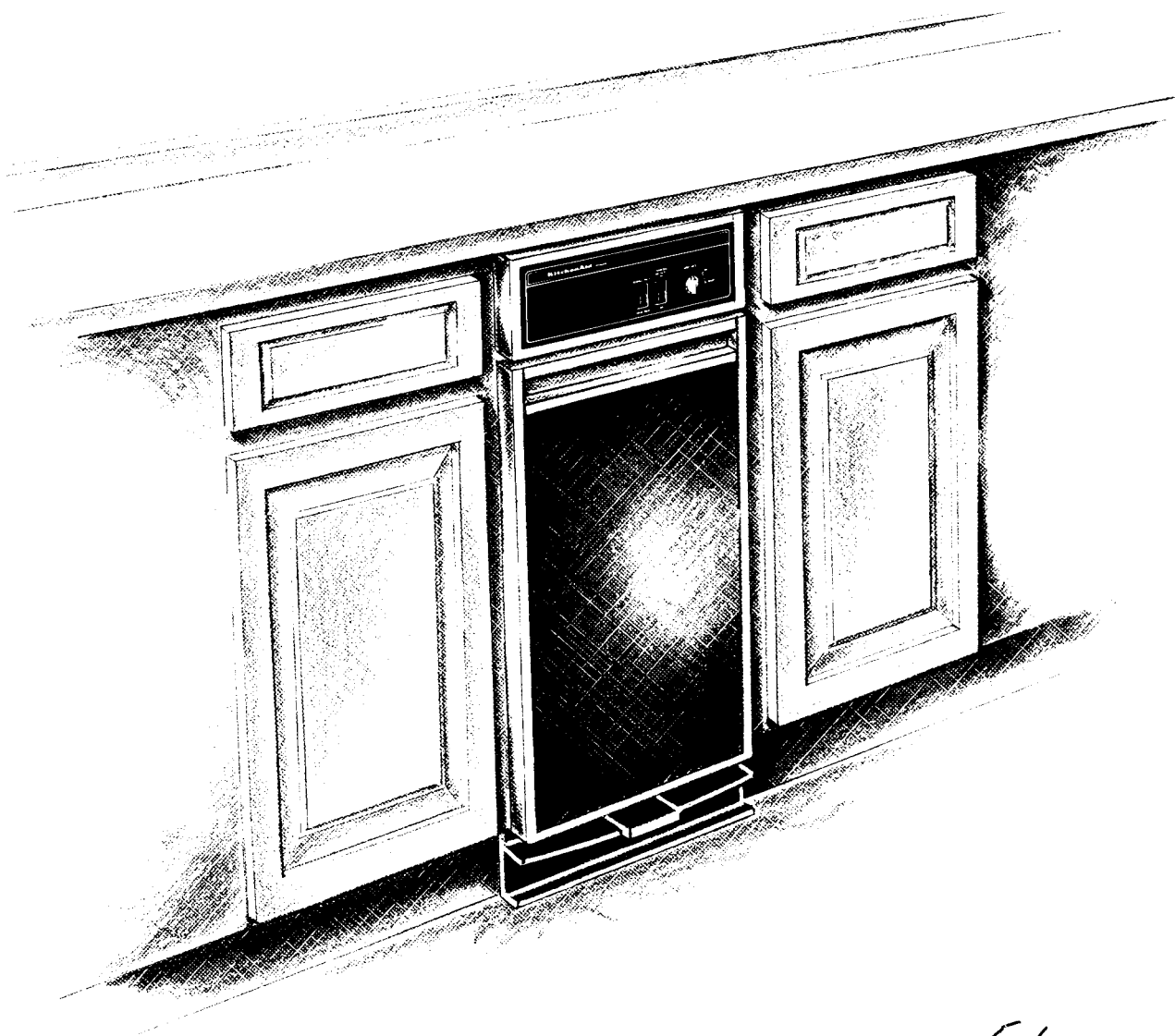


# **KitchenAid<sup>®</sup>**

*Compactor*

**Model KUCC151**



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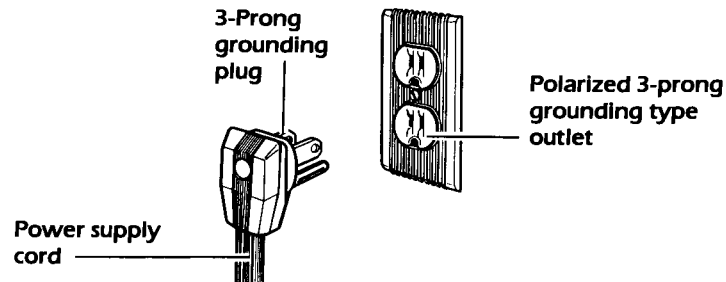
## **USE and CARE GUIDE**

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## Grounding Instructions



The compactor is for use on a single phase, 115-volt, 60 Hz, AC only 15 or 20 ampere fused and properly grounded circuit and is equipped with a grounding plug as shown above. Time delay fuse or circuit breaker is recommended. It is recommended that a separate circuit serving only this appliance be provided. For your personal safety, the compactor must be grounded. In the event of an electrical short circuit, grounding reduces the risk of electric shock by providing an escape wire for the electric current. This appliance is equipped with a polarized 3-prong grounding plug. It must be plugged into a correctly polarized mating 3-prong grounding type outlet, properly installed and

grounded in accordance with the National Electrical Code and local codes and ordinances. No adapter should be used with this appliance.

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Electrical Shock Hazard**  
Do not modify the power supply plug provided with the compactor. If it will not fit the outlet, or if you are in doubt as to whether the wall outlet is properly grounded, check with a qualified electrician. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or personal injury.

# Important Safety Instructions

## **!WARNING**

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons when using your compactor, follow basic precautions, including the following:

- Read all instructions before using the compactor.
- Close supervision of children is necessary when the compactor is used near children.
- Do not allow compactor to be used as a toy, or to run unattended at any time. Lock key switch when not in use and store key out of reach of children.
- Do not touch moving parts.
- Have appliance examined, repaired or adjusted by an authorized serviceman.
- Do not compact:
  - lighted cigarettes, cigars or other hot or burning items.
  - any container or aerosol can containing insecticide, hair spray, paint, engine starting fluid or other poisonous, toxic, or explosive products.
  - volatile flammable material such as oily rags, thinner, etc., which would create a fire hazard or explosion.
- Do not take apart this appliance. Incorrect reassembly can cause electric shock when subsequently used.
- Use only for intended use as described in this manual. Do not use other than manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- Never lift the bag by the sides. Broken glass or other sharp objects in the bag can cause injury.
- This compactor is designed for household use only.
- Unplug compactor from electrical outlet before servicing.
- The compactor must be electrically grounded. See the grounding instructions.
- Do not overload trash bag with heavy material such as glass.
- Never operate the compactor if:
  - it is not working right.
  - it is damaged.
  - parts are missing.
  - the cord set, plug or motor is damaged in any manner.
- Never use or store flammable fluids (dry cleaning solvents, gasoline, kerosene, etc.) in or near your compactor. These substances give off vapors that can create a fire hazard or explosion.
- See Installation Instructions.

## **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Additional Safety Instructions and Your Responsibilities**

- Do not shove items down into the compactor with hands or feet. Let the compactor do the compacting.

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- Always place glass bottles, etc., on their sides in the center of the drawer. The waste paper below and beside the bottle can help keep broken glass near center of bag.
- Do not install or store compactor where it will be exposed to the weather.
- You are responsible for making sure that your compactor:
  - is used only for jobs normally expected of home compactors.
  - is properly installed and leveled on a floor that can support its weight.

## Ownership Registration

Please fill out and mail your ownership registration card packed with the Use and Care Guide. This card will enable us to contact you in the unlikely event of a product safety notification and assist us in complying with the provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act. Return of this card is not necessary to validate your warranty.

You must provide proof of purchase or installation date for in-warranty service.

Write down the following information. You will need it if the compactor ever requires service.

**Model Number\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Serial Number\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Purchased** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Installed** \_\_\_\_\_

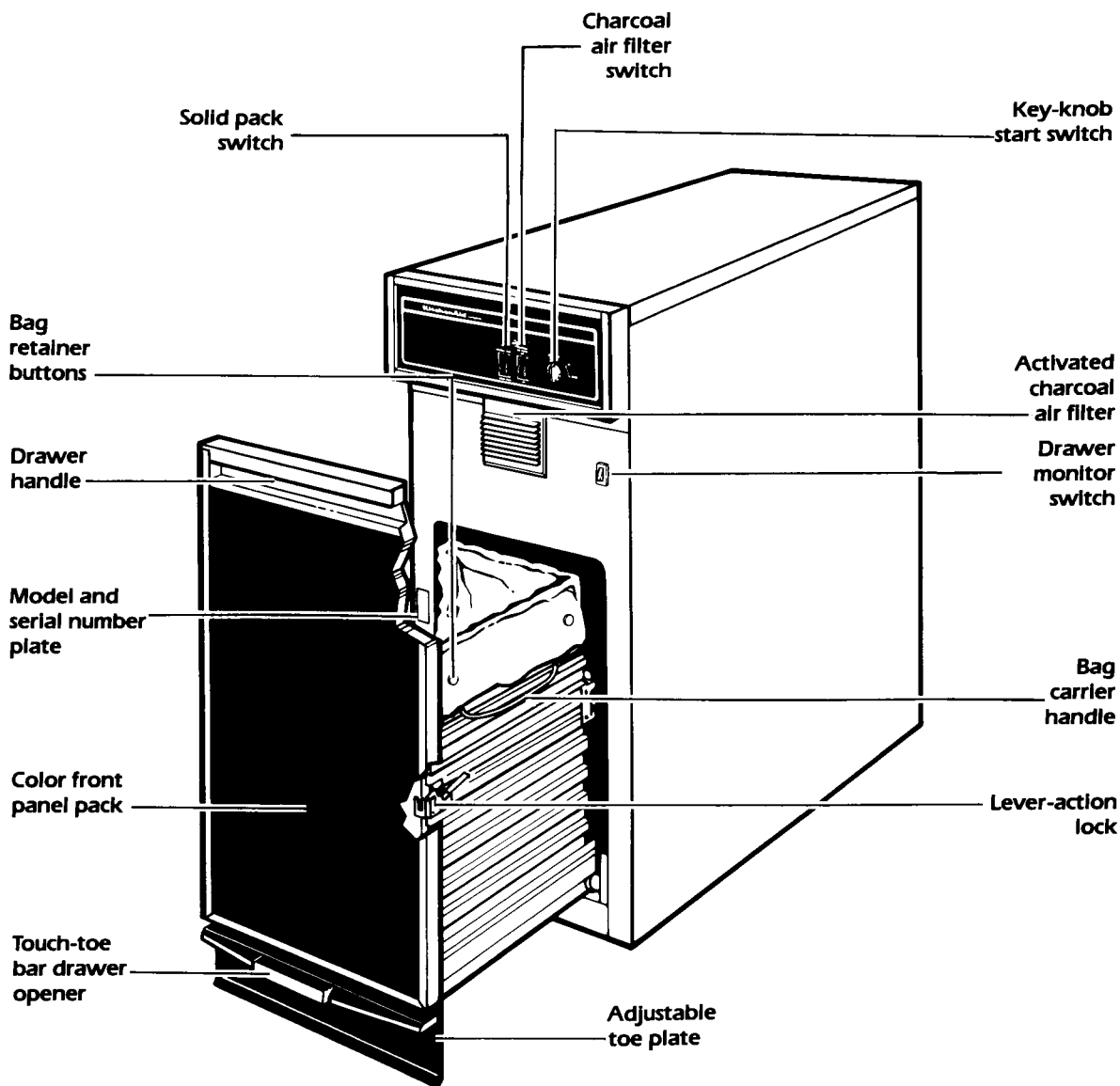
**Builder's or Dealer's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Model and serial numbers are located on a nameplate as shown on page 5.

# Compactor Features

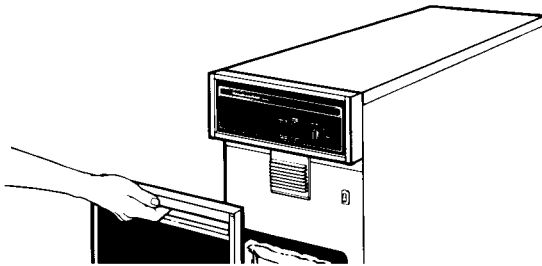


# Compactor Accessories

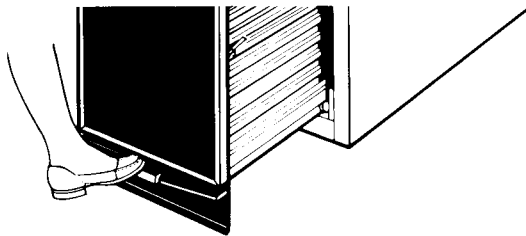
<p>Trim Kit (Part No. 4164698)</p>	<p>This stainless steel trim kit will accept panels for a custom-designed compactor front. See page 10.</p>
<p>Re-usable Container (Part No. 882653)</p>	<p>An alternative to disposable bags, the container can be emptied into a trash can or carried out for trash pickup.</p>

# Using the Compactor

## Open the Drawer



- Lift and pull the handle.
- OR**



- Press the Touch-Toe Bar to open the drawer.

## Add the Trash

- Wrap or cover wet or messy trash.
- Load bottles or cans on their sides in the **center** of the drawer.
- Do not compact items that may develop offensive odors such as raw meat, fish, grapefruit rinds, disposable diapers, or personal hygiene items.

## Close the Drawer

Set switch to **NORMAL PACK**, turn the Key-Knob to **START**, and release.

- The compactor will stop at the end of the cycle.
- To remove the Key-Knob, turn it to **STOP/LOCK**.
- Remove and store Key-Knob in a safe place out of children's reach.
- To stop the compactor during a cycle, turn the Key-Knob to **STOP/LOCK**. Then turn it to **ON**. The compacting ram will rise. When it stops, you can open the drawer.

## **!** WARNING

### Fire Or Personal Injury Hazard

- Do not compact any container, aerosol cans or cloths which might contain insecticide, hair spray, engine starting fluid, paints, liquids, thinners or any other poisonous or explosive products. Failure to do so may result in a fire hazard or explosion.
- Broken glass or sharp edges may be present in trash. Do not shove items down into compactor with feet or hands. Failure to do so may result in personal injury.

## Solid Pack Cycle

This cycle extends the use of a bag, by putting constant pressure on the trash to keep it from springing back. Regular use of SOLID PACK can increase bag capacity up to 20%.

During SOLID PACK the ram will stay in the **down** position for extra compacting. While in SOLID PACK, a red indicator will show on the Solid Pack Switch. The drawer **cannot** be opened when the ram is down. For best results, use SOLID PACK for at least ½ hour at a time.

### To use SOLID PACK:

1. Move switch to SOLID PACK position.
2. Turn the Key-Knob to START and release.
3. To raise the ram, turn the Key-Knob to START **or** move the switch back to NORMAL PACK.

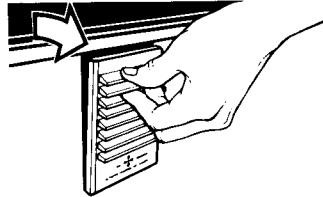
**IMPORTANT:** Fully compacted trash bags will be heavier than normal. Handle with care.

## Charcoal Air Filter

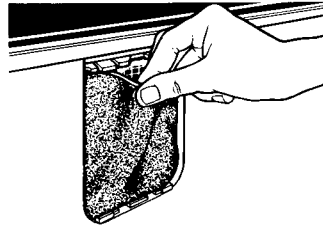
The fan powered CHARCOAL AIR FILTER absorbs and minimizes odor. The degree of odor in the compactor depends on the type of trash placed in it. Length of time before the filter needs to be replaced varies with the type of trash compacted. Under normal use the filter should be replaced once or twice per year.

To use the fan and filter, move the CHARCOAL AIR FILTER switch to the ON position. The fan creates air movement for odor removal. When the Key Knob Start Switch is in the OFF position, the filter fan is still working to remove odors.

### To change the CHARCOAL AIR FILTER:



1. Insert fingertips in the Air Filter Cover and pull until the side cover tabs release. Lift cover to release the bottom tabs.

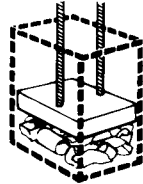


2. Remove the Air Filter by pulling the top edge of the filter. The filter should pull out easily. Throw away used filter.
3. To replace, push the replacement filter into place. Insert the bottom tabs of the Air Filter Cover, then snap the side tabs into place.

To order replacement charcoal air filters, part number 4151750, complete and return order form included with compactor. For additional ordering information call KitchenAid Consumer Assistance Center, 1-800-422-1230.

## How the Compactor Works (in NORMAL PACK)

The ram does not start compacting the trash until the load is about  $\frac{1}{3}$  full. You will not see compacting with the first few loadings.



You may hear a noise when glass breaks. Strong glass bottles may not break at all.



The trash in a full compactor bag will be about  $\frac{1}{4}$  the size of the original bulk. Bottles or cans not placed in the center may become caught between the ram and the drawer. The Drawer Monitor Switch senses a "misload" and causes the ram to return to the "up" position without compacting. Rearrange bulky items, i.e. large bottles and cans, on their side in the center of the drawer.

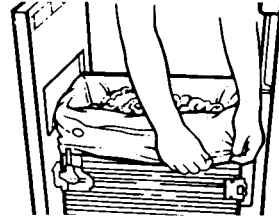
### Removing a Filled Bag

When the trash is compacted to the top of the drawer, remove the bag. If the bag is too heavy, compact less before emptying in the future.

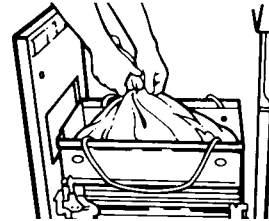
### **! WARNING**

**Personal Injury Hazard**  
Sharp objects may protrude through bag after removal from compactor. Handle bag carefully. Failure to do so may result in personal injury.

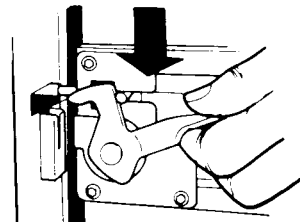
1. Pull the drawer completely open.



2. Remove top of bag from bag retainer buttons. Pull up all 4 bag cuffs.

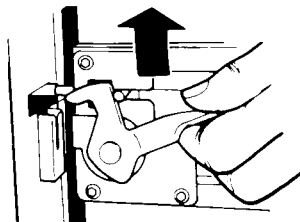


3. Close bags with twist ties provided.



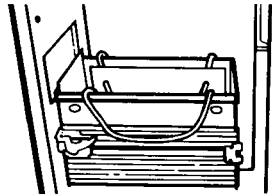
4. Lift bag carrier handles and hold. Release side of drawer by opening the lever-action lock at the right front. Lift bag and carrier out of drawer.

### Installing a New Bag

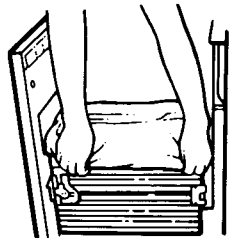


1. Push side of drawer closed. Latch the drawer side by pushing the lever-action lock up.

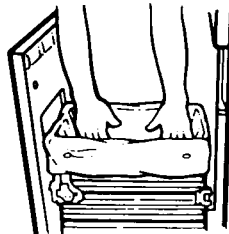




2. Fit the bag carrier in the drawer as shown.



3. Place folded bag into the drawer. Open bag and pull top edges over the drawer top.
4. Lock bag in place by pulling the 4 prepunched holes over the bag retainer buttons. Holes will expand over the buttons without harming the bag.



5. Press inside of bag against the drawer bottom, sides and corners for a smooth fit.

### Bag Supply

A special type of bag has been designed for use in the compactor. Do not use grocery bags, plastic waste containers, etc., instead of the compactor bags. They are not strong enough or large enough to hold compacted trash.

To order additional bags, contact your local KitchenAid dealer or call 1-800-422-1230.

## Cleaning the Compactor

### ⚠ WARNING

**Personal Injury Hazard**  
Wear protective gloves when cleaning the inside of the compactor. Failure to do so may result in cuts if bits of broken glass are present.

Before cleaning the compactor, turn the Key-Knob to the STOP/LOCK position and remove.

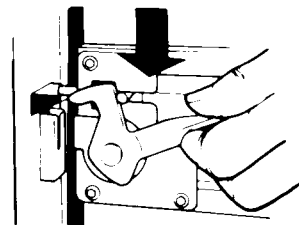
If you will be away for a few days, remove the compactor bag. Lock the compactor and remove the Key-Knob. Store the Key-Knob in a safe place.

### Clean Exterior Surfaces

- Wipe outside with warm, sudsy water and a damp cloth. Rinse and dry with a soft cloth.
- Wipe up spills right away. Some foods can damage the finish if left on the compactor surface.

### Clean Inside the Drawer

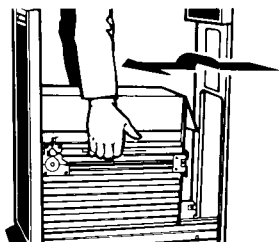
- Wear protective gloves. There may be bits of glass in the drawer.



- Press lever-action lock down.
- Hold lock and tilt side of drawer until the lock clears the drawer front.  
**OPTION:** Drawer side can be removed by tilting it out, then lifting out.
- Wash with a damp cloth using warm, sudsy water. Rinse and dry with a soft cloth.
- If drawer side was removed, slide it back into the tilted position.
- Press the lever-action lock down while pushing the side to the upright position.
- Lock the lever-action lock.

## Cleaning the Compactor (Continued)

### Remove Drawer to Clean Cabinet Interior



- Pull the drawer out until it stops.  
(Before removing the drawer, note which tracks the drawer rollers move on.)
- Lift the front to clear the drawer stops.
- Grasp the drawer on the sides.
- Pull it out the rest of the way.
- Set drawer down gently.

### Wipe Off the Ram Cover

- Wear protective gloves.
- Wipe glass particles off ram cover with a cloth or paper towels.
- Use warm sudsy water to remove foods. Rinse and dry with a soft cloth.

### Clean Inside the Cabinet

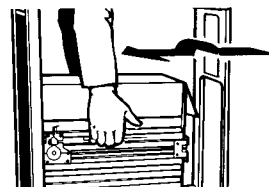
- Wear protective gloves.
- Vacuum inside of cabinet. Liquid spills or wet trash should be cleaned up by hand or use a vacuum designed to pick up liquids.
- Wash, rinse and dry inside.

### To Replace Drawer

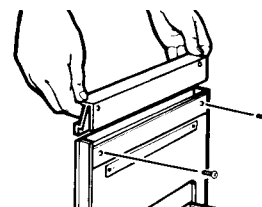
- Grasp the drawer sides.
- Insert the drawer rollers on to the tracks.
- Lift the drawer to clear stop tabs, then push drawer in.

## Changing Compactor Front Panels

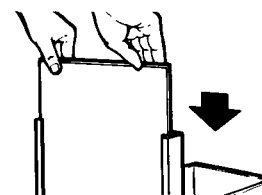
To change the color of the compactor's front panel, follow these directions. All you need is a medium sized screwdriver.



- Slide out the drawer until it stops.
- Lift front to clear stops.
- Pull straight out.



- Remove two screws shown.
- Remove handle.



## ⚠ WARNING

**Personal Injury Hazard**  
Do not handle front panels carelessly when changing; metal edge could cause injury.

- Install desired color panel in front, behind drawer trim. Be careful – edges may be sharp.
- Reinstall the remaining color panels between cardboard spacers.
- Make sure panels are all the way down and a cardboard spacer is placed at the rear.
- Replace handle and screws.
- Replace the drawer (see "To Replace Drawer" on this page).

**OPTION:** Match your kitchen's color scheme by replacing color panels with your own creation (wallpaper, paneling or cabinet front). See Installation Instructions.

# For Service or Assistance

## Follow These Steps

1. If your compactor should fail to operate, review the following list before calling your dealer. You could save the cost of a service call.

### If the compactor won't operate:

- Is the power cord plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage?
- Have you checked your home's main fuses or circuit breaker box?
- Is the drawer completely closed?
- Is the Key-Knob turned all the way to START before it is released?

### Drawer won't open:

- Drawer will open only when ram is all the way up.
- To raise the ram, turn the Key-Knob to START and release or move the cycle selector from SOLID PACK to NORMAL PACK.

### If trash is not compacting:

- Is the drawer loaded properly? If anything gets between the ram and the drawer, the ram will return to the "up" position, without compacting.
- Drawer must be at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  full before compactor will compact.

### Not enough compaction or force:

- Compacting works best when only a few items are loaded. Use the compacting cycle frequently.

### Bottles don't break:

- Not all bottles will break every time, depending on the bottle and the trash load below it.

2. If the problem is not due to one of the items in step 1:

- Call KitchenAid Consumer Assistance Center toll-free:

**1-800-422-1230**

and talk with one of our trained consultants. The consultant can instruct you how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance or, if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.

- If you prefer, write to:

Consumer Assistance Center  
KitchenAid  
P.O. Box 558  
St. Joseph, MI 49085-0558

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

3. If you need service:

- Call your dealer or the repair service he recommends.
- All service should be handled locally by the dealer from whom you purchased the unit or an authorized KitchenAid servicer.
- If you are unable to obtain the name of a local authorized KitchenAid servicer, call our Consumer Assistance Center telephone number (see Step 2).

4. If you are not satisfied with the action taken:

- Contact the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel (MACAP). MACAP is a group of consumer experts which voices consumer views at the highest levels of the major appliance industry.
- Contact MACAP only when the dealer, authorized servicer, and KitchenAid have failed to resolve your problem.

Major Appliance Consumer  
Action Panel  
20 North Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60606

- MACAP will in turn inform us of your action.

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## Compactor Warranty

LENGTH OF WARRANTY:	KITCHENAID WILL PAY FOR:	KITCHENAID WILL NOT PAY FOR:
<b>ONE YEAR FULL WARRANTY FROM DATE OF PURCHASE.</b>	Replacement parts and repair labor costs to correct defects in materials or workmanship. Service must be provided by an authorized KitchenAid servicing outlet.	A. Service calls to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Correct the installation of the compactor.</li> <li>2. Instruct you how to use the compactor.</li> <li>3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring.</li> </ol> B. Repairs when compactor is used in other than normal home use. C. Damage resulting from accident, alteration, misuse, abuse, improper installation or installation not in accordance with local electrical codes. D. Any labor costs during limited warranty. E. Replacement parts or repair labor costs for units operated outside the United States. F. Pickup and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home. G. Repairs to parts or systems caused by unauthorized modifications made to the appliance.
<b>SECOND THROUGH FIFTH YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY FROM DATE OF INSTALLATION FOR MODEL KUCS181T ONLY.</b>	Replacement parts for the one-half horse power motor to correct defects in materials or workmanship.	

**KITCHENAID DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.** Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so this exclusion or limitation may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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