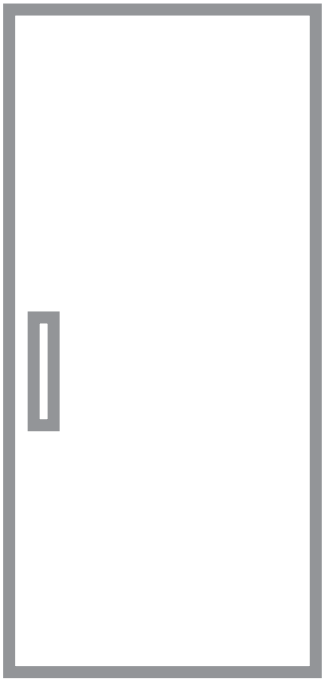
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The information can be found on the rating plate.

⚠ Warning / Caution-Safety information

ⓘ General information and tips

Environmental information

Subject to change without notice.

1. ⚠ SAFETY INFORMATION

Before the installation and use of the appliance, carefully read the supplied instructions. The manufacturer is not responsible for any injuries or damage that are the result of incorrect installation or usage. Always keep the instructions in a safe and accessible location for future reference.

1.1 Children and vulnerable people safety

- This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved.
- Children aged from 3 to 8 years are allowed to load and unload the appliance provided that they have been properly instructed.
- This appliance may be used by persons with very extensive and complex disabilities provided that they have been properly instructed.
- Children of less than 3 years of age should be kept away from the appliance unless continuously supervised.
- Do not let children play with the appliance.
- Children shall not carry out cleaning and user maintenance of the appliance without supervision.
- Keep all packaging away from children and dispose of it appropriately.

1.2 General Safety

- This appliance is intended to be used in household and similar applications such as:
  - Farm houses; staff kitchen areas in shops, offices and other working environments;
  - By clients in hotels, motels, bed and breakfast and other residential type environments.
- To avoid contamination of food respect the following instructions:
  - do not open the door for long periods;
  - clean regularly surfaces that can come in contact with food and accessible drainage systems;
  - store raw meat and fish in suitable containers in the refrigerator, so that it is not in contact with or drip onto other food.

- WARNING: Keep ventilation openings, in the appliance enclosure or in the built-in structure, clear of obstruction.
- WARNING: Do not use mechanical devices or other means to accelerate the defrosting process, other than those recommended by the manufacturer.
- WARNING: Do not damage the refrigerant circuit.
- WARNING: Do not use electrical appliances inside the food storage compartments of the appliance, unless they are of the type recommended by the manufacturer.
- Do not use water spray and steam to clean the appliance.
- Clean the appliance with a moist soft cloth. Only use neutral detergents. Do not use abrasive products, abrasive cleaning pads, solvents or metal objects.
- When the appliance is empty for long period, switch it off, defrost, clean, dry and leave the door open to prevent mould from developing within the appliance.
- Do not store explosive substances such as aerosol cans with a flammable propellant in this appliance.
- If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its Authorised Service Centre or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard.

2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Installation

WARNING!
Only a qualified person must install this appliance.

- Remove all the packaging.
- Do not install or use a damaged appliance.
- Do not use the appliance before installing it in the built-in structure due to safety manner.
- Follow the installation instructions supplied with the appliance.
- Always take care when moving the appliance as it is heavy. Always use safety gloves and enclosed footwear.
- Make sure the air can circulate around the appliance.
- At first installation or after reversing the door wait at least 4 hours before connecting the appliance to the power supply. This is to allow the oil to flow back in the compressor.
- Before carrying out any operations on the appliance (e.g. reversing the door), remove the plug from the power socket.
- Do not install the appliance close to radiators or cookers, ovens or hobs.
- Do not expose the appliance to the rain.
- Do not install the appliance where there is direct sunlight.

- Do not install this appliance in areas that are too humid or too cold.
- When you move the appliance, lift it by the front edge to avoid scratching the floor.

2.2 Electrical connection

WARNING!
Risk of fire and electric shock.

WARNING!
When positioning the appliance, ensure the supply cord is not trapped or damaged.

WARNING!
Do not use multi-plug adapters and extension cables.

- The appliance must be earthed.
- Make sure that the parameters on the rating plate are compatible with the electrical ratings of the mains power supply.
- Always use a correctly installed shockproof socket.
- Make sure not to cause damage to the electrical components (e.g. mains plug, mains cable, compressor). Contact the Authorised Service Centre or an electrician to change the electrical components.
- The mains cable must stay below the level of the mains plug.
- Connect the mains plug to the mains socket only at the end of the installation. Make sure that there is access to the mains plug after the installation.
- Do not pull the mains cable to disconnect the appliance. Always pull the mains plug.

2.3 Use

WARNING!
Risk of injury, burns, electric shock or fire.

The appliance contains flammable gas, isobutane (R600a), a natural gas with a high level of environmental compatibility. Be careful not to cause damage to the refrigerant circuit containing isobutane.

- Do not change the specification of this appliance.
- Do not put electrical appliances (e.g. ice cream makers) in the appliance unless they are stated applicable by the manufacturer.
- If damage occurs to the refrigerant circuit, make sure that there are no flames and sources of ignition in the room. Ventilate the room.
- Do not let hot items to touch the plastic parts of the appliance.
- Do not put soft drinks in the freezer compartment. This will create pressure on the drink container.
- Do not store flammable gas and liquid in the appliance.
- Do not put flammable products or items that are wet with flammable products in, near or on the appliance.
- Do not touch the compressor or the condenser. They are hot.
- Do not remove or touch items from the freezer compartment if your hands are wet or damp.
- Do not freeze again food that has been thawed.
- Follow the storage instructions on the packaging of frozen food.
- Wrap the food in any food contact material before putting it in the freezer compartment.

2.4 Internal lighting

WARNING!
Risk of electric shock.

- The type of lamp used for this appliance is for household appliances only. Do not use it for house lighting.

2.5 Care and cleaning

WARNING!
Risk of injury or damage to the appliance.

- Before maintenance, deactivate the appliance and disconnect the mains plug from the mains socket.

- This appliance contains hydrocarbons in the cooling unit. Only a qualified person must do the maintenance and the recharging of the unit.
- Regularly examine the drain of the appliance and if necessary, clean it. If the drain is blocked, defrosted water collects in the bottom of the appliance.

2.6 Service

- To repair the appliance contact the Authorised Service Centre. Use original spare parts only.
- Please note that self-repair or non-professional repair can have safety consequences and might void the guarantee.
- The following spare parts will be available for 7 years after the model has been discontinued: thermostats, temperature sensors, printed circuit boards, light sources, door handles, door hinges, trays and baskets. Please note that some of these spare parts are only available to professional repairers, and that not all spare parts are relevant for all models.
- Door gaskets will be available for 10 years after the model has been discontinued.

2.7 Disposal

WARNING!
Risk of injury or suffocation.

- Disconnect the appliance from the mains supply.
- Cut off the mains cable and discard it.
- Remove the door to prevent children and pets to be closed inside of the appliance.
- The refrigerant circuit and the insulation materials of this appliance are ozone-friendly.
- The insulation foam contains flammable gas. Contact your municipal authority for information on how to discard the appliance correctly.
- Do not cause damage to the part of the cooling unit that is near the heat exchanger.

3. INSTALLATION

WARNING!
Refer to Safety chapters.

WARNING!
Refer to installation instruction document to install your appliance.

WARNING!
Fix the appliance in accordance with installation instruction document to avoid a risk of instability of the appliance.

3.1 Location

To ensure best performance, install the appliance well away from sources of heat such as radiators, boilers, direct sunlight etc. Make sure that air can circulate freely around the back of the cabinet.

3.2 Positioning

Install the appliance in a dry, well ventilated indoors where the ambient temperature corresponds to the climate class indicated on the rating plate of the appliance.

Climate class	Ambient temperature
SN	+10°C to + 32°C
N	+16°C to + 32°C
ST	+16°C to + 38°C
T	+16°C to + 43°C

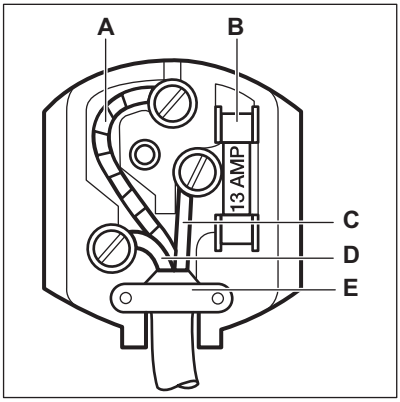
Some functional problems might occur for some types of models when operating outside of that range. The correct operation can only be guaranteed within the specified temperature range. If you have any doubts regarding where to install the appliance, please turn to the vendor, to our customer service or to the nearest Authorised Service Centre.

3.3 Electrical Connection

CAUTION!
Any electrical work required to install this appliance should be carried out by a qualified electrician or competent person.

WARNING!
This appliance must be earthed.
The manufacturer declines any liability should these safety measures not be observed.

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



- **A** - green and yellow: Earth
- **C** - brown: Live
- **D** - blue: Neutral

As the colours of the wires in the mains lead of this appliance may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows:

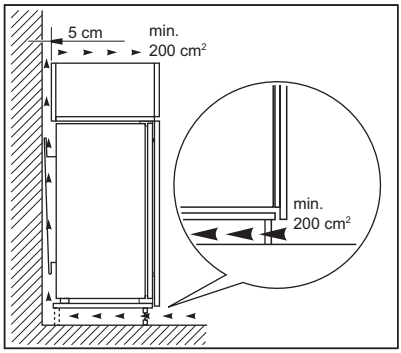
1. Connect the wire coloured green and yellow to the terminal marked either with the letter "E" or by the earth symbol ⏚ or coloured green and yellow.
2. Connect the wire coloured blue to the terminal either marked with the letter "N" or coloured black.
3. Connect the wire coloured brown to the terminal either marked with the "L" or coloured red.
4. Check that no cut, or stray strands of wire is present and the cord clamp (**E**) is secure over the outer sheath. Make sure the electricity supply voltage is the same as that indicated on the appliance rating plate.
5. Switch on the appliance.

The appliance is supplied with a 13 amp fuse (**B**). In the event of having to change the fuse in the plug supplied, a 13 amp ASTA approved (BS 1362) fuse must be used.

WARNING!
A cut off plug inserted into a 13 amp socket is a serious safety (shock) hazard. Ensure that it is disposed of safely.

3.4 Ventilation requirements

The airflow behind the appliance must be sufficient.



CAUTION!
Refer to the assembly instructions for the installation.

4. OPERATION

4.1 Switching on

1. Insert the plug into the wall socket.
2. Turn the Temperature regulator clockwise to a medium setting.

4.2 Switching off

To turn off the appliance, turn the temperature regulator to the "O" position.

4.3 Temperature regulation

The temperature is regulated automatically. However, you can set a temperature inside the appliance yourself.

Choose the setting keeping in mind that the temperature inside the appliance depends on:

- room temperature,
- frequency of opening the door,
- quantity of food stored,
- appliance location.

A medium setting is generally the most suitable one.

To operate the appliance:

1. Turn the temperature regulator clockwise to obtain a lower temperature inside the appliance.
2. Turn the temperature regulator counterclockwise to obtain a higher temperature inside the appliance.

5. DAILY USE

WARNING!
Refer to Safety chapters.

5.1 Freezing fresh food

The freezer compartment is suitable for freezing fresh food and storing frozen and deep-frozen food for a long time.

To freeze fresh foods it is not necessary to change the medium setting.

However, for a faster freezing operation, turn the temperature regulator toward higher settings to obtain the maximum coldness.

CAUTION!
In this condition, the refrigerator compartment temperature might drop below 0°C. If this occurs reset the temperature regulator to a warmer setting.

5.2 Storage of frozen food

When first starting-up or after a period out of use, before putting the products in the compartment let the appliance run at least 2 hours on the higher settings.

In the event of accidental defrosting, for example due to a power failure, if the power has been off for longer than the value shown in the technical characteristics chart under "rising time", the defrosted food must be consumed quickly or cooked immediately and then re-frozen (after cooling).

5.3 Thawing

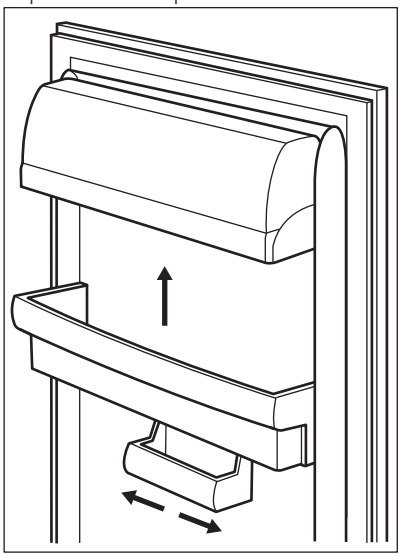
Deep-frozen or frozen food, prior to being used, can be thawed in the refrigerator compartment or at room temperature, depending on the time available for this operation.

Small pieces may even be cooked still frozen, directly from the freezer: in this case, cooking will take longer.

5.4 Positioning the door shelves

To permit storage of food packages of various sizes, the door shelves can be placed at different heights.

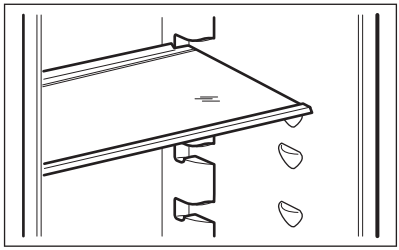
1. Gradually pull the shelf up until it comes free.
2. Reposition as required.



This model is equipped with a variable storage box which can be moved sideways.

5.5 Movable shelves

The walls of the refrigerator are equipped with a series of runners so that the shelves can be positioned as desired.



Do not move the glass shelf above the vegetable drawer to ensure correct air circulation.

6. HINTS AND TIPS

6.1 Normal operating sounds

The following sounds are normal during operation:

- A faint gurgling and bubbling sound from coils sound when refrigerant is pumped.
- A whirring and pulsating sound from the compressor when refrigerant is pumped.
- A sudden cracking noise from inside appliance caused by thermic dilatation (a natural and not dangerous physical phenomenon).
- A faint click noise from the temperature regulator when the compressor switches on or off.

6.2 Hints for energy saving

- Medium temperature setting preserves fresh and frozen foods while saving energy.
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- Fresh Food Compartment (Fridge): Most efficient use of energy is ensured in the configuration with the drawers in the bottom part of the appliance and shelves evenly distributed. Position of the door bins does not affect energy consumption.

- Do not open the door frequently or leave it open longer than absolutely necessary.

6.3 Hints for fresh food refrigeration

- Do not store warm food or evaporating liquids in the refrigerator.
- Cover or wrap the food, particularly if it has a strong flavour.
- Position food so that air can circulate freely around it.

6.4 Hints for refrigeration

Useful hints:

- Meat (all types): wrap in a suitable packaging and place it on the glass shelf above the vegetable drawer. Store meat for at most 1-2 days.
- Cooked foods, cold dishes: cover and place on any shelf.
- Fruit and vegetables: clean thoroughly and place in a special drawer. Bananas, potatoes, onions and garlic must not be kept in the refrigerator if not packed.
- Butter and cheese: place in a special airtight container or wrap in an aluminium foil or a polythene bag to exclude as much air as possible.
- Bottles: close with a cap and place on the door bottle shelf, or (if available) on the bottle rack.

6.5 Hints for freezing

- Freeze only top quality, fresh and thoroughly cleaned food products.
- For more efficient freezing and thawing divide food into small portions.
- Wrap the food in aluminium foil or polythene. Make sure that the packages are airtight.
- To avoid increase in temperature of already frozen food, do not place fresh unfrozen food directly next to it.
- Lean foods store better and longer than fatty ones. Salt reduces the storage life of food.
- Do not eat ice cubes, water ices or ice lollies immediately after taking them out of the freezer. Risk of frostbites.
- It is advisable to show the freezing date on each individual pack to enable you to keep tab of the storage time.

6.6 Hints for storage of frozen food

- Make sure that the commercially frozen food products were adequately stored by the retailer.
- Make sure that frozen foodstuffs are transferred from the food store to the freezer in the shortest possible time.
- Once defrosted, food deteriorates rapidly and cannot be refrozen.
- Do not exceed the storage period indicated by the food manufacturer.

7. CARE AND CLEANING

WARNING!
Refer to Safety chapters.

7.1 General warnings

CAUTION!
Unplug the appliance before carrying out any maintenance operation.

This appliance contains hydrocarbons in its cooling unit; maintenance and recharging must therefore only be carried out by authorized technicians.

The accessories and parts of the appliance are not suitable for washing in a dishwasher.

7.2 Cleaning the interior

Before using the appliance for the first time, the interior and all internal accessories should be washed with lukewarm water and some neutral soap to remove the typical smell of a brand-new product, then dried thoroughly.

CAUTION!
Do not use detergents, abrasive powders, chlorine or oil-based cleaners as they will damage the finish.

7.3 Periodic cleaning

CAUTION!
Do not pull, move or damage any pipes and/or cables inside the appliance.

CAUTION!
Do not damage the cooling system.

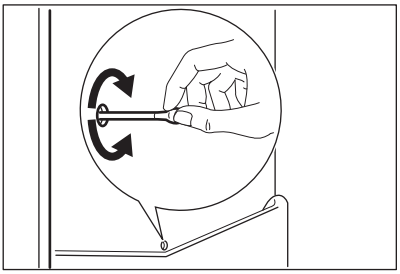
The equipment has to be cleaned regularly:

1. Clean the inside and accessories with lukewarm water and some neutral soap.
2. Regularly check the door seals and wipe them clean to ensure they are clean and free from debris.
3. Rinse and dry thoroughly.
4. If accessible, clean the condenser and the compressor at the back of the appliance with a brush.
   This will improve the performance of the appliance and save electricity consumption.

7.4 Defrosting of the refrigerator

Frost is automatically eliminated from the evaporator of the refrigerator compartment every time the motor compressor stops, during normal use. The defrost water drains out through a trough into a special container at the back of the appliance, over the motor compressor, where it evaporates.

It is important to periodically clean the defrost water drain hole in the middle of the refrigerator compartment channel to prevent the water overflowing and dripping onto the food inside.



7.5 Defrosting of the freezer

The freezer compartment is frost free. This means that there is no build up of frost when it is in operation, neither on the internal walls, nor on the foods.

7.6 Defrosting of the freezer

CAUTION!
Never use sharp metal tools to scrape off frost from the evaporator as you could damage it.
Do not use a mechanical device or any artificial means to speed up the thawing process other than those recommended by the manufacturer.

About 12 hours prior to defrosting set a lower temperature in order to build up sufficient chill reserve in case of any interruption in operation.

A certain amount of frost will always form on the freezer shelves and around the top compartment.

Defrost the freezer when the frost layer reaches a thickness of about 3-5 mm.

1. Switch off the appliance or pull out electrical plug from the wall socket.
2. Remove any stored food, wrap it in several layers of newspaper and put it in a cool place.

CAUTION!
A temperature rise of the frozen food packs during defrosting may shorten their safe storage life.
Do not touch frozen goods with wet hands. Hands can freeze to the goods.

3. Leave the door open. Protect the floor from the defrosting water e.g. with a cloth or a flat vessel.
4. In order to speed up the defrosting process, place a pot of warm water in the freezer compartment. In addition, remove pieces of ice that break away before defrosting is complete.
5. When defrosting is complete, dry the interior thoroughly. .
6. Switch on the appliance and close the door.
7. Set the temperature regulator to obtain the maximum coldness and run the appliance for two or three hours using this setting.

Only after this time put the food back into the freezer compartment.

7.7 Periods of non-operation

When the appliance is not in use for long periods, take the following precautions:

1. Disconnect the appliance from electricity supply.
2. Remove all food.
3. Defrost the appliance (if necessary).
4. Clean the appliance and all accessories.
5. Leave the door/doors open to prevent unpleasant smells.

CAUTION!
If you want to keep the appliance switched on, ask somebody to check it once in a while to prevent the food inside from spoiling in case of a power failure.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

WARNING!
Refer to Safety chapters.

8.1 What to do if...

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
The appliance does not operate.	The appliance is switched off.	Switch on the appliance.
	The mains plug is not connected to the mains socket correctly.	Connect the mains plug to the mains socket correctly.
	There is no voltage in the mains socket.	Connect a different electrical appliance to the mains socket. Contact a qualified electrician.
The appliance is noisy.	The appliance is not supported properly.	Check if the appliance stands stable.
The lamp does not work.	The lamp is in stand-by.	Close and open the door.
	The lamp is defective.	Refer to "Replacing the lamp".

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
The compressor operates continually.	Temperature is set incorrectly.	Refer to "Operation" chapter.
	Many food products to be frozen were put in at the same time.	Wait a few hours and then check the temperature again.
	The room temperature is too high.	Refer to climate class chart on the rating plate.
	Food products placed in the appliance were too warm.	Allow food products to cool to room temperature before storing.
	The door is not closed correctly.	Refer to "Closing the door".
There is too much frost and ice.	The door is not closed correctly or the gasket is deformed/dirty.	Refer to "Closing the door".
	The water drainage plug is not correctly positioned.	Position the water drainage plug in the correct way.
	Food products are not wrapped properly.	Wrap the food products better.
	Temperature is set incorrectly.	Refer to "Operation" chapter.
Water flows on the rear plate of the refrigerator.	During the automatic defrosting process, frost melts on the rear plate.	This is correct.
Water flows into the refrigerator.	The water outlet is clogged.	Clean the water outlet.
	Food products prevent that water flows into the water collector.	Make sure that food products do not touch the rear plate.
Water flows on the floor.	The melting water outlet is not connected to the evaporative tray above the compressor.	Attach the melting water outlet to the evaporative tray.
The temperature in the appliance is too low/too high.	The temperature regulator is not set correctly.	Set a higher/lower temperature.
	The door is not closed correctly.	Refer to "Closing the door".
	The food products' temperature is too high.	Let the food products temperature decrease to room temperature before storage.

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
	Many food products are stored at the same time.	Store less food products at the same time.
	The thickness of the frost is greater than 4-5 mm.	Defrost the appliance.
	The door has been opened often.	Open the door only if necessary.
	There is no cold air circulation in the appliance.	Make sure that there is cold air circulation in the appliance.
There is too much condensed water on the rear wall of the refrigerator.	Door was opened too frequently.	Open the door only when necessary.
	Door was not closed completely.	Make sure the door is closed completely.
	Stored food was not wrapped.	Wrap food in suitable packaging before storing it in the appliance.
There is frost on the rear wall of the refrigerator.	The ambient temperature is high and the appliance is set to the lowest temperature	Set the temperature regulator to a higher temperature to allow automatic defrosting.
	The appliance is fully loaded and is set to the lowest temperature.	Set the temperature regulator to a higher temperature to allow automatic defrosting.
Door does not open easily.	You attempted to re-open the door immediately after closing.	Wait a few seconds between closing and re-opening of the door.

If the advice does not lead to the desired result, call the nearest Authorized Service Centre.

8.2 Replacing the lamp

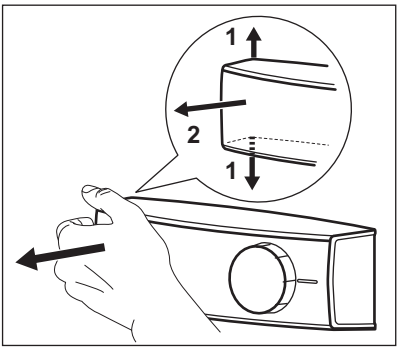
The appliance is equipped with a long-life LED interior light.

It is strongly recommended to use original spare parts only.

Use LED bulbs (E14 base) only. The maximum power is shown on the lamp unit.

CAUTION!
Disconnect the plug from the mains socket.

1. With your fingers, spread slightly both sides of the transparent cover to unhook them and detach the cover pulling it in the direction of the arrows.



2. Replace the lamp with the one that has identical characteristics and is specifically designed for household appliances.
3. Reassemble the lamp cover.
4. Connect the plug to the mains socket.
5. Open the door.
   Make sure that the light switches on.

8.3 Closing the door

1. Clean the door gaskets.
2. If necessary, adjust the door. Refer to assembly instructions.
3. If necessary, replace the defective door gaskets. Contact the Authorised Service Centre.

9. TECHNICAL DATA

9.1 Technical data

Dimensions of the appliance	
Height	873 mm
Width	540 mm
Depth	550 mm

Voltage	230 - 240 V
Frequency	50 Hz
Rising time	12 h

The technical information is situated in the rating plate, on the external or internal side of the appliance and on the energy label.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Recycle materials with the symbol ♺. Put the packaging in relevant containers to recycle it. Help protect the environment and human health by recycling waste of electrical and electronic appliances. Do not dispose of appliances marked with the symbol with the household waste. Return the product to your local recycling facility or contact your municipal office.

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