

# DECOMMISSIONING YOUR REFRIGERATOR ENGINEERING GUIDE

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## REFRIGERATOR DECOMMISSIONING

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- Make sure your appliance is empty of all foodstuffs.
- If the refrigerator has a mains 'on/off' or standby switch mounted on the controller or user interface, switch this to the 'off' or 'standby' position.
- Locate the mains connection point of the appliance.
- Switch off the appliance at the point of connection, i.e. socket outlet or switch fused connection.
- If the refrigerator is supplied via a plug top and socket outlet, remove the plug top from the socket outlet.
- Check that there is no visible damage to the mains lead cable or plug top, such as a cracked plug top, bent pins, severed or crushed mains lead cable.
- If there is damage to the power cable or plug, this will pose an electrical safety risk when next connected to the power supply. Call a competent service engineer to replace the electrical cable with one which is approved by Williams.
- Safely position the power cable and plug so it does not get damaged or damage any of the refrigeration pipe work, etc.
- Remove internal racking, trayslides and shelves and thoroughly clean.
- Also check the door/drawer gaskets are not damaged and that they are clean. If they are cracked or split replace it with a genuine gasket supplied by Williams.
- Clean and dry the interior walls and base of the product referring to our guidelines.
- Replace all internal fittings.
- Leave the door slightly ajar using an empty cardboard box or similar (Williams doors are self-closing for energy efficiency).
- Please take the opportunity to thoroughly clean the exterior of the refrigerator including handles, and the rear of the refrigerator where dirt and food debris may have accumulated.
- Wipe cabinet's feet and/or castors.
- The condensate tray needs to be emptied if not connected to a permanent drain. If the condensate tray is not accessible it is advised that a competent refrigeration engineer is called to minimise the risks arising from stagnant water being left over a long period of time.
- It is advisable to have a competent refrigeration engineer attend site to clean the condenser before decommissioning or on re-commissioning the appliance.
- Label the appliance as having been decommissioned/removed from service.
- Never store boxes or other objects on top of the appliance.

# RETURNING THE REFRIGERATOR BACK TO SERVICE ENGINEERING GUIDE

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- Re-clean and dry the interior walls, base and internal fittings.
- Close the door(s) of the appliance.
- It is advised that the equipment is portable appliance tested (PAT) prior to returning the equipment back to service.
- Ensure there is no damage to the mains lead cable or plug top prior to connecting to the mains power supply.
- The appliance should be connected to an RCD (electrical safety device). Ensure the RCD is operating correctly by pressing the 'test' button. This should cause it to switch off. If it does not, contact a competent service engineer to investigate.
- Monitor and make sure the appliance pulls down to temperature. If any problems occur call your local service engineer.

### CLEANING THE REFRIGERATOR CONDENSER

- The condenser is an important part of the refrigeration system. The condenser will work less efficiently if it is obstructed with any objects, therefore, it must be cleaned at least once a month. Failure to maintain it will also invalidate the warranty, impede performance and shorten the life of the equipment.

**Before cleaning the condenser switch off the appliance, disconnect the power cable and proceed as follows:**

Counter and display refrigeration: open the control panel by slackening the screws and gently pulling down on its hinges or away from the cabinet. Be careful not to display wires or switches.

Top-mounted unit: for units with fixed upper front panel, use a safe step ladder for direct access to the condenser located at the top of the appliance.

Take care not to trap wires when replacing control panels.

Use an air jet or a dry brush and, working with up and down movements, remove any dust or fluff that has deposited on the heat exchanger fins. An upholstery brush attached to a vacuum cleaner nozzle is ideal. In case of greasy deposits, use a brush soaked in benzene or alcohol.

During this operation, it is advisable to use the following personal safety features: safety glasses, dust mask, chemical resistant gloves when using benzene or alcohol.

Start the appliance after cleaning and check that the cabinet is operating effectively.