Installation and Operating Instructions

MODEL SL98

UNDER COUNTER LARDER FRIDGE

Please read these instructions carefully before attempting to install or use this appliance. It is advisable to keep these instructions in a safe place for future reference.
Introduction

Thank you for choosing this Sovereign appliance. It has been designed to give years of trouble-free use provided it is installed and maintained correctly.

Please read these instructions carefully before installing or using your appliance. It is advisable to keep your purchase and installation receipts with these instructions in a safe place for future reference. Included is some important safety information in addition to guidelines and recommendations that will enable you to take full advantage of all the functions available.

This quality appliance has been tested and certified to meet all applicable UK electrical and safety standards.

This appliance must be installed and connected in accordance with current regulations by a qualified electrician.

After unpacking the appliance ensure that there is no visible damage. If the appliance has been damaged during transit, do not use it, contact your retailer immediately.
Guarantee

This appliance is guaranteed for one year from date of purchase. Keep your purchase receipt with these instructions.

To fulfill the conditions of the guarantee this appliance must have been correctly installed by a qualified person and operated in accordance with these instructions. The appliance is intended for domestic use only.

If the appliance fails to work properly during the first year period contact the Sovereign Service Help line on 01527-573010.

The appliance will be repaired or replaced (at the manufacturer’s discretion) at no cost to you. If the guarantee has elapsed, you will be given a quotation for any repairs or parts required.

The model and serial number together with details of your sales receipt must be quoted when contacting the Help line.

For Assistance or Service please contact the Sovereign Service Help line on 01527-573010
Description of the Appliance

1. Thermostat Control & Interior Light Unit
2. Interior Glass Shelves
3. Door Storage – Specific Areas for Bottles & Dairy Products
4. Salad Crisper Box with Glass Shelf
5. Two Adjustable Feet
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Section 1. Installation

- **IMPORTANT!** This appliance must be left to stand in an upright position for at least 4 hours before being switched on for the first time.
- Remove all packaging and securing tape from the appliance.
- Wash the interior of the appliance with luke warm water containing a small amount of bicarbonate soda (5ml to 0.5 litres of water).
- Position the appliance in a dry atmosphere and out of direct sunlight.
- Do not position next to a cooker or other sources of heat, i.e. radiator.
- If positioned next to another fridge or freezer, leave a minimum gap of 2cm between the appliances in order to avoid condensation.
- A clearance of 50mm should be left above the appliance. If this cannot be achieved you should ensure a clearance of 25mm is maintained on each side of the appliance.
- Fit the plastic wall spacers to the condenser on the rear of the appliance, this will ensure an air gap between the appliance and the wall.
- Do not place or store heavy items on the top of this appliance.
- Ensure that the appliance is positioned on a firm flat floor.
- This appliance must be level. Adjust the level by screwing the adjustable feet up or down (use your fingers or a suitable spanner).
- Ensure that the appliance is upright and both feet are in firm contact with the floor so that the cabinet is stable.
- Connect the plug to an adjacent 13amp socket outlet and ensure that the appliance is not standing on the supply cable.

Section 2. Safety Advice

- Please read this booklet thoroughly before installing and switching on the appliance. The manufacturer accepts no responsibility for incorrect installation and usage.
- If this appliance is to replace an old refrigerator with a lock, as a safety measure break or remove the lock before disposal.
- Your old appliances contain insulation gases and refrigerant that must be disposed of correctly. Please ensure that the refrigerant circuit is not damaged before the appliance is taken away for correct disposal in line with current legislation. If there is any doubt contact your Local Authority for instructions.
- This appliance may contain the refrigerant isobutene (R600a). This is a natural gas with a high level of environmental compatibility; however, caution is required as isobutene is a flammable gas. It is essential to ensure that refrigerant tubes are not damaged during transportation and the installation of the appliance. In the event that the refrigerant circuit is
damaged, avoid naked flames or sources of ignition and ventilate the room in which the appliance is situated.

- Do not damage the refrigerant circuit.
- Do not allow children to play with the appliance. Children must never play in or around the appliance.
- If using an adaptor, this must be used in accordance with the manufacturers instructions and ensure that the electrical circuit is not overloaded as this could cause overheating.
- Do not twist or bend the cables, and keep them away from hot surfaces.
- Do not plug in or unplug this appliance with wet hands.
- Following installation make sure that the power cable is not trapped underneath the appliance.

**Section 3. Operating the Appliance**

**3.1. Switching on the Appliance**

- Allow the appliance to stand for 4 hours after installation.
- Plug in the appliance and switch on at the mains supply.
- Set the thermostat control to the required setting as detailed in the Temperature Control section (3.2.).
- Leave the appliance for approximately 4 hours for the correct temperature to be reached.

**3.2. Temperature Control**

The temperature selector knob is located at the front of the interior light unit (see Description of the Appliance on page 4).

- Setting “0”: Unit Off
- Setting “1”: Unit On – Warmest Temperature
- Setting “3” to “5”: Normal Operation (adequate for most situations)
- Setting “7”: Coldest Temperature

**Important!**

During high ambient temperatures e.g. on hot summer days, it may be necessary to set the thermostat to the coldest setting (position 5). This may cause the compressor to run continuously in order to maintain a low temperature in the cabinet.

When the compressor is running continuously the larder fridge will not be able to carry out automatic defrosting as this can only take place when the compressor is not in operation (see the ‘Defrosting’ section). Should a layer of frost develop on the rear wall of the cabinet, turn the temperature regulator back to a warmer setting (e.g. position ‘2’ or ‘3’), as this will cause the compressor to
switch off and allow automatic defrosting to take place as normal.

3.3. Normal Operating Sounds

You may hear faint gurgling or bubbling sounds when the refrigerant is pumped to the cooling system and through the coils or tubing at the rear of the appliance. When the compressor is in operation you may hear a slight whirring sound or pulsating noise. The thermostat controls the operation of the compressor, and you may hear a slight click as it cycles in and out.

3.4. Energy Saving Advice

Do not install the appliance close to sources of heat, such as a cooker, dishwasher or radiator. Locate the appliance in a cool well-ventilated room and make sure that the air vents are clear.

Try to avoid keeping the door open for long time, warm air will enter the cabinet, and may cause a build up of ice as well as affecting the energy consumption. Ensure there are no obstructions preventing the door from closing properly.

3.5. In the Event of a Power Failure

If there is a power failure, keep the door closed. When the power has been restored the appliance will start to operate but it may take some time to achieve the pre-set operating temperature. Check the condition of your stored food items and liquids.

Section 4. Maintenance

Before any maintenance or cleaning work is carried out, DISCONNECT the appliance from the ELECTRICITY supply.

4.1. Internal Cleaning

Clean the interior and accessories with warm water and bicarbonate of soda (5ml to 0.5 litre of water). Rinse and dry thoroughly. Do not use detergents, abrasive powders, highly perfumed cleaning products, wax polishes or cleaning products containing bleach or alcohol.

Ensure that the defrost water channel and outlet are clean and free of debris (see Defrosting)
4.2. External Cleaning

Wash the outer cabinet with warm soapy water. Do NOT use abrasive products. There may be sharp edges on the underside of the product, so care should be taken when cleaning. Once or twice a year dust the rear of the appliance and the compressor at the back of the appliance, with a brush or vacuum cleaner, as an accumulation of dust will affect the performance of the appliance and cause increased energy consumption.

4.3. Defrosting

The interior of this appliance is cooled using a special cooling plate mounted on the rear wall. During operation this plate will appear wet but please note that this is quite normal. Any ice build up on the wall plate will be defrosted whilst the compressor is not in operation. At the base of the wall plate there is a small channel and outlet where the defrost water passes to be evaporated above the compressor unit. It is important that the channel and outlet are kept clean and free of debris.

If ice build up on the rear wall exceeds 3-5mm, empty the contents and switch off the appliance, leave the door open and allow the ice to melt. **Do not use sharp objects to scrape the ice away.** Clean and dry the interior, close the door and turn on the power to the appliance. When the power has been restored the appliance will start to operate but it may take some time to achieve the pre-set operating temperature.

4.4. When the appliance is not in use

When the appliance is not in use for long periods, remove the contents, disconnect from the electricity supply and clean the appliance, leaving the door ajar until you wish to use the appliance again.

4.5. Changing the Interior Light Bulb

- Switch off the power supply to the appliance
- Remove the screw that secures the interior light perspex cover in place.
- Remove the cover and unscrew the bulb.
- Replace the bulb with a suitable replacement.
- Refit the cover and switch the appliance back on.
4.6. Reversing the Door

The door opening can be reversed from “right hand hinged” (as supplied) to “left hand hinged” if required.

Warning!

When reversing the door, the appliance must not be connected to the mains. Remove the plug from the mains beforehand.

**Step 1:** Tilt the appliance slightly towards the rear and prop it securely. Unscrew the level adjuster and the foot. Unscrew the bottom hinge screws. Support/hold the door so that it does not fall off.

**Step 2:** Remove two plastic caps in the top cover. Unscrew the four screws that fix the top cover. Remove the top cover.

**Step 3:** Remove the door.

**Step 4:** Remove the plastic plug in bottom of door and fit to opposite side.
4.7. What to do if something goes wrong

Before contacting our service help line, check the following points:

There is no power to the appliance:

- Check there is not a power cut
- Check there is power to the electric socket/appliance
- Check the fuse in the plug (Must be 13 amp)
- Check that the thermostat has been set to “1” or above (see 3.2).

The compressor runs continuously:

- Is the door closed correctly?
- Have large quantities of food recently been added to the appliance? – if yes, allow the interior temperature to recover
- Has the appliance door been opened frequently? – if yes, allow the interior temperature to recover
The temperature in the cabinet appears to be too high:

- Check that the thermostat has been set between “3” and “5”.
- This product is a Larder Refrigerator and has no ice-box. As a result it will operate at a slightly higher temperature than a refrigerator with an ice-box.
- Check the interior cabinet temperature with a thermometer.
- The operating temperature should be within a range of +6 degrees to +12 degrees.

There is excessive frost/ice build up:

- Ensure that the door has been closed correctly
- Ensure that the door seal is clean and sealing correctly

The appliance is making a noise:

- Refer to Normal Operating Sounds, section 3.3.
- Ensure that the appliance has been installed correctly (see section 1).

If after the above checks there is still a fault contact the Sovereign Service Help line on 01527-573010.

In-guarantee customers should ensure that the above checks have been made as the engineer will make a charge if the fault is not the result of a mechanical or electrical breakdown.

The model and serial number together with details of your sales receipt must be quoted when booking an in-guarantee service call.

**Insurance**

! The manufacturer’s guarantee does not cover loss of !

food content.

Any claim for loss, damage, costs or expenses of an indirect or consequential nature including any economic loss or damage to foodstuffs or any other goods is excluded. We recommend that you inspect your fridge regularly to check that it is working correctly, losses can result from deterioration following breakdown or accidental failure of the appliance, fuses, plugs or public electricity supply, these can be covered by your standard home insurance or might require extra cover. Check with your insurance provider.
Important Note:

This appliance is marked according to the European directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). By ensuring this product is disposed of correctly, you will help prevent potential negative consequences for the environment and human health, which could otherwise be caused by inappropriate waste handling of this product.

The symbol on the product, or on the documents accompanying the product, the Crossed Out Wheelie Bin, indicates that this appliance may not be treated as household waste. Instead it shall be handed over to the applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment.

Disposal must be carried out in accordance with local environmental regulations for waste disposal. For more detailed information about treatment, recovery and recycling of this product, please contact your local authority, your household waste disposal service or the retailer where you purchased the product.

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