GE Appliances



Installation Instructions Built-In Dishwasher

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Read these instructions completely and carefully.

IMPORTANT – Observe all governing codes and ordinances.

- Note to Installer Be sure to leave these instructions for the consumer's and local inspector's use.
- Note to Consumer Keep these instructions with your Owner's Manual for future reference.
- Skill Level Installation of this dishwasher requires basic mechanical, electrical and plumbing skills. Proper installation is the responsibility of the installer. Product failure due to improper installation is not covered under the GE Appliance Warranty. See warranty information.
- Completion Time 1 to 3 Hours. New installations require more time than replacement installations.

IMPORTANT – The dishwasher MUST be installed to allow for future removal from the enclosure if service is required.

Care should be exercised when the appliance is installed or removed, to reduce the likelihood of damage to the power supply cord.

If you received a damaged dishwasher, you should immediately contact your dealer or builder.

Optional Accessories – See the Owner's Manual for available custom panel kits.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Read and observe all CAUTIONS and WARNINGS shown throughout these instructions. While performing installations described in this booklet, gloves, safety glasses or goggles should be worn.



READ CAREFULLY. KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS.



Installation Preparation



PREPARE DISHWASHER ENCLOSURE



• The rough cabinet opening must be at least 24" deep, 24" wide and approximately 34-1/2" high from floor to underside of the countertop.

AWARNING:

To reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, or injury to persons, the installer must ensure that the dishwasher is completely enclosed at the time of installation.

- The dishwasher must be installed so that drain hose is no more than 12' in length for proper drainage.
- The dishwasher must be fully enclosed on the top, sides and back, and must not support any part of the enclosure.

CLEARANCES:

- When installed into a corner, allow 2" min. clearance between dishwasher and adjacent cabinet, wall or other appliances. Allow 28-3/8" min. clearance from the front of the dishwasher for door opening. Figure B.
- Allow at least 6" between dishwasher and range or oven appliances.



DRAIN REQUIREMENTS

- Follow local codes and ordinances.
- Do not exceed 15' distance to drain.

NOTE: Air gap must be used, if waste tee or disposer connection is less than 18" above floor to prevent siphoning.

DETERMINE DRAIN METHOD

The type of drain installation depends on the following questions.

• Do local codes or ordinances require an air gap?

• Is waste tee less than 18" above floor?

If the answer to either question is YES, Method 1 MUST be used.

• If the answers are NO, either method may be used.

CABINET PREPARATION

• Drill a 1-1/2" diameter hole in the cabinet wall within the shaded areas shown in Figure A for the drain hose connection. The hole should be smooth with no sharp edges.

IMPORTANT - When

connecting drain line to disposer, check to be sure that drain plug has been removed. DISHWASHER WILL NOT DRAIN IF PLUG IS LEFT IN PLACE.





Figure C

Method 1 – Air Gap with Waste Tee or Disposer

An air gap must be used when required by local codes and ordinances. The air gap must be installed according to manufacturer's instructions.



Method 2 - "High Drain Loop" with Waste Tee or Disposer

Tip: Avoid unnecessary service call charges.

Always be sure disposer drain plug has been removed before attaching dishwasher drain hose to the disposer.

PREPARE ELECTRICAL WIRING

AWARNING:

FOR PERSONAL SAFETY: Remove house fuse or open circuit breaker before beginning installation. Do not use an extension cord or adapter plug with this appliance.

Electrical Requirements

- This appliance must be supplied with 120V, 60 Hz., and connected to an individual properly grounded branch circuit, protected by a 15- or 20-ampere circuit breaker or time-delay fuse.
- Wiring must be 2 wire with ground and rated for 75°C (167°F).
- If the electrical supply does not meet the above requirements, call a licensed electrician before proceeding.

Grounding Instructions-Permanent Connection

This appliance must be connected to a grounded metal, permanent wiring system, or an equipment-grounding conductor must be run with the circuit conductors and be connected to the equipment-grounding terminal or lead on the appliance.

Grounding Instructions-Power Cord Models

This appliance must be grounded. In the event of a malfunction or breakdown, grounding will reduce the risk of electric shock by providing a path of least resistance for electric current. This appliance is equipped with a cord having an equipmentgrounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into an appropriate outlet that is installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.

AWARNING:

The improper connection of the equipment grounding conductor can result in a risk of electric shock. Check with a qualified electrician or service representative if you are in doubt that the appliance is properly grounded.



For models equipped with power cord: Do not modify the plug provided with the appliance; if it will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified technician.

Cabinet Preparation & Wire Routing

- The wiring may enter the opening from either side, rear or the floor within the shaded area illustrated above in Figure E and defined in Figure A.
- Cut a 1-1/2" maximum diameter hole to admit the electrical cable. Edges of hole should be smooth and rounded. Permanent wiring connections may pass through the same hole as the drain hose and hot water line, if convenient. If cabinet wall is metal, the hole edge must be covered with a bushing.

NOTE: Power cords with plug must pass through a separate hole.

Electrical Connection to Dishwasher

Electrical connection is on the right front of dishwasher.

- For permanent connections the cable must be routed as shown in Figure E. Cable must extend a minimum of 24" from the rear wall.
- For power cord connections, install a 3-prong grounding type receptacle in the sink cabinet rear wall, 6" min. or 18" maximum from the opening, 6" to 18" above the floor.
- Use the Power Cord Kit for your dishwasher model.

PREPARE HOT WATER LINE

NOTE: GE recommends copper tubing for the water line, but if you choose to use flexible hose, use GE's **WX28X326**, flexible braided hose.

- The water supply line (3/8" copper tubing or flexible braided hose) may enter from either side, rear or floor within the shaded area shown in Figure F.
- The water supply line may pass through the same hole as the electrical cable and drain hose. Or, cut an additional 1-1/2" diameter hole to accommodate the water line. If power cord with plug is used, water line must not pass through power cord hole.



Water Line Connection

- If using a flexible braided supply hose, label the hose with the installation date to use as reference. Flexible braided hoses should be replaced in 5 years.
- Turn off the water supply.
- Install a hand shut-off valve in an accessible location, such as under the sink. (Optional, but strongly recommended and may be required by local codes.)
- Water connection is on the left side of the dishwasher. Install the hot water inlet line, using no less than 3/8" copper tubing or a flexible braided hose. Route the line as shown in Figure F and extend forward at least 19" from rear wall.
- Adjust water heater for 120°F to 140°F temperature.
- Flush water line to clean out debris.
- The hot water supply line pressure must be 20-120 PSI.

Turn page to begin dishwasher installation.

ACAUTION:

Do not remove wood base until you are ready to install the dishwasher. The dishwasher will tip over when the door is opened if base is removed.

STEP 1: PREPARATION

Locate the items in the installation package:

- Screws
- Junction box cover
- Drain hose and clamp
- Mounting brackets
- Trim pieces (on some models)
- Drain hose hanger
- Owner's Manual
- Product samples and/or coupons

STEP 2: CHECK DOOR BALANCE

NOTE: If installing a Custom Door Panel (available on some models), please follow the instructions found in the Custom Door Panel kit.

• With dishwasher on the wood base, check the door balance by opening and closing the door.



- Door is properly Figure G
 balanced if, when
 opened, it self closes within 20° from vertical, stays in position
 from 20° to 70° and falls fully open beyond 70°.
- If necessary increase or decrease tension as shown. Some models will have 1 spring on each side and other models will have 2 springs on one side and 1 spring on the other side. Latch door and adjust springs to correct balance.



Tip: Make sure door opens and closes smoothly.

Check door opening and closing. If door does not open easily or falls too quickly, check spring cable routing. The cable is held in place by "shoulders" on the pulley. Check to be sure cable has not slipped over the pulley shoulders and is routed as shown.

STEP 3: REMOVE WOOD BASE, INSTALL LEVELING LEGS

IMPORTANT – Do not kick off wood base! Damage will occur.

- Move the dishwasher close to the installation location and lay it on its back.
- Remove the 4 leveling legs on the underside of the wood base with a 15/16" socket wrench.
- Discard base.



• Screw leveling legs back into the dishwasher frame, approximately 1/2" from frame as shown.

NOTE: Some models have rear adjustable leveling wheels, and will not require the 2 rear leveling legs.

STEP 4: REMOVE TOEKICK

• Remove the 2 toekick screws and toekick. Set aside for use in Step 24.



STEP 5: POSITION SOUND BARRIER (on some models)

Skip this step if the sound barrier is not assembled to the dishwasher.

Lift the sound barrier and tape to the door front with masking tape. This will hold the sound barrier up and out of the way during installation.





- Disconnect leak sensor wire (on some models).
- Remove 2 screws from front of the Floor Protect with a 1/4" driver.
- Rotate Floor Protect outward and lift out of the mounting tabs.
- Set aside for use in Step 22.



Bracket

STEP 7: INSTALL 90° ELBOW

- Thread 90° elbow onto the water valve.
- Do not overtighten elbow. Water valve bracket could bend or water valve fitting could break.
- · Position the end of the elbow to face the rear of the dishwasher.



to release snap feature

Figure M

STEP 8: INSTALL DRAIN HOSE TO DRAIN LOOP

Connect drain loop end to drain hose using the screw clamp as shown in the figure.



Figure N

NOTE: The high drain loop on the side of the tub is designed for better wash performance. Do not remove from the side of the tub.

STEP 9: POSITION WATER LINE AND HOUSE WIRING

· Position water supply line and house wiring on the floor of the opening to avoid interference with base of dishwasher and components under dishwasher.



Figure O

STEP 10: INSTALL DRAIN HOSE, THROUGH CABINET

• Position dishwasher in front of cabinet opening. Insert drain hose into the hole in cabinet side. If a power cord is used, guide the end through a separate hole.



Figure P

Tip: Prevent unnecessary service call charges for fill, drain or noise concerns.

Position utility lines so they do not interfere with anything under or behind the dishwasher.

STEP 11: SLIDE DISHWASHER THREE-FOURTHS OF THE WAY INTO CABINET

IMPORTANT – Do not push against front panel with knees. Damage will occur.

• Grasp the sides of the front panel and slide dishwasher into the opening a few inches at a time.



Figure Q

- As you proceed, pull the drain hose through the opening under the sink. Stop pushing when the dishwasher extends about 6 inches forward of adjacent cabinets.
- Make sure drain hose is not kinked under or behind the dishwasher.
- Make certain the house wiring, drain line and water line do not interfere with components under dishwasher.

STEP 12: INSTALL TRIM PIECES

In this step you will need the trim pieces set aside in Step 1.



- Select the top trim piece (See Figure R) and line up center to the top latch. Press the trim piece onto the tub flange moving from one side to the other.
- Select the left trim piece (see Figure R). Align top edge with the top trim and press it onto the left side of the tub flange moving from the top to the bottom. Repeat for the right side tub flange trim piece. (See Figure R for right side trim piece.)

STEP 13: INSTALL MOUNTING BRACKETS

You will need the mounting brackets and 2 #8 hex-head screws set aside in Step 1.

You must install the mounting brackets onto the dishwasher tub frame top *or* sides prior to sliding the dishwasher into place under the countertop. This dishwasher is capable of a true-flush installation at a 24" deep opening. The mounting brackets have several available attachment positions to accommodate different cabinet constructions.

Install mounting brackets on top if the underside of countertop is wood or wood-like material that accepts screws:

IMPORTANT - After installing brackets and before closing the dishwasher door, adjust the brackets by bending them up as needed, so that they do not contact the top of the dishwasher door and cause damage.



 If you are installing the dishwasher under a counter with a short overhang, the countertop brackets may extend beyond the edge of the counter. If this is the case, remove the excess length by repeatedly bending the brackets at the front notch only until they break.

Install mounting brackets on sides *if the countertop is granite or similar material that will not accept wood screws:*

- Break off front portion of the tab with pliers at the location shown.
- Position the left-hand side bracket as shown. Repeat with the right bracket.



STEP 14: PUSH DISHWASHER INTO FINAL POSITION

- · Check the tub insulation blanket, if equipped, to be sure it is smoothly wrapped around the tub. It should not be "bunched up" and it must not interfere with the door springs. If the insulation is "bunched up" or interfering with the springs, straighten and recenter the blanket prior to sliding the dishwasher into its final position.
- Slide the dishwasher into the final position by pushing on the sides of the door panel. Do not use a knee or push on the center of the panel. If you do, damage to the panel will likely result.

IMPORTANT – Before opening the dishwasher door, be certain the edges of the dishwasher door panel are behind the face of the adjacent cabinet and not up against the cabinet face. Refer to Figure U. If the dishwasher door is opened when the edge of the door is against the face of the cabinet, dishwasher door damage and cabinet damage will occur.

• Open and close the dishwasher door to be sure it operates smoothly, and does not rub on the adjacent cabinet.



Figure U

Tip: Prevent unnecessary service charges for panel damage or wash performance.

Check dishwasher alignment prior to opening dishwasher door to prevent panel damage.

Make sure utility lines are not trapped or crushed behind dishwasher. Crushed lines will restrict water flow.

STEP 15: LEVEL DISHWASHER

IMPORTANT – Dishwasher must be level for proper dish rack operation, wash performance and door operation. The dishwasher must be leveled left to right and front to back. This ensures the dish racks will not roll in or out on their own, circulation water will flow to the pump inlet, and the door will close without hitting the side of the tub.

- Remove the lower dish rack and place a level on the door and lower rack track as shown in Figure V.
- If your model has 4 leveling feet, adjust the level of the dishwasher by individually turning the 4 legs on the bottom of the dishwasher as illustrated in Figure W.
- If your model has rear wheels, the height of the wheels are adjusted from the front of the dishwasher along with the 2 front legs

on the bottom of the dishwasher. Begin the leveling process with the front legs by individually turning the front 2 legs. By adjusting the front legs first, access to the rear leveling bolts is maximized easing

rear wheel adjustment. When the front legs are adjusted to a height resulting in an appropriate gap to







Figure W the upper

cabinet, proceed to adjust the rear leveling bolts and wheels. Individually turn the 2 bolts to adjust the rear wheels. Slowly rotate the 2 bolts counter clockwise to raise the dishwasher, and clockwise to lower it. Continue to adjust the feet and wheels until the dishwasher is level as illustrated in Figure W.

- The dishwasher is properly leveled when the level indicator is centered left to right and front to back. Also, the dishwasher door should close without hitting the side of the tub.
- Replace the lower rack.
- Pull each rack out, about halfway. Check to be sure it does not roll back or forward on the door. If the rack moves, adjust leveling leas.

Tip: Prevent unnecessary service charges. Verify dishwasher is leveled.

Pull the dish racks half way out. They should stay put. Open and close the door. The door should fit in the tub opening without hitting the side of the tub. If the racks roll on their own, or the door hits the side of tub, relevel the dishwasher.

STEP 16: POSITION DISHWASHER, SECURE TO COUNTERTOP OR CABINET

In this step you will need the 2 Phillips special head screws from the screws set aside in Step 1.

The dishwasher must be secured to the countertop or the cabinet sides. When the underside of the countertop is wood, use **Method 1**. Use **Method 2** when the underside of the countertop is made of a material, such as granite, that will not accept wood screws.

IMPORTANT – Prevent door panel and control panel damage. Dishwasher must be positioned so the front panel and control panel do not contact the adjacent cabinets or countertop. Mounting screws must be driven straight and flush. Protruding screw heads could scratch the door panel or control panel and interfere with door operation.

Method 1

Secure dishwasher to underside of wood countertop.

- Recheck alignment of the dishwasher in the cabinet. Refer to Steps 14 and 15. Door panel and/or control panel must not hit cabinets or countertop.
- Fasten the dishwasher to the underside of the countertop with the 2 Phillips special head screws. Refer to figure. Make certain screws are driven straight and flush to prevent panel damage.



Method 2

Secure dishwasher to cabinet sides.

- Recheck alignment of the dishwasher in the cabinet. Refer to Steps 14 and 15. Door panel and/or control panel must not hit cabinets or countertop. Remove plug buttons. Do not discard.
- Remove plug buttons. Do not discard.
- Fasten the dishwasher to the adjacent cabinets with the 2 Phillips special head screws provided. Refer to Figure X. Make certain screws are driven straight and flush to prevent panel damage.
- Install plug buttons to the side of the tub in the holes provided.



Solid Surface Countertop

STEP 17: CONNECT WATER SUPPLY

Connect water supply line to 90° elbow.

If using a flexible braided hose connection:

• Attach nut to 90° elbow using an adjustable wrench.

If using a copper tubing connection:

- Slide compression nut, then ferrule over end of water line.
- Insert water line into 90° elbow.
- Slide ferrule against elbow and secure with compression nut.

IMPORTANT – Check to be sure that door spring and/or door spring cable do not rub or contact the fill hose or

water supply line. Hot Water Supply Line Test by opening and Compression 90° Elbow closing the door. Nut Reroute the water supply lines if a \square rubbing noise or interference Ferrule occurs. Figure Y Bottom Left Side

STEP 18: CONNECT DRAIN LINE

The molded end of the drain hose will fit 5/8" through 1" diameter inlet ports on the air gap, waste tee or disposer.

- Determine size of inlet port.
- Cut drain hose connector on the marked line, if required, to fit the inlet port.



Figure Z

IMPORTANT: Do not cut corrugated portion of hose

• If a longer drain hose is required and you did not purchase drain hose GPF12 or WD24X10065, add up to 66" length for a total of 144" (12 feet) to the factory-installed hose. Use 5/8" or 7/8" inside diameter hose and a coupler to connect



NOTE: TOTAL DRAIN HOSE LENGTH MUST NOT EXCEED 15 FEET FOR PROPER DRAIN OPERATION.

Figure X

STEP 18: CONNECT DRAIN LINE (Cont.)

• Connect drain line to air gap, waste tee or disposer using the previously determined method. Secure hose with a screw-type clamp.

Method 1 - Air gap with waste tee or disposer





Waste Tee Installation

Disposer Installation

Figure AB

Method 2 - "High drain loop" with waste tee or disposer

With this method you will need the drain hose hanger set aside in Step 1.

Fasten drain hose to underside of countertop with the provided hanger.





Waste Tee Installation

Disposer Installation

IMPORTANT – When connecting drain line to disposer, check to be sure that drain plug has been removed. DISHWASHER WILL NOT DRAIN IF PLUG IS LEFT IN PLACE.



Tip: Avoid unnecessary service call charges for a no drain complaint.

Make sure excess drain hose has been pulled through the cabinet opening. This will prevent excess hose in the dishwasher cavity from becoming kinked or crushed by the dishwasher.

STEP 19: CONNECT POWER SUPPLY

If a power cord with plug is already installed proceed to Step 20.

AWARNING:

If house wiring is not 2-wire with ground, a ground must be provided by the installer. When house wiring is aluminum, be sure to use UL-Listed anti-oxidant compound and aluminum-to-copper connectors.

In this step you will need the junction box cover and the #10 Hex head screw from the screws set aside in Step 1.

- Secure house wiring to the back of the junction box with a strain relief.
- Locate the 3 dishwasher wires, (white, black and green) with the stripped ends coming out of the AC jumper. Use UL listed wire nuts of appropriate size to connect incoming ground to green, white to white and black to black.
- Install the junction box cover using #10 hex head screw. Check to be sure that wires are not pinched under the cover.
- Make sure that the junction box cover is resting on the mounting bracket.
- If using a Power Cord Kit, please refer to the included instructions.

NOTE: Do not remove the Junction Box Bracket.



STEP 20: PRETEST CHECKLIST

Review this list after installing your dishwasher to avoid charges for a service call that is not covered by your warranty.

- Check to be sure power is OFF.
- Open door and remove all foam and paper packaging.
- Locate the Owner's Manual set aside in Step 1.
- Read the Owner's Manual for operating instructions.
- Check door opening and closing. If door does not open and close freely, check for proper routing of spring cable over pulley. If door drops or closes when released, adjust spring tension. See Step 2.
- Check to be sure that wiring is secure under the dishwasher, not pinched or in contact with door springs or other components. See Step 19.
- Check door alignment with tub. If door hits tub, level dishwasher. See Step 15.
- Check door alignment with cabinet. If door hits cabinet, reposition dishwasher. See Step 14.
- Check that door spring does not contact water line, fill hose, wiring or other components. See Step 14.
- Verify water supply and drain lines are not kinked or in contact with other components. Contact with motor or dishwasher frame could cause noise.
- Turn on the sink hot water faucet and verify water temperature. Incoming water temperature must be between 120°F and 140°F. A minimum of 120°F temperature is required for best wash performance. See "Prepare Hot Water Line," page 5.
- Add 1 quart of water to the bottom of the dishwasher to lubricate the pump seal.
- Turn on water supply. Check for leaks. Tighten connections if needed.
- Remove protective film if present from the control panel and door.

STEP 21: DISHWASHER WET TEST

- Turn on power supply or plug power cord into outlet, if equipped.
- Select a cycle to run and push the Start button.
- Ensure the door is latched. Dishwasher should start.
- Check to be sure that water enters the dishwasher. If water does not enter the dishwasher, check to be sure that water and power are turned on.
- Check for leaks under the dishwasher. If a leak is found, turn off power at the breaker, and then tighten water connections. Restore power after leak is corrected.
- Check for leaks around the door. A leak around the door could be caused by door rubbing or hitting against adjacent cabinets. Reposition the dishwasher if necessary. See Step 14.
- Press and hold the **Start** button for 3 seconds to cancel the cycle. The unit will begin to drain. Check drain lines. If leaks are found, turn off power at the breaker and correct plumbing as necessary. Restore power after corrections are made. See Steps 8, 10, 11 and 18.
- Open dishwasher door and make sure all of the water has drained. If not, check that disposer plug has been removed and/or air gap is not plugged. Also check drain hose to be sure it is not kinked underneath or behind dishwasher. See Step 18.
- Press **Start** button once again and run dishwasher through another cycle. Check for leaks and correct if required.
- Repeat this step as necessary.

STEP 22: REPLACE FLOOR PROTECT (on some models)

- Slide Floor Protect under dishwasher.
- Angle the rear back edge of the Floor Protect upwards to engage mounting tabs.
- Lift front of drip tray and secure with 2 screws.
- Connect leak sensor connector to leak sensor.



AWARNING:

When reinstalling the floor protect pan, make certain that the screws have been fully secured. This will ensure that if the unit is properly grounded, that the floor protect pan will also be grounded.

STEP 23: POSITION INSULATION, PRE-TOEKICK, AND SOUND BARRIER (on some models)

Skip this step if the sound insulation package is not supplied with the dishwasher.

• Locate the sound insulation package and pre-toekick packages inside the dishwasher.





• Push insulation block portion under the dishwasher until it is beneath the control box.



• Push the panel portion up to the front of the block.



Push the sides of the insulation behind the toekick attachment screw holes

- Tuck the sides of the front panel behind the toekick attachment screw holes.
- Open door all the way, if the door doesn't stay fully open, adjust the insulation panel.
- On models so equipped, position pre-toekick over the insulation. Align the screw holes with the screw holes on the legs of the dishwasher.



• On models so equipped, remove the masking tape from the sound barrier and door front. Position the sound barrier over the insulation.



STEP 24: REPLACE TOEKICK

• Place toekick against the pre-toekick (on some models) and legs of the dishwasher.



Figure AH

- Align the toekick with the bottom edge and make sure it is against the floor.
- Insert and tighten the 2 toekick attachment screws. The toekick should stay in contact with the floor.
- When reinstalling the toe kick on models with a sound barrier, ensure that the bottom edge of the rubberized flap is flush with the floor. Any excess material should be tucked up behind the outer door. Do not allow excess rubberized flap to lay on the floor. If any excess is not tucked completely behind the outer door, it will bunch up between the door and toe kick and impede proper opening and closing of the door. This will be noticeable because the door will not stay fully open and will spring up.

Tip: Reduce sound from under the dishwasher. Make sure toekick is against floor.

STEP 25: LITERATURE

• Be sure to leave complete literature package, these Installation Instructions and product samples and/or coupons with the consumer.

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