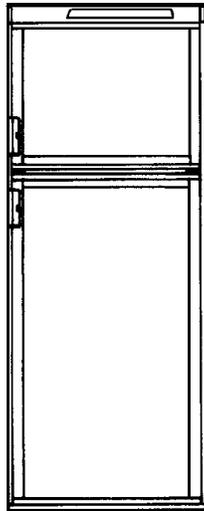




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3-WAY ELITE Model RM4873

REFRIGERATOR FOR LP/GAS AND ELECTRIC OPERATION

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FOR YOUR SAFETY
If you smell gas:

1. Shut off gas supply at the main LP gas tank valve.
2. Open windows.
3. Don't touch electrical switches.
4. Extinguish any open flame.
5. Immediately call your gas supplier or service agency.

FOR YOUR SAFETY
Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.

! WARNING
Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause injury or property damage. Refer to this manual. For assistance or additional information consult a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier.

! AVIS
Cet appareil doit être réparé seulement par un réparateur autorisé. Modification de l'appareil pourrait être extrêmement dangereuse, et pourrait causer mal ou mort.

REFRIGERATOR MODEL RM4873

INSTALLATION & OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This appliance is designed for storage of foods and storage of frozen foods and making ice.

The refrigerators outlined herein have been design certified by A.G.A. under ANSI Z21 .19 Refrigerator Standard for installation in a mobile home or recreational vehicle and are approved by the Canadian Gas Association.

The certifications are, however, contingent on the installation being made in accordance with the following instructions as applicable.

In the U.S.A., the installation must conform with:

1. National Fuel Gas Code ANSI Z223.1-(latest edition)
2. Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standard, Title 24 CFR, Part 3280
3. Recreational Vehicles ANSI AI 19.2-(latest edition).

The unit must be electrically grounded in accordance with the National Electric Code ANSI/NFPA 70-(latest edition) when installed if an external alternating current electrical source is utilized.

4. Any applicable local code.

In Canada, the installation must conform with:

1. Current CGA B 149 Gas Installation Codes
2. Current CSA Standard Z 240.4 GAS-EQUIPPED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND MOBILE HOUSING
3. Any applicable local code

The unit must be electrically grounded in accordance with the CANADIAN ELECTRICAL CODE C 22 Parts 1 and 2.

2. VENTILATION

The installation shall be made in such a manner as to separate the combustion system from the living space of the mobile home or recreational vehicle. Louver openings for air supply or for venting of combustion products shall have a minimum dimension of not less than 1/4 inch.

Proper installation requires one fresh air intake and one upper exhaust vent. The ventilation kits shown in this instruction manual have been certified for use with the refrigerator model listed in the Table. For "Certified Vent System Kits" see Section B. The ventilation kits must be installed and used without modification. An opening toward the outside at floor level in the refrigerator compartment must be provided for ventilation of heavier-than-air fuel gases. The lower vent of the recommended kits is provided with proper size openings. The flow of combustion and ventilation air must not be obstructed.

The lower side vent is fitted with a panel which provides an adequate access opening for ready serviceability of the burner and control manifold of the refrigerator. This should be centered on the back of the refrigerator.

3. CERTIFIED INSTALLATION

Certified installations require one roof vent and one lower side vent.

For certified vent system kits, see Section B.

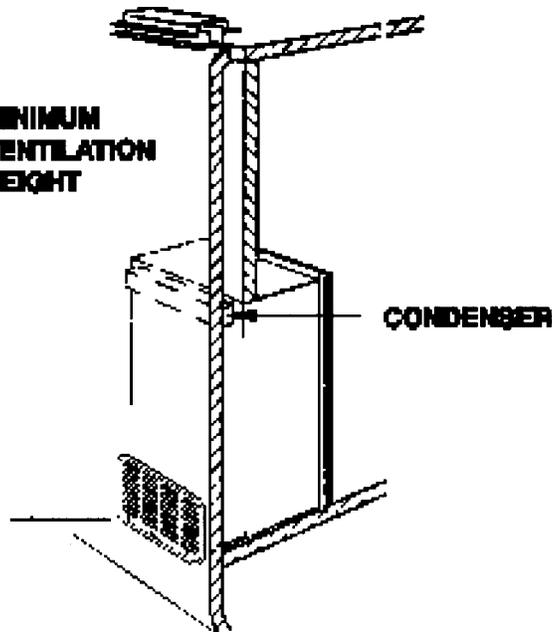
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4. METHOD OF INSTALLATION

The method of installation is shown in FIG. 1. It is essential that all maximum or minimum dimensions are strictly maintained as the performance of the refrigerator is dependent on adequate flow of air over the rear of the refrigerator.

NOTE: The upper vent should be centered over the condenser coil at the back of the refrigerator.

FIG. 1



5. VENTILATION HEIGHTS

Refer to FIG 1., Page 2

Installation with roof vent and lower side vent	Minimum Ventilation heights in:	
	INCHES	MM
REFRIGERATOR		
RM4873	63-3/4	1620

LOWER VENT CUTOUT



UPPER VENT CUTOUT



NOTE: All cutout dimensions are +/- 1/8".

6. CLEARANCES

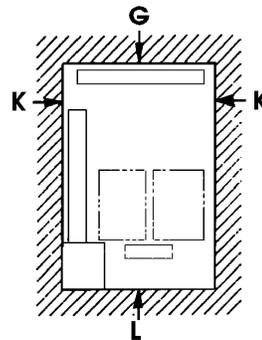
Minimum clearances in inches to combustible materials are:

G:	Top	0"
K:	Side	0"
L:	Bottom	0"
M:	Rear	0"
N:		See NOTE

NOTE: Clearance "M" is between the rearmost part of the refrigerator and the wall behind the refrigerator.

NOTE: Clearance "N" is the distance between the bottom of the lower vent to the roof material. For ventilation height, refer to *Section A. Installation, Item 5. Ventilation Heights*. See FIGS. 1 & 2.

FIG. 2



NOTE: Wood Strip **MUST** be in place. See Page 4, Item 7

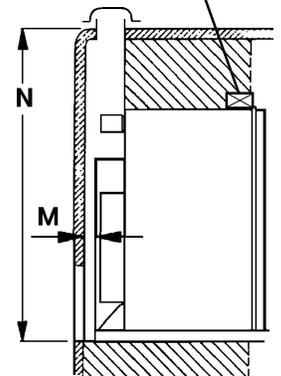
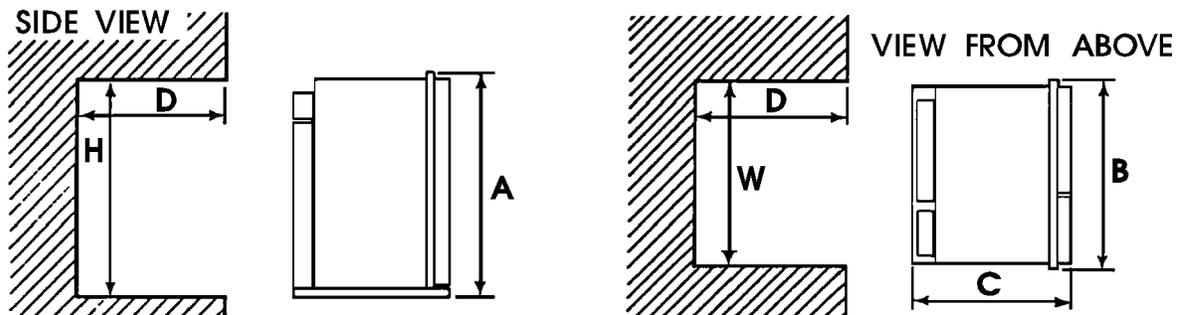


FIG. 3



Refrigerator Model	Overall Dimensions			Recess Dimensions			Total Ref. Vol.
	Height A	Width B	Depth C	Height H	Width W	Depth D	Cu. Ft.
RM4873							
(Inches)	60-15/16	24-11/16	24-7/8	59-15/16	23-11/16	24	7.3
(mm)	1530	627	632	1522	601	608	

7. INSTALLING REFRIGERATOR IN ENCLOSURE

NOTE: DO NOT install the appliance directly on carpeting. Carpeting must be removed or protected by a metal or wood panel beneath the appliance, which extends at least the full width and depth of the appliance.

Any space between the counter, storage area or ceiling can trap heat produced at the rear of the refrigerator. Any space between the top and sides of the refrigerator should be blocked for maximum refrigerator performance.

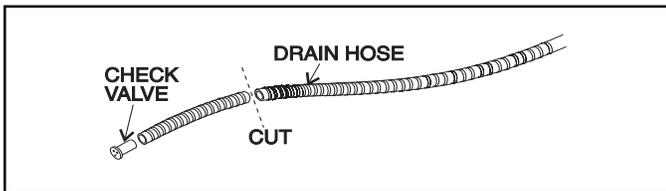
CONDENSATE WATER DRAIN HOSE: A 3/4" hole must be drilled through the flooring in the opening of the base plate on the rear of refrigerator (see FIG. 5D). The installer must make sure that the hose does not kink when run through the floor. Seal around the hose where it goes through the hole. If a longer hose is required, follow the illustration shown below:

OPTION A:

- 1) Remove black water check valve from hose.
- 2) Add additional hose
- 3) Reinstall black water check valve

OPTION B:

- 1) Cut drain hose at location shown below.
- 2) Install new drain hose between pieces cut.



NOTE: Black water check valve must be reinstalled to ensure proper refrigerator operation. **DO NOT KINK HOSE.**

OPTION C:

In vehicles where routing the drain hose through the floor is not possible, a metal clip is available. The clip is used to drain water out through the side vent.

Part No. 3106590.007 Clip for plastic side vent (Qty. 50)

Part No. 3106590.015 Clip for plastic side vent (Single)

Part No. 3106559.002 Clip for metal side vent (Qty. 50)

Part No. 3106559.010 Clip for metal side vent (Single)

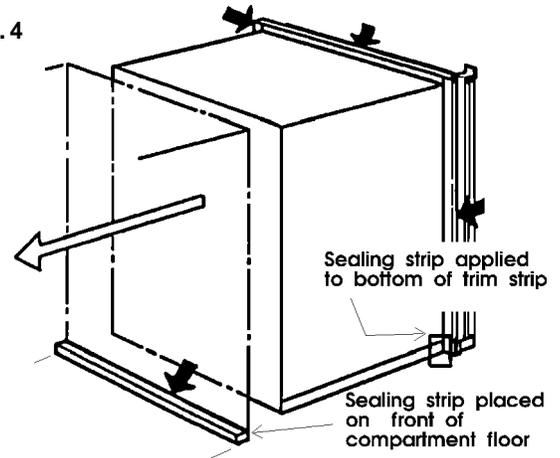
INSTALLATION: The refrigerator must be installed in a substantial enclosure and must be level. When installing the refrigerator in the enclosure, all areas within the recess in which the refrigerator is installed must be sealed. Make sure that there is a complete seal between the front frame of the refrigerator and the top, sides and bottom of the enclosure. A length of sealing strip is applied to the rear surface of the front frame for this purpose. Also apply a sealing strip to the foremost floor of the enclosure and apply a second sealing strip to the bottom of the trim strip on the front base as shown in FIG. 4. The sealing should provide complete isolation of the appliance's combustion system from the vehicle interior.

A wood strip must be in place across the upper opening of

the enclosure. The top frame of the refrigerator will be anchored to the wood strip with screws. See FIG. 2. The dimensions shown in FIG. 3 will give you adequate space for proper installation.

NOTE: If the door is hinged and it needs to be changed to the opposite side, it must be done before the refrigerator is installed in the enclosure. See Step. 13.

FIG. 4



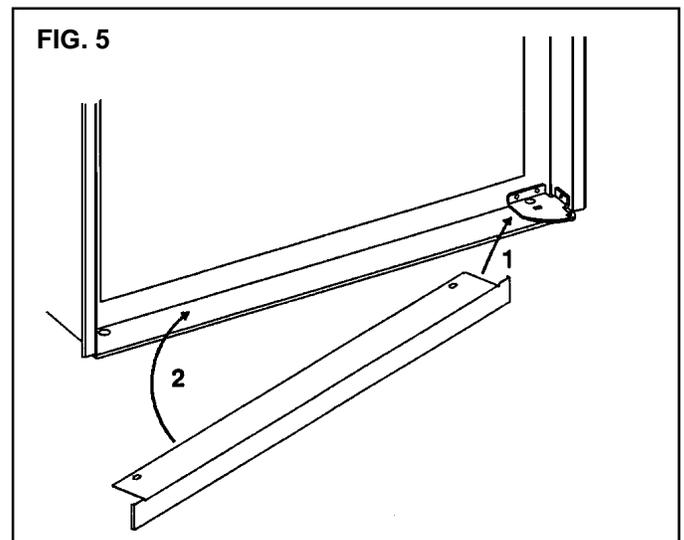
NOTE: Be careful not to damage the sealing strip applied to the floor of the enclosure when the refrigerator is put in place.

The refrigerator is secured in the enclosure with six screws. They must be installed in the following order:

a. First: Two screws are installed in front decoration strip and through the front base.

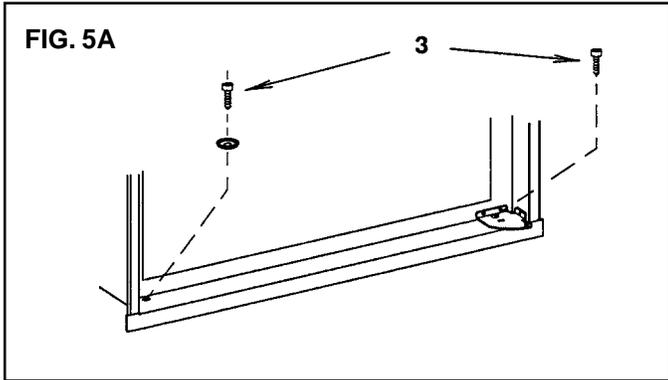
- 1) The front strip is to be installed after the refrigerator is set into the alcove. The strip is shipped as a loose part.
- 2) Install the lower front strip by sliding it under the bottom hinge plate as shown in FIG. 5. The hinge plate can be on the right or left side depending on the door swing.
- 3) When the front strip is in place, install one screw through the hinge and into the floor. The second

FIG. 5

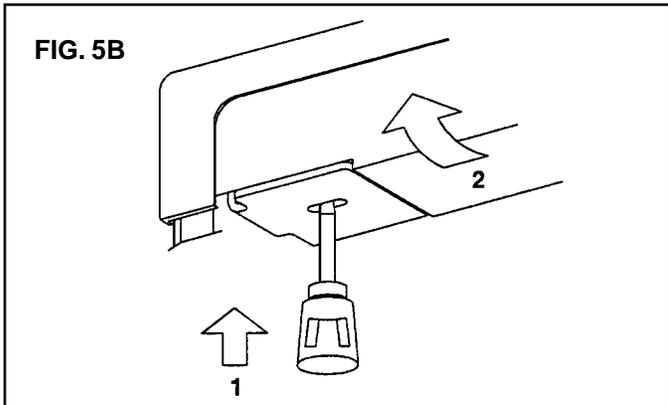


screw is installed with a washer on the opposite side. (See FIG. 5A)

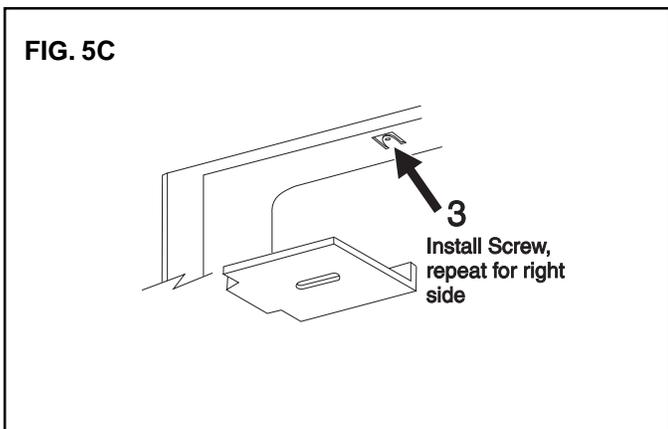
b. Second: Install the two screws in the top frame.



- 1) The top decoration panel must be removed from the refrigerator before the screws can be installed. Open refrigerator door and gently push the tabs out of the hole in the hinge with flat blade screwdriver. See FIG. 5B.
- 2) Carefully tilt the top decoration panel and lift up to remove from top frame. See FIG. 5B.
- 3) Install the second two screws in the top frame as shown in FIG. 5C.

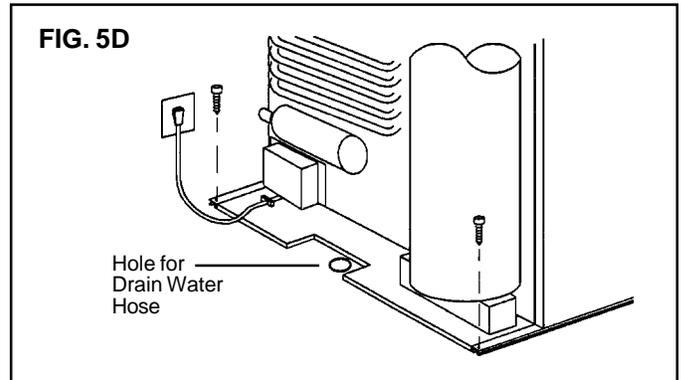


- 4) Replace the top decoration panel. Be careful not to pinch the wires. Make sure the tabs snap back



into the holes in the hinge plate.

C. Third: Two screws installed as shown in rear base. See FIG. 5D.



Failure to follow the sequence in securing the refrigerator in the enclosure can cause leakage between the frame and cabinet.

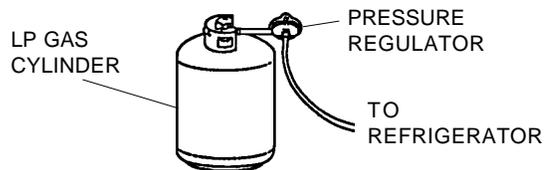
8. GAS CONNECTION

Hook up to the gas supply line is accomplished at the manual gas shutoff valve, which is furnished with a 3/8" SAE (UNF 5/8" – 18) male flare connection. A backup wrench **must** be used when tightening gas supply fitting. All completed connections should be checked for leaks with a noncorrosive leak detector. (See FIG. 6 – Gas tubing may have a different orientation than shown).



! WARNING
DO NOT USE A FLAME
TO CHECK FOR GAS LEAKS.

The gas supply system must incorporate a pressure regulator to maintain a supply pressure of not more than 13-1/2 inches water column (static) no load.



When testing the gas supply system at pressures less than or equal to 1/2 psig, the appliance must be isolated from the gas supply piping by closing its individual manual shutoff valve.

In case detailed instructions on the installation and connection to the gas supply are required, contact your dealer or distributor.

9. TESTING LP GAS SAFETY SHUTOFF

The gas safety shutoff must be tested after the refrigerator is connected to LP gas supply.

To test the gas safety shutoff, proceed as follows:

- A. Start the refrigerator according to the instructions, and switch to gas mode. See "Section C. Operation Instructions."
- B. Check that the gas flame is lit.
- C. Close the manual shutoff valve at the back of the refrigerator. (See FIG. 6)
- D. Wait for one minute. The check indicator lamp (B) should now be lit and the gas mode indicator lamp should be off.
- E. Remove cover (see FIG. 6) and open the manual gas valve. Apply a noncorrosive commercial bubble solution to burner jet (see FIG. 6).



- F. No bubbles should appear at the opening of the burner jet. The presence of bubbles indicates a defective gas safety shutoff, and service is required.
- G. If no bubbles were present at the burner jet, the gas safety valve is working properly. Rinse jet thoroughly with fresh water before proceeding. Be careful not to damage burner jet. Replace cover and turn the main

switch OFF and back ON. (See "Section C. Operation Instructions, Item 2. Control Panel"). Normal operation of the burner should return. Allow the burner to operate for a minimum of 5 minutes.

10. 120 VOLT AC ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

The refrigerator is equipped with a three-prong (grounded) plug for protection against shock hazards, and should be plugged directly into a properly grounded three-prong receptacle. DO NOT cut or remove the grounding prong from this plug. The power cord should be routed to avoid direct contact with the burner cover, flue cover or manual gas shutoff valve knob. The free length of the cord is two feet and therefore recommended that the receptacle be located to the left side of the refrigerator (viewed from the rear) and approximately six inches from the floor (see FIG. 7). This allows easy access through the vent door.

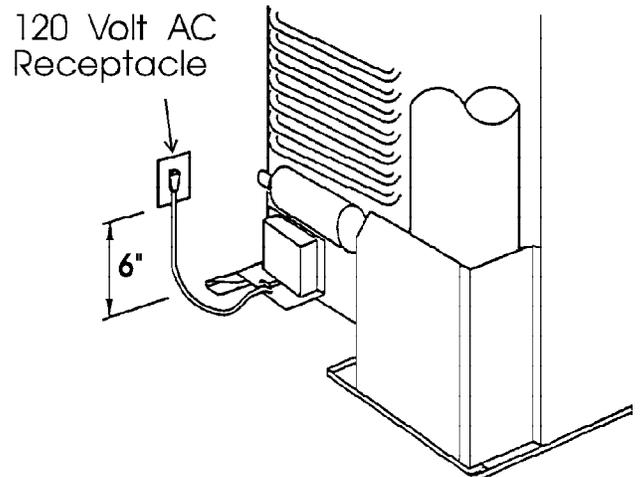
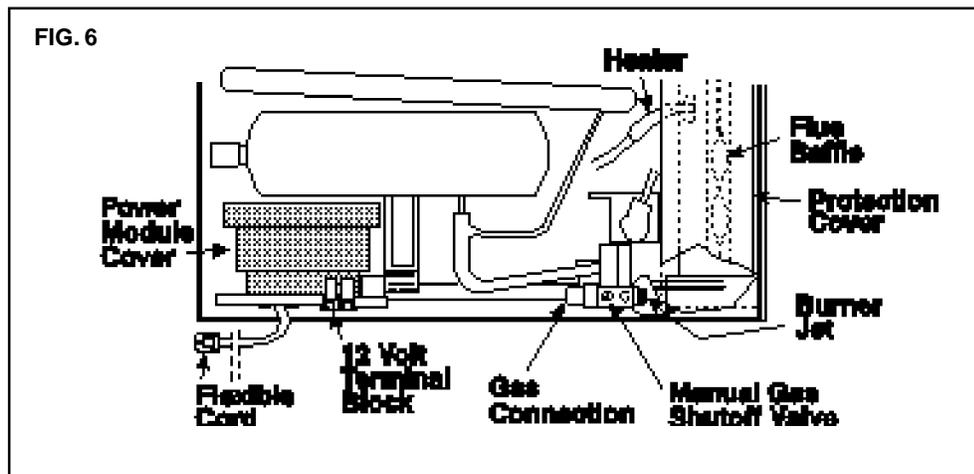


FIG. 7



11. 12 VOLT DC CONNECTION

All refrigerator models require a DC supply to maintain the automatic energy system). The DC lead connections are at terminals located at the rear of the refrigerator. (See FIG. 6). One lead is marked positive (+) and the other negative (-). Correct polarity must be observed when connecting to the DC supply.

Do not use the chassis or vehicle frame as one of the conductors. Connect two wires at the refrigerator and route to the DC supply.

The distance the current must travel from the battery to the refrigerator dictates the AWG wire size to be used. Should the wire be too small for the distance, a voltage drop will result.

The voltage drop affects the wattage output of the 12 volt cartridge heater and resultant refrigerator performance. Recommended wire sizes are shown below.

MAXIMUM TOTAL CONDUCTOR WIRE LENGTH (In Feet and Meters)

AWG	RM4873 215Watts
10	17 FT. 5 M
8	27 FT. 8 M

The wires from the battery to the refrigerator must be of large enough size to handle the load. The connections must be clean, tight and free from corrosion. If not, a resulting voltage drop will cause a decreased cooling capacity. The DC supply must be fused. **The maximum fuse size is 25 amps.**

Clean Direct Current (DC) power is mandatory for high-tech circuits to operate as designed. The sources for DC power are a battery and a converter.

A battery will provide straight line DC power, but extended operation will require recharging of the battery by the converter or the alternator.

The converter and alternator produces DC power by a series of diodes that rectify alternating current to DC. A battery or capacitors can be used to clean up the AC ripple that is present after AC voltage has been rectified.

12. INSTRUCTION FOR INSTALLING DOOR PANEL

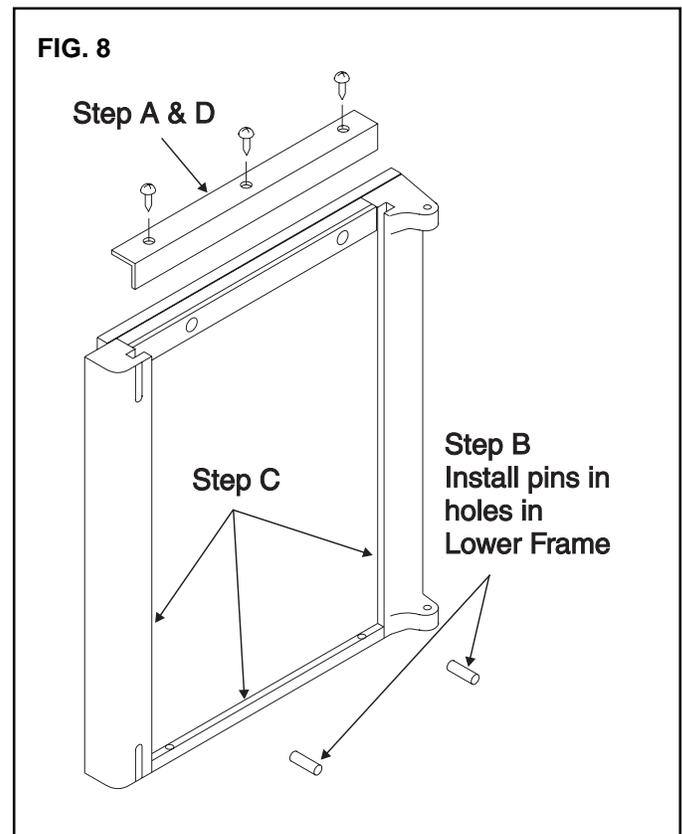
The refrigerator is normally delivered without the door panels. Before starting the mounting work, check that the panel dimensions are in compliance with those given in the Table on this page and the instructions are read thoroughly. When mounting the panel, proceed as follows. (See FIG. 8)

A. Remove the trim strip from the door by taking out the 3

screws. See FIG. 8.

- B. Locate the 2 pins in the end frame of the door. If they are in the top frame, relocate the pins into the holes in the bottom door frame to support the panel. See FIG. 8.
- C. Slide panel into grooves on vertical edges of the door until it slips into the groove on the opposite end of door.
- D. Replace trim strip and screws.

PANEL DIMENSIONS MAX. THICKNESS 5/32" (4 mm)					
Refr. Models TYPE	HEIGHT		WIDTH		
	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	
RM4873					
upper	mm	403	400	527	524
	inch	15-7/8	15-3/4	20-3/4	20-5/8
lower	mm	987	984	527	524
	inch	38-7/8	38-3/4	20-3/4	20-5/8



13. CHANGING DOOR SWING TO OPPOSITE SIDE

The refrigerator is equipped with convertible doors. To change the door swing, consult the parts manual for the Conversion Kit Part Number. For further information, please contact the Dometic Corporation listed on the front page.

SECTION B. CERTIFIED VENT SYSTEM KITS

REFRIGERATOR MODEL	KIT NO.	COMPONENTS	PART NO.
RM4873	OPTION #1	ROOF BASE ROOF COVER LOWER SIDE VENT	3103633.XXX * 3103634.XXX * 3102277.XXX *
	OPTION #3-A POWER VENTILATOR (Island/through floor)	POWER VENT ASM. ROOF BASE ROOF COVER	3104131.002 ** 3103633.XXX * 3103634.XXX *
<p>* Fill in "XXX" with color code numbers. For color codes, contact your supplier. ** Alternate instructions forwarded with the Ventilator Kit.</p>			

SECTION C. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

! WARNING

Most LP gas appliances used in recreational vehicles are vented to the outside of the vehicle. When parked close to a gasoline pump, it is possible that the gasoline fumes could enter this type of appliance and ignite from the burner flame, CAUSING A FIRE OR AN EXPLOSION.

FOR YOUR SAFETY, when refueling, shut off all LP gas appliances which are vented to the outside.

1. IMPORTANCE OF LEVELING A REFRIGERATOR

In an absorption refrigerator system, ammonia is liquefied in the finned condenser coil at the top of the refrigerator. The liquid ammonia then flows into the evaporator (inside the freezer section) and is exposed to a circulating flow of hydrogen gas, which causes the ammonia to evaporate, creating a cold condition in the freezer.

The tubing in the evaporator section is specifically sloped to provide a continuous movement of liquid ammonia downward by gravity through this section. If the refrigerator is operated when it is not level and the vehicle is not moving, liquid ammonia will accumulate in sections of the evaporator tubing. This will slow the circulation of hydrogen and ammonia gas, or in severe cases, completely block it, resulting in a loss of cooling.

Any time the vehicle is parked for several hours with the refrigerator operating, the vehicle should be leveled to prevent this loss of cooling. The vehicle needs to be leveled only so it is comfortable to live in (no noticeable sloping of floors or walls).

When the vehicle is moving, the leveling is not critical as the rolling and pitching motion of the vehicle will pass to either side of level, keeping the liquid ammonia from accumulating in the evaporator tubing.

2. CONTROL PANEL

3-WAY DISPLAY PANEL

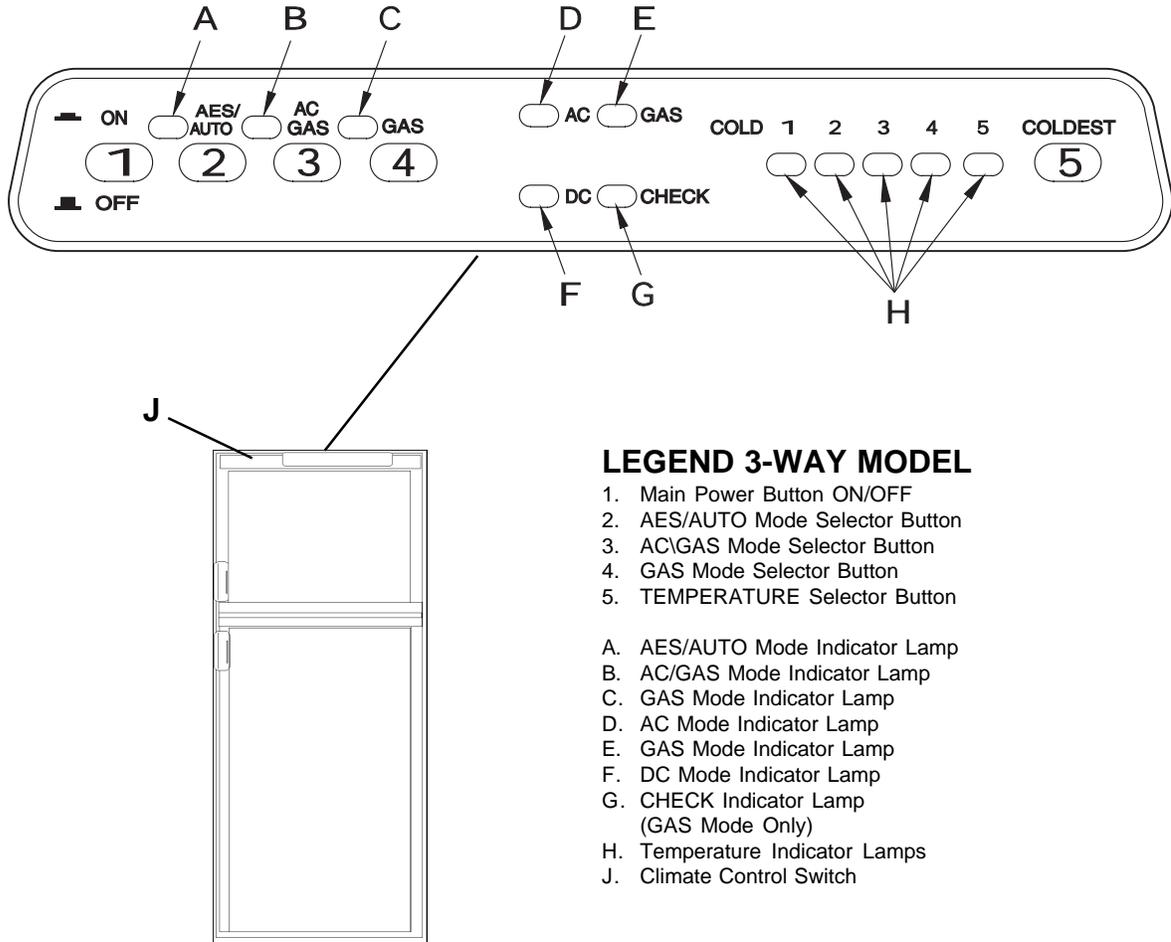


FIG. 10

LEGEND 3-WAY MODEL

1. Main Power Button ON/OFF
 2. AES/AUTO Mode Selector Button
 3. AC\GAS Mode Selector Button
 4. GAS Mode Selector Button
 5. TEMPERATURE Selector Button
- A. AES/AUTO Mode Indicator Lamp
 - B. AC/GAS Mode Indicator Lamp
 - C. GAS Mode Indicator Lamp
 - D. AC Mode Indicator Lamp
 - E. GAS Mode Indicator Lamp
 - F. DC Mode Indicator Lamp
 - G. CHECK Indicator Lamp (GAS Mode Only)
 - H. Temperature Indicator Lamps
 - J. Climate Control Switch

3. START-UP INSTRUCTIONS

Before starting the refrigerator, check that all the manual gas valves are in the ON position. DO NOT forget the manual shutoff valve on the rear of the refrigerator. See FIG. 6.

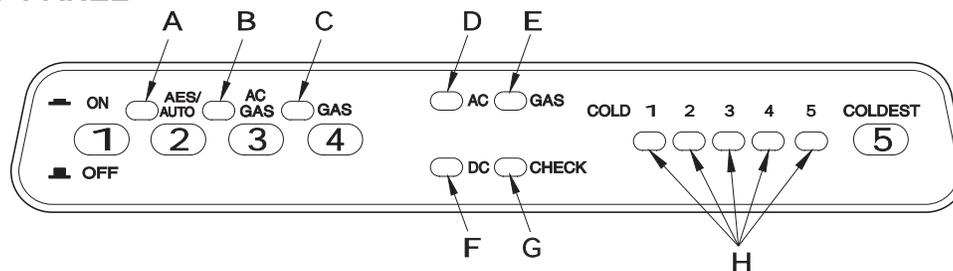
This refrigerator is equipped with a control system, which can automatically select the most suitable energy source which is available, either AC, DC or LP gas operation. The system can be set by the user to be fully automatic, or if desired, LP gas only.

A. A 12 volt DC supply must be available for the electronic

control to function. The refrigerator controls will work down to 9.6 volts DC.

- B. Press the main power ON/OFF button (1) to the DOWN position.
- C. Press the TEMPERATURE SELECTOR BUTTON (5) until the lamp at the desired setting is illuminated.

3-WAY DISPLAY PANEL



A. AES/AUTO MODE

The AES/AUTO mode of operation takes priority over all other operating modes. If more than one mode selector button (2), (3) or (4) is in the down position, the priority is from left to right.

When operating in this mode, the AES/AUTO mode indicator lamp (A) will illuminate. In this mode the control system will automatically select the energy source with AC having top priority, DC second priority and GAS third priority. If the control system has selected a particular energy source such as AC, and then it becomes unavailable, it will automatically seek out the next available energy source.

Press the AES/AUTO mode selector button (2) to the DOWN position. Indicator lamp (A) should illuminate. Indicator lamp (D), (E) or (F) should also illuminate indicating which energy source the control has selected.

Press the TEMPERATURE SELECTOR button (5) until the lamp at the desired position is illuminated.

B. AC/GAS MODE

Press the AC/GAS mode selector button (3) to the DOWN (ON) position. Mode indicator lamp (B) should illuminate.

In this mode of operation the control system will automatically select between the AC and GAS energy sources with AC having first priority.

The AES/AUTO mode selector button (2) must be in the UP (OFF) position.

Indicator lamp (D) or (E) should also illuminate indicating which energy source the control has selected. If the CHECK indicator lamp (G) illuminates, see *GAS MODE* for further instructions.

Press the TEMPERATURE SELECTOR button (5) until the lamp at the desired position is illuminated.

C. GAS MODE

When operating in the GAS mode, the GAS mode indicator lamp (C) and (E) will illuminate.

The GAS mode provides LP gas operation only. The control system will activate the ignition system and will attempt to light the burner for a period of approximately 45 seconds. If unsuccessful, the CHECK indicator lamp (G) will illuminate and the GAS mode indicator lamp (C) will turn off.

5. HOW TO USE THE REFRIGERATOR

To restart GAS operation, press the main power ON/OFF button (1) to the OFF then ON position. The control system will attempt a new 45 seconds ignition sequence.

The AES/AUTO (2) and AC/GAS (3) mode selector buttons must be in the UP (OFF) position.

Press the GAS mode indicator button (4) to the DOWN (ON) position.

Indicator lamps (C) and (E) should illuminate indicating GAS operation. After 45 seconds the burner should be ignited and operating normally.

On the initial refrigerator start-up, it may take longer than 45 seconds to allow air to be purged from the gas line. If the gas does not ignite within 45 seconds the CHECK indicator lamp (G) will illuminate and the GAS indicator lamp (C) and (E) will go off.

To reset when the CHECK indicator lamp (G) is illuminated, press the main power ON/OFF button (1) to the OFF then ON position.

NOTE: Do not continue to reset GAS operation if the CHECK indicator lamp continues to be illuminated after several tries. If repeated attempts fail to start the LP gas operation, check to make sure that the LP gas supply tanks are not empty and all manual shutoff valves in the lines are open. If the problem is still not corrected, contact a service center for assistance.

Press the TEMPERATURE SELECTOR button (5) until the lamp (H) at the desired position is illuminated.

If the control is switched to the AES/AUTO or AC/GAS mode of operation while the CHECK indicator lamp is on, AC or DC will function properly, but the CHECK indicator lamp will not go off until the main power ON/OFF button is pressed to the OFF then ON position.

D. THERMOSTAT

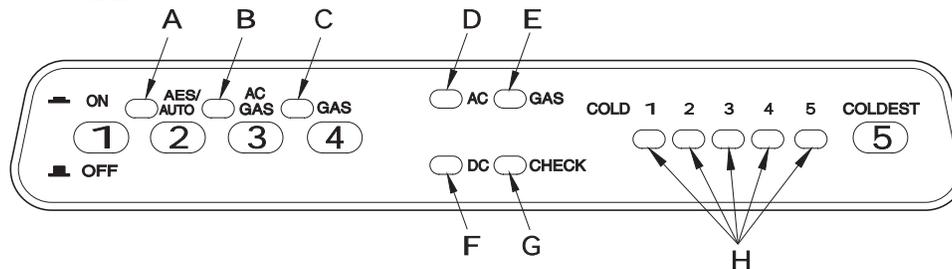
The thermostat on the refrigerator controls both the gas and electric operation, thereby eliminating the necessity of resetting each time a different energy source is employed.

After the initial start-up, the thermostat should be moved from "COLDEST" to the desired temperature setting, usually about mid-setting.

E. TO SHUT OFF THE REFRIGERATOR

The refrigerator may be shut off while in any mode of operation by pressing the main power ON/OFF button to the UP (OFF) position. This shuts off all DC power to the refrigerator.

3-WAY DISPLAY PANEL



4. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATING MODES

A. AES/AUTO MODE

The AES/AUTO mode of operation takes priority over all other operating modes. If more than one mode selector button (2), (3) or (4) is in the down position the priority is from left to right.

When operating in the AES/AUTO mode, the AES/AUTO mode indicator lamp (A) will illuminate. In this mode the control system will automatically select the energy source with AC having top priority, DC second priority and GAS third priority. If the control system has selected a particular energy source such as AC, and then it becomes unavailable, it will automatically seek out the next available energy source.

B. AC/GAS MODE

When operating in the AC/GAS mode, the AC/GAS mode indicator lamp (B) will illuminate.

In this mode of operation the control system will automatically select between the AC and GAS energy sources with AC having first priority.

C. GAS MODE

When operating in the GAS mode, the GAS mode indicator lamp (C) will illuminate.

The GAS mode provides LP gas operation only. The control system will activate the ignition system and will attempt to light the burner for a period of approximately 45 seconds. If unsuccessful, the CHECK indicator lamp (G) will illuminate and the GAS mode indicator lamp (C) will turn off.

To restart GAS operation, press the main power ON/OFF button (1) to the OFF and then ON position. The control system will attempt a new 45 second ignition sequence.

If the refrigerator has not been used for a long time or the LP tanks have just been refilled, air may be trapped in the supply lines. To purge the air from the lines may require resetting the main power ON/OFF button (1) three or four times. If repeated attempts fail to start the LP gas operation, check to make sure that the LP gas supply tanks are not empty and all manual shutoff valves in the lines are open. If the problem is still not corrected, contact a service center for assistance. If the control is switched to AES/AUTO or AC/GAS mode of operation while the CHECK indicator lamp is on, it will

function properly, but the CHECK indicator lamp will not go off until the main power ON/OFF button is pressed to the OFF then ON position.

D. BATTERY PROTECTION SYSTEM

The control system is equipped with a battery protection system. If AC power is not available the control will switch to the DC energy source. If the input voltage at the terminal block connections is below 12.8 volts the control system will bypass the DC energy source and attempt GAS operation. If the GAS energy source is available, CHECK lamp is on, the control system will return to the DC energy source. The control will operate in the DC mode for a maximum of 10 minutes.

If the input voltage has not returned above 12.8 volts within this time, the control will terminate DC operation and turn off the DC lamp (F) and start gas operation if GAS energy source is available.

The input battery voltage must rise above 12.8 volts for 25 minutes before DC operation can resume.

As soon as the input voltage rises above the required 12.8 volts, the DC mode lamp (F) will illuminate. However the control system will remain in the 25 minute DC delay mode and operate on gas. This delay is to allow sufficient time for the vehicle charging system to recharge the battery. If 120 volt AC becomes available during the 25 minute delay, the control will automatically switch to the AC energy source.

E. STANDBY MODE OF OPERATION

This control system contains a feature where it will continue to operate the cooling system in the event of a failure of a major operating component. Two different modes of operation can occur in this category.

If for some reason the display module becomes nonfunctional, the control system will revert to fully automatic operation - selecting the best energy source available with AC and GAS priority. The temperature of the refrigerator will be maintained at the MID position within normal temperature tolerances. The power module will continually attempt to reestablish operation of the display module.

The second standby mode of operation will execute when a failure of the temperature sensing device or associated

electronic circuitry occurs. If this should occur, the control system will operate on the energy source selected via the control panel. The cooling unit will run continuously on the selected energy source. The refrigerator will continue to operate in this mode indefinitely or until a new sensor is installed and the system is reset.

A. FOOD STORAGE COMPARTMENT

The food storage compartment is completely closed and unventilated, which is necessary to maintain the required low temperature for food storage. Consequently, foods having a strong odor or those that absorb odors easily should be covered. Vegetables, salads, etc. should be covered to retain their crispness. The coldest positions in the refrigerator are under the cooling fins and at the bottom of the refrigerator. The warmer areas are on the upper door shelves. This should be considered when placing different types of food in the refrigerator.

B. FROZEN FOOD STORAGE COMPARTMENT

Quick frozen soft fruits and ice cream should be placed in the coldest part of the compartment which is on or just below the freezer shelf. Frozen vegetables, may be stored in any part of the compartment.

This compartment is not designed for deep or quick freezing of food. Meat or fish, whether raw or prepared, can be stored in the frozen food storage compartment provided they are precooled first in the refrigerator. They can be stored about three times longer in the frozen food compartment as compared to the fresh food compartment. To prevent food from drying out, keep it in covered dishes, containers, plastic bags or wrapped in aluminum foil.

C. ICE MAKING

Ice cubes can be made in the ice tray placed in the freezer compartment. The tray should be filled with water to within 1/4" (5mm) from the top. For faster ice making, the tray should be placed in direct contact with the freezer shelf.

To release the ice cubes, seize the tray with both hands and twist the tray. Cubes not required should be replaced in the tray. Refill the tray with water and replace the tray on the freezer shelf.

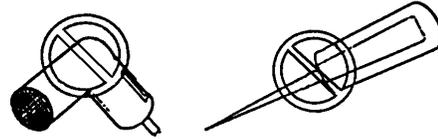
Ice will be made more rapidly if the thermostat is set at its highest position. It is a good idea to do this a few hours before the anticipated need for ice, but be sure to move the thermostat back to normal setting, usually about mid-setting when the ice is formed. Food in the lower compartment may be frozen if the setting is left on "COLDEST" position.

D. DEFROSTING

Shut off the refrigerator by pressing the main power ON/OFF button to the UP (OFF) position. Empty the refrigerator,

leaving the drip tray under the finned evaporator, and the cabinet and freezer doors open. Defrosting time can be reduced by filling the ice tray with hot water and placing it on the freezer shelf.

DO NOT use a hot air blower. Permanent damage could result from warping the metal or plastic parts. **DO NOT** use a knife or an ice pick, or other sharp tools to remove frost from the freezer shelf. They can create a leak in the ammonia system.



When all frost is melted, dry the interior of the refrigerator with a clean cloth. Replace all food and set thermostat to the **COLDEST** temperature setting for a few hours. Then reset the thermostat to the desired setting, usually at mid-setting.

Put the plastic drain tube in a watertight bucket or container (access through louvered service panel on the outside of the vehicle). As the frost melts, the water will flow into the container. When all the frost has melted wipe up the excess moisture and empty the accumulated water from the bucket. Replace the drain tube to its original position.

E. CLEANING

Cleaning the refrigerator is usually done after it is defrosted or put into storage. To clean the interior liner of the refrigerator, use lukewarm weak soda solution. Use only warm water to clean the finned evaporator, ice trays and shelves. NEVER use strong chemicals or abrasives to clean these parts as the protective surfaces will be damaged. It is important to always keep the refrigerator clean.

F. SHUT-OFF (STORAGE PROCEDURE)

Shut off the refrigerator by pressing the main power ON/OFF button to the UP (OFF) position. (See FIG. 10)

If the refrigerator will not be in operation for a period of weeks, it should be emptied, defrosted, cleaned and the doors left ajar. The ice tray should also be dried and kept outside the cabinet.

DO NOT store explosive substances in the refrigerator, such as gasoline and other flammable vapors or liquids.

G. CLIMATE CONTROL

During the summer months of high temperatures and humidity, the metal frame between the freezer and fresh food compartments may have water droplets forming. The num-

ber of water droplets will increase if the vehicle isn't air conditioned during these months.

This refrigerator comes standard with a 12 volt (DC) climate control that will evaporate the water droplets when they form. To have the climate control on, you position the switch ("J", Figure 10) located beneath the top decorative strip that houses the control panel to ON. The climate control can be left on continuously or only used when temperatures require it.

! CAUTION

THE CLIMATE CONTROL WILL DRAW 12 VOLT DC POWER CONTINUOUSLY WHEN IN THE "ON" POSITION. IT SHOULD BE TURNED "OFF" WHEN A CHARGING SOURCE IS NOT AVAILABLE.

SECTION D. MAINTENANCE & SERVICE

Tips for the Service Technician

The user should be aware of service that must be done on a regular schedule to keep the refrigerator operating properly. The service should only be performed by a qualified technician who is familiar with LP gas systems and refrigerators.

1. REFRIGERATOR REMOVAL

Before working on the refrigerator, make sure the AC voltage and DC voltage leads are disconnected. Shut off the gas supply. Disconnect the gas supply line. Cap the gas supply line, loosen the screws anchoring the refrigerator to the enclosure and slide the refrigerator out of the compartment.

Replacement is the reverse of removal. Check all connections for gas leaks. Refer to *Section A, Item 1 to 12 of Installation Instructions*.

2. PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

To keep your Dometic refrigerator operating efficiently and safely, periodic inspection and cleaning of several components once or twice a year is recommended.

A. It is important to keep the area at the back of the refrigerator clean. Check the lower vent, upper vent and area between these openings for any obstructions such as bird/insect nests, spider webs, etc. Clean the coils on the back of the refrigerator. Use a soft bristled brush to dust off the coils.

It is important to keep the refrigerator vent area free from combustible material, gasoline and other flammable vapors or liquids.

NOTE: The following maintenance is required once or twice a year, but should only be done by a qualified serviceman who is familiar with LP gas systems and refrigerators.

B. Check all connections in the LP gas system (at the back of the refrigerator) for gas leaks. The LP gas supply must be turned on. Apply a noncorrosive bubble solution to all LP gas connections. The appearance of bubbles indicates a leak and should be repaired immediately by a **QUALIFIED SERVICEMAN WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH LP GAS SYSTEMS AND REFRIGERATORS**.

! WARNING

DO NOT USE A FLAME TO CHECK FOR GAS LEAKS.



C. Check the Automatic Select control system by connecting/disconnecting 120 volt AC power, start/stop the engine, etc. Compare the operation with the operation described in *Section C. Operation Instructions*.

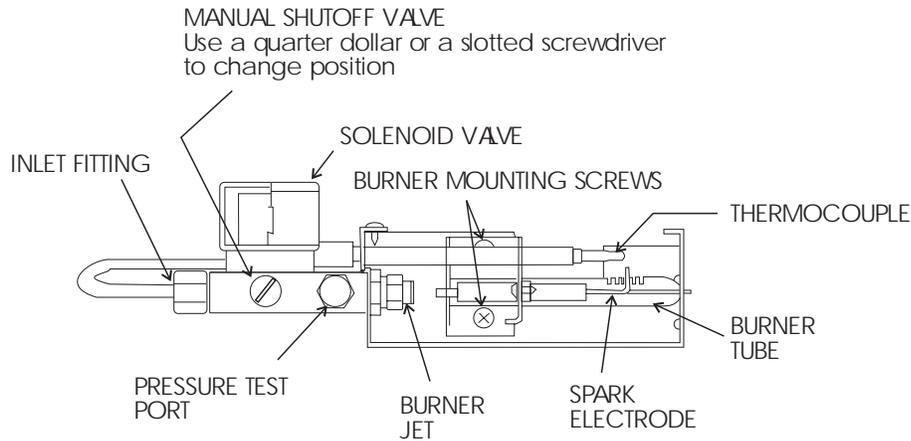
D. The LP gas pressure should be checked and the main regulator readjusted if pressure is incorrect. The correct operating pressure is 11 inches of water column. The correct place to take the LP gas pressure is at the test port just ahead of the burner jet. (See FIG. 12).

E. Inspect the flue baffle. It should be reasonably clean and free of soot. Heavy soot formation indicates improper functioning of the burner. The flue and burner both require cleaning in the following manner:

- 1) Unplug the refrigerator power cord from the 120 volt AC outlet (see FIG. 6).
- 2) Disconnect or shut off the 12 volt power to the refrigerator.
- 3) Turn manual shutoff valve to OFF. (See FIG. 6 & 12).
- 4) Remove cover from the burner housing. (See FIG. 6).
- 5) Disconnect the wire from the high voltage electrode.
- 6) Remove the burner mounting screws and remove the burner assembly.
- 7) Remove the flue cap from top of flue tube and lift out the wire and spiral baffle. Clean the flue from the top

GAS EQUIPMENT ASSEMBLY

FIG. 12

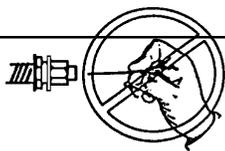


using a flue brush. Blowing compressed air into the flue will not properly clean soot and scale out of the flue tube. Replace spiral baffle and flue cap.

- 8) Clean burner tube with a brush. Blow out burner with compressed air.
- 9) Before removing burner jet, clean burner area of soot and scale that fell out of flue tube. Remove the burner jet. Soak the jet in wood alcohol and blow it out with compressed air. Reinstall and tighten burner jet.

! WARNING

DO NOT use a wire or pin when cleaning the burner jet as damage can occur to the precision opening. This can cause damage to the refrigerator or create a fire hazard.



- 10) Reinstall burner, being careful that the end of the burner fits into the slot on the burner bracket. Check to make sure slots are centered under the flue tube and the thermocouple is positioned properly (tip of thermocouple extends over two slots of burner).

- 11) Be sure to reconnect the wire to high voltage electrode. Check the electrode for proper location and gap. (See FIG. 13).

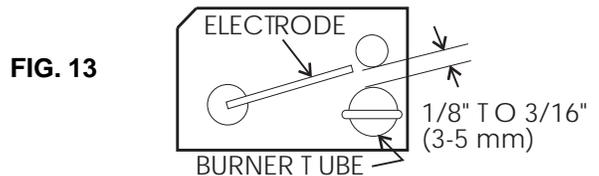


FIG. 13

- 12) Turn on manual gas shutoff valve and check all fittings for leaks.
- 13) Connect 120 volt power cord to the outlet and reconnect or turn on the 12 volt DC power.
- 14) Check LP gas safety shutoff. See *Section A. Installation, Item 9. Testing LP Gas Safety Shutoff.*

F. FUSES

The 3-way Elite models are equipped with 3 fuses, one for the refrigerator control system, one for the AC cartridge heater and a third fuse for the DC cartridge heater (see Table below). To replace fuse(s) proceed as follows:

1. Disconnect the wall plug, and the 12 volt wires.
2. Remove the power module cover. See FIG. 6.
3. Snap the fuse out of the fuse holder.
4. Fit a new fuse in to the fuse holder.
5. Replace the power module cover.

Control System	3-amp
AC Heater	5-amp
DC Heater	35-amp

3. TROUBLESHOOTING

Refrigerator Does Not Cool Properly

- A. Burner jet clogged.
Clean. See *Section D. Maintenance & Service, Item 1. Periodic Maintenance, Paragraph E. Item 1-14.*
- B. Check level of refrigerator.
- C. Venting problem.
Restriction in air flow across cooling unit.
- D. Heavy frost buildup on evaporator fins.
Defrost.
- E. Flue baffle not inserted properly in flue tube.
- F. Improperly set thermostat.
See *Section C. Operating Instructions, Item 3. Paragraph F.*
- G. Burner dirty.
Clean. See *Section D. Maintenance & Service, Item 1. Periodic Maintenance, Paragraph E.8.*
- H. LP gas pressure low at burner.
Set main regulator so pressure does not drop below 11 inches water column at pressure tap.
- I. Burner not located properly under flue tube.
Relocate.
- J. Burner damaged.
Replace.
- K. Odors and fumes.
 - 1. Dislocated burner.
 - 2. Damaged burner
 - 3. Dirty flue tube.
- L. FUSES
 - 1) Refrigerator AC supply
 - 2) Refrigerator DC supply
 - 3) Refrigerator Control System
See *Section D. Maintenance & Service, Item 2, Paragraph F.*

Contact an authorized service center for parts and repairs as needed.