as detergent will damage it.

Finally, the compressor and condenser at the back of the fridge can be carefully cleaned. Use a brush or vacuum cleaner to remove any dust. Always check that the fridge is disconnected from the mains when doing this. Remember to re-connect the mains plug and switch on after cleaning your fridge.

Going away

If you expect to be away for any length of time and don't want to use your fridge, switch off at the power point and pull out the plug. Remove all food and follow the defrosting instructions (see page 9). After defrosting wipe out the interior. Always leave the door ajar to prevent the accumulation of odours.

How to replace the interior light.

Should the light fail to work, **switch off and pull out the mains plug**, then ensure the bulb is screwed in until it is secure in the bulb holder. Replace the plug and switch on.

If the light still fails to work, do not worry, it will not affect the working of your fridge. Obtain a replacement SES 15 Watt bulb from a local electrical retailer or by contacting Hotpoint Genuine Spares Mail Order Hotline and then fit it as follows:

1. **Switch off and pull out the mains plug.**
2. Remove the wire shelves to make access easier.
3. Unclip and Remove the lamp guard. (Held on by a screw on model RS63)
4. Unscrew the old bulb and fit the


new one.

5. Refit the lamp guard.
6. Replace the plug and switch on.

Controlling the Temperature

Frozen food compartment

The control dial, on the right-hand side of the fridge interior, controls the temperature inside the frozen food compartment and is marked 'O' (off), 1, 2, 3 . . . 6. Which setting is selected depends on how long you want to store frozen food.

Your fridge gives you a two star  performance in the frozen food compartment. This is achieved by setting the control dial to 4 or higher and allows you to store frozen food for up to one month. This is the most popular setting.

Fridge compartment

The temperature of your fridge compartment is affected by the location of the fridge, how often you open the door and the room temperature.

The two flaps at the rear of the chiller tray control the amount of cold air that flows into the fridge compartment. The chiller tray must be pulled out of the fridge in order to adjust the flaps. If adjustments are necessary, proceed as follows:

Fridge Compartment Too Warm

Open one or both chiller tray flaps. If the fridge compartment is still too warm with both flaps open, turn the control dial clockwise to a colder setting (higher number).

Fridge Compartment Too Cold

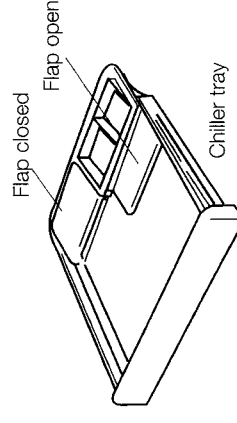
Close one or both chiller tray flaps. If the fridge compartment is still too cold with both flaps closed, turn the control dial anti-clockwise to a warmer setting (lower number).

NOTE: In the summer months, or in conditions giving high temperatures around the fridge, the compressor has to work harder and run for longer periods.

This is quite normal. Conversely, during cold weather, the compressor will run for much shorter periods.

The temperature inside your refrigerator should be 5°C or less, though some sections such as the Salad Crisper will be warmer. Frequent door openings cause higher temperatures inside. If using a thermometer to check the temperature, it should be left overnight on the centre of the middle shelf and read immediately the door is initially opened the following morning. If the temperature reading is not between 0°C and 5°C then the controls should be adjusted accordingly or the fridge defrosted as necessary.

A fridge/freezer thermometer is available to ensure that you maintain your appliance at the correct temperature. This can be ordered by contacting Hotpoint Genuine Spares Mail Order Hotline (see back page).



Storing Food

You can store most fresh foods in your fridge.

Recommended maximum storage times are given in the table below. Store meat, cooked meats, ham, sausage, milk products in the area just above the salad drawer; butter, eggs, preserves, cheese, margarines, etc. in the commodity rack on the door; convenience foods, baked items on the top and centre shelves; drinks in the bottle rack; fruit, vegetables, salad items in the salad bins. All foods should be wrapped or covered to prevent drying out and flavour transference. Plastic bags, containers with lids, foil and plastic stretch wrap are ideal. Never put hot or warm food into your fridge as this reduces efficiency.

	Days
Raw fresh meat	joints, steaks chops 1 offal (liver, kidney etc) 1
Cooked meat	minced meat, sausages 1 cooked meat 1 made-up dishes and left-overs 1
Poultry	fresh, whole (store giblets separately) 1 cooked 1 giblets 1
Fish	raw 1 cooked 2
Bacon	joint (uncooked) 2-8 rashers 2-10 ham (unsmoked) 1-3 pasteurised and homogenized 1-3
Milk	fresh 2
Cream	yogurt, sour cream 2-10
Butter	14-28
Margarine and cooking fats	21-28
Cheese	hard 7-28 semi hard, blue 7-14 cream, cottage 7
Eggs	shell 7-28 hard boiled 1-3
Vegetables	2-14
Salad	vegetables 2-14 prepared 1-3

Storing food in the frozen food compartment

You can store up to 3.7kg (8.1lb) in your frozen food compartment. Storage times depend on the setting you use and the type of food being stored. For best results always store pre-packed frozen foods in accordance with the frozen food manufacturer's instructions. Some packs will be marked with star markings matching those on the door of the frozen food compartment. Frozen food should be wrapped when bought and stored as soon as possible.

You can store frozen food for the following approximate periods:

Sensitive Fruits (eg. Strawberries).....2 weeks
Fruits, pastries, Dairy Products.....3 weeks
Vegetables, Lean Meat, Ice Lollies.....4 weeks
The exact period will vary with the nature of the food stored.

Storing food in the chiller tray

You can store **fresh** food in the chiller tray, but you should remember three things:

- **Do not** allow it to touch the frozen food compartment or it will become stuck.
- It will tend to freeze as this is a very cold area.
- **Do not** attempt to store **frozen** food in this area, it is not cold enough to keep it fully frozen.

Caring for your Fridge

Defrosting Why and When:

Frost build-up reduces the efficiency of your fridge and makes closing the frozen food compartment door difficult. You **must** defrost your fridge regularly. We recommend once a week. Frost builds up more quickly in your fridge if you leave the door open or put warm food into it. Never chip the frost away as you can easily damage the refrigerated surfaces of the frozen food compartment.

If you are storing frozen food

Defrosting must be carried out as quickly as possible, as follows:

1. Remove any frozen foods, wrap in several layers of newspaper and put in the fridge compartment or a cool place.
2. Move anything being stored in the chiller tray to the fridge compartment.
3. Close both flaps on the chiller tray.
4. Turn the temperature control dial to "O" (off).
5. Place a bowl of very hot water in the freezer compartment and leave main door open if you want to defrost quickly.
6. After defrosting, empty the chiller tray, wipe it out and dry it.
7. Reset the chiller tray flaps to their original positions.
8. Replace the chiller tray and any food taken out of it.
9. Remove the bowl from the frozen food compartment.
10. Reset the temperature control dial to it's original position (see page 7).
11. Unwrap the frozen food and replace.
12. Job done!

Model RS63 only If you are not storing any frozen food,

Defrosting is very simple. Just follow these steps:

1. Remove the ice cube tray.
2. Move anything being stored in the chiller tray to the fridge compartment.
3. Close both flaps on the chiller tray.
4. Press the central button in the centre of the temperature control; dial; this switches the fridge off, it will restart automatically when defrosting is complete.
5. Leave the main door open if you want to defrost quickly, otherwise keep it closed.
6. After defrosting empty the chiller tray. If the water has re-frozen, don't worry simply flex the tray and it will pop out.
7. Wipe the chiller tray, dry it and rest the flaps to their original positions.
8. Replace the chiller tray and any food taken out of it
9. Refill the ice cube tray and replace.
10. Job done.

Cleaning your fridge

It is a good idea to clean the inside of your fridge after defrosting. Always **switch off and pull out the mains plug first** (please follow cleaning instructions on page 6) The bottle and commodity racks may be washed in a dishwasher, but only if positioned on the top rack and on a low temperature programme. Before you refill the fridge ensure it is thoroughly dry.

Clean the outside of your fridge, **but not the door seal**, with a damp cloth, using a small amount of detergent, followed by a wipe down with a clean cloth. **Do Not** use an abrasive powder.