

Warm Fridge, Cold Freezer: Diagnostic Guide

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Safe checks you can do yourself

1 Listen for the fan

Press the freezer door switch and listen for the evaporator fan whir.

2 Look for heavy frost

A thick ice sheet on the back panel signals a defrost fault.

3 Clear the vents

Keep food from pressing against the interior fresh-food vents.

4 Rule out the basics

Check the temperature setting, door seals, and demo mode.

Leave these to a licensed technician

1 Evaporator fan or damper

Airflow parts are repairable but need proper diagnosis and replacement.

2 Defrost heater or thermostat

A come-and-go cooling pattern usually means a defrost part failed.

3 Thermistor or control board

Wrong readings can stop the fan and damper from running.

4 Sealed system or compressor

Refrigerant work is EPA Section 608 regulated. Licensed techs only.

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