



# About the GE Appliances® XWFE Water Filter Cartridge

## WATER FILTER CARTRIDGE

The water filter cartridge holder is located in the back upper-right corner of the fresh food refrigerator compartment.

## WHEN TO REPLACE THE FILTER

If there is a replacement indicator light for the water filter cartridge on the dispenser, a red light will start blinking to tell you that you need to replace the filter soon. For models that don't have the indicator light, the filter cartridge should be replaced every six months, or earlier if the flow of water to the dispenser or icemaker decreases.

## REMOVING THE FILTER

If you are replacing the filter, first remove the previous one by gently grasping the filter and slowly turning it to the left, about a ¼ turn. The filter should automatically release itself when you have rotated it far enough to the left. A small amount of water may drip down.

### CAUTION

If air has been trapped in the system, the filter cartridge may be ejected as it is removed. Use caution when removing.

## FILTER BYPASS PLUG

To reduce the risk of property damage due to water leakage, you MUST use the filter bypass plug when a replacement filter cartridge is not available. Some models do not come equipped with the filter bypass plug. To obtain a free bypass plug, call 800-GEARES. In Canada, call 800.561.3344. The dispenser and icemaker will not operate without either the filter or bypass plug installed. The bypass plug is installed in the same way as a filter cartridge

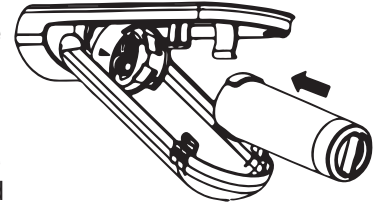
## Application Guidelines/Water Supply

Service Flow	0.5 gpm (1.89 lpm)
Water Supply	Potable Water
Water Pressure	25-120 psi (172-827 kPa)
Water Temperature	33°F-100°F (0.6°C-38°C)
Capacity	170 gallons (643.5 liters)

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by texting REPLACE to 70543.**

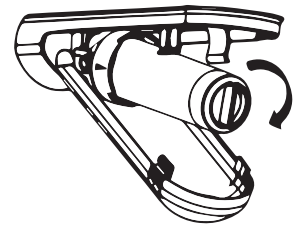
## INSTALLING THE FILTER IN A BOTTOM FREEZER REFRIGERATOR

1. Open the filter cartridge housing by squeezing the 2 front tabs and gently pulling down.



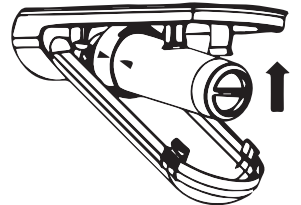
2. Line up the ports on the filter with the ports on the filter cartridge holder, and gently insert the filter.

3. Slowly turn the filter to the right until it stops. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN. As you turn the filter, it will automatically adjust itself into position. The filter will move about a ¼ turn or 90 degrees, until the arrow on the filter aligns with the arrow on the filter cartridge holder.



4. Slowly push the filter up into the clips.

5. Close the filter cartridge housing by gently pushing the lid upwards until the tabs lock into place.



6. Continue following instructions shown in **Purging the Filter** and **Reset Filter Change Indicator** Sections.

## INSTALLING THE FILTER IN A SIDE BY SIDE REFRIGERATOR

1. Line up the arrow on the filter with the arrow on the filter cartridge holder. Gently push the top of the new filter up inside the holder.

2. Slowly turn the filter to the right until it stops. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN. As you turn the filter, it will automatically raise itself into position. The filter will move about a ¼ turn or 90 degrees.

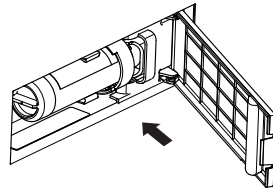
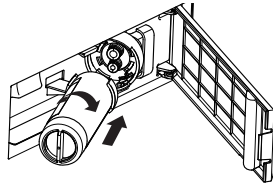


3. Continue following instructions shown in **Purging the Filter** and **Reset Filter Change Indicator** Sections.

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## INSTALLING THE FILTER IN A MULTI-DOOR BOTTOM FREEZER REFRIGERATOR

1. Open the filter cartridge housing by pulling the door open.
2. Line up the ports on the filter with the ports on the filter cartridge holder, and gently insert the filter.
3. Slowly turn the filter to the right until it stops. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN**. As you turn the filter, it will automatically adjust itself into position. The filter will move about a ¼ turn or 90 degrees, until the filter cannot be turned, and the label faces outward.
4. Slowly push the filter up into the clips.
5. Close the filter cartridge housing by gently pushing the door closed until the tabs lock into place.
6. Continue following instructions shown in **Purging the Filter** and **Reset Filter Change Indicator** Sections.



## PURGING THE FILTER

**For dispenser models** - Run water from the dispenser for 2 gallons (approximately 5 minutes) to clear the system. Water may spurt out and air bubbles may be visible during the process. If water is not flowing, check to make sure the filter has been fully rotated to the right. Use a large pitcher or sports bottle to catch the water spray. **NOTE:** It is normal for water to appear discolored during the initial system flush. Water color will return to normal after the first few minutes of dispensing.

**For icemaker-only models** - Discard the first bin of ice to allow air to purge from the system. A newly installed filter cartridge will cause water to spurt into the icemaker body, which could lead to ice droplets around the icemaker area. **NOTE:** It is normal for these droplets and initial ice production to appear discolored during the initial system flush. Ice color will return to normal after the first bin of ice production.

## RESET FILTER CHANGE INDICATOR

**For Bottom Freezer and Side-by-Side models** - Press and hold the RESET WATER FILTER button (only on select models) on the dispenser for three seconds.

**For Multi-Door Bottom Freezer models** - When dispensing water, press the button underneath the Confirm Filter Change message.

## ⚠ WARNING

**To reduce the risk associated with choking, do not allow children under 3 years of age to have access to small parts during the installation of this product.** The disposable filter cartridge should be replaced every 6 months at the rated capacity, or sooner if a noticeable reduction in flow rate occurs.

For the maximum benefit of your filtration system, GE Appliances recommends the use of GE Appliances-branded filters only. Using GE Appliances-branded filters in GE Appliances and Hotpoint® refrigerators provides optimal performance and reliability. GE Appliances filters meet rigorous industry standards for safety and quality that are important for products that are filtering your water. GE Appliances has not qualified non-GE Appliances-branded filters for use in GE Appliances and Hotpoint refrigerators and there is no assurance that non-GE Appliances-branded filters meet GE Appliances standards for quality, performance and reliability. **If you have questions, or to order additional filter cartridges, visit our website at [gewaterfilters.com](http://gewaterfilters.com) or call GE Appliances Parts and Accessories, 877.959.8688.** In Canada, call 866.777.7627.

## NOTICE

**To reduce the risk associated with ingestion of contaminants:**

- Do not use with water that is microbiologically unsafe or of unknown quality without adequate disinfection before and after the system. Systems certified for cyst reduction may be used on disinfected water that may contain filterable cysts.

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**To reduce the risk associated with ingestion of contaminants:**

- Read and follow use instructions before installation and use of this system.
- Installation and use **MUST** comply with all state and local plumbing codes.
- Do not install if water pressure exceeds 120 psi (827 kPa). If your water pressure exceeds 80 psi (552 kPa), you must install a pressure-limiting valve. Contact a plumbing professional if you are uncertain how to check your water pressure.
- Do not install where water hammer conditions may occur. If water hammer conditions exist you must install a water hammer arrester. Contact a plumbing professional if you are uncertain how to check for this condition.
- Do not install on hot water supply lines. The maximum operating water temperature of this filter system is 100°F (38°C).
- Protect filter from freezing. Drain filter when temperatures drop below 33°F (0.6°C).
- Change the disposable filter cartridge every six months or sooner if you observe a noticeable reduction in water flow rate.
- Failure to replace the disposable filter cartridge at recommended intervals may lead to reduced filter performance and cracks in the filter housing, causing water leakage or flooding.
- This System has been tested according to NSF/ANSI 42, 53, 401 and P473 for the reduction of the substances listed below. The concentration of the indicated substances in water entering the system was reduced to a concentration less than or equal to the permissible limit for water leaving the system, as specified in NSF/ANSI 42, 53, 401 and P473.



XWFE System is certified by IAPMO R&T against NSF/ANSI Standards 42, 53, 401 and P473 for the reduction of claims specified on the performance data sheet and at [iapmort.org](http://iapmort.org).

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