

Problem: Ice Buildup in the Bottom of the Freezer of the Maytag, Wide-by-Side Refrigerator, Model: MZD2766GE

How to Clean the Self-Defraust Drain of the MZD2766GE* Maytag

If you are getting a buildup of ice in the bottom of the above refrigerator you can take these steps to clear the ice problem.

Note: Please refer to the RED SQUARES on page 2 for the references from this document.

- 1) The freezer has a ridge on the right side. Use a Hair Dryer on the ice to thaw it to remove the bottom basket. Do Not Use a Sharp object to break the ice. You could puncture the freezer lining.
- 2) You must remove all shelves and baskets from the freezer compartment. Some shelves are removed by sliding backward and upward to remove. Step 1 shows shelves with guide locks. Baskets have a metal clip on each side of the slides which must be pushed down to remove, Step 2.
- 3) Remove two screws (Step 3) then gently lift up the middle panel to remove. The bottom panel is not easily removed with the middle panel in place. Then remove this screw (Step 4) which will free the bottom panel.
- 4) Lift up on the middle panel to remove. You may have to twist it gently due to the shelf supports. The same with the bottom panel. Be careful not to crack either panel.
- 5) Look at the Aluminum drain pan and you will probably see a Block of ice (Step 5). Use the Hair Dryer to melt the ice and gently lift it out. Also look under the Aluminum drain pan to see if there is ice buildup and do the same.
- 6) Your drain tube from the Drip Pan may be plugged with ice or a foreign substance. In my case an open bag of frozen peas had dropped a single pea through the louvers (Step 6) and clogged the drain tube.
- 7) If you have ice in the drain tube (which you probably will) use your hair dryer to melt the ice. Then, using an Ear syringe (Rubber Bulb, available at any pharmacy) squeeze the rubber bulb to flatten the rubber bulb, removing all the air, then gently, yet firmly insert the nozzle of the syringe into the the drain tube (Step 7) and then release the bulb. If the foreign object is close enough it will temporarily adhere to the end of the syringe. If it does not, remove the syringe, blow out any water and without squeezing the bulb reinsert it gently, yet firmly, into the drain tube, and use it similar to a Toilet Plunger until water runs free into the defrost pan below the fridge.
- 8) Fill your syringe with water and discharge it into the drip pan. The water should go down. If not repeat step 7 until clear.
- 9) Reassemble all pieces in reverse order and you should have no further problems.

I hope this PDF file helps you resolve your problem.

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Exploded View of the
Maytag Model: MZD2766GE* Wide-by-Side Refrigerator/Freezer

