



Appliance age cheat sheet

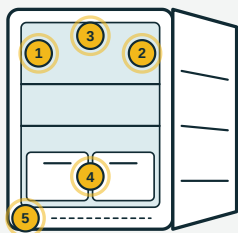
Find the label and record the numbers before you check the date and recalls

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1 Where the model & serial label is

Refrigerator

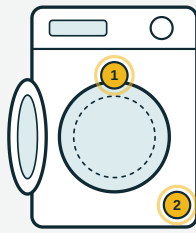
REFRIGERATOR · DOOR OPEN



1. Upper left wall inside (Whirlpool, Samsung, newer LG)
2. Upper right wall inside (LG, Frigidaire)
3. Ceiling of the fridge section (GE, Kenmore)
4. Around the crisper drawers (GE, Kenmore)
5. Outside, low on the front (Samsung 2nd label, GE)

Front-load washer

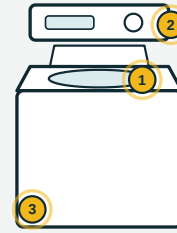
FRONT-LOAD WASHER · DOOR OPEN



1. Rim of the door opening (most brands)
2. Outside, lower front corner (some GE)

Top-load washer

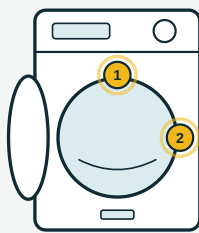
TOP-LOAD WASHER · LID OPEN



1. Under the lid, tub rim or back of the opening
2. Back panel (GE, LG, Samsung)
3. Outside, lower corner (some GE)

Dryer

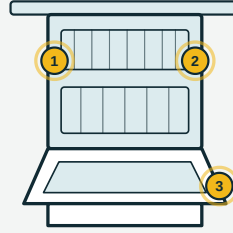
DRYER · DOOR OPEN



1. Rim of the door opening (most brands)
2. Side of the drum opening (GE)

Dishwasher

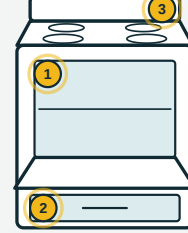
DISHWASHER · DOOR OPEN



1. Left edge of the tub frame (Whirlpool, GE, Samsung)
2. Right edge of the tub frame (GE, Frigidaire)
3. Edge of the door (LG, Bosch, Frigidaire)

Range / oven

RANGE · DOOR OPEN



1. Oven door frame, door open (most brands)
2. Storage-drawer frame, drawer out
3. Under the cooktop / behind the panel (some GE)

2 Record before you check

Photograph the whole label. The **model number** is for parts, manuals and recall matching; the **serial number** (or Bosch FD number) carries the build date. Don't remove panels to find a label; use the manual. A purchase date is not the manufacture date.

Appliance	Brand	Model number	Serial number / FD number
Printed manufacture date (if any)	Decoded build date	Recall check result	Notes / condition



Scan to decode a serial number and check recalls

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U.S. appliances. Free to print and hand out unchanged. Label locations from the manufacturers' own help pages (Whirlpool, GE, LG, Samsung, Frigidaire, Bosch) and Sears PartsDirect for Kenmore; exact spots vary by model. Updated 29 Sept 2026.



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3 Read the build date (highlighted characters carry the date)

Whirlpool · Maytag · KitchenAid · Amana · JennAir

2nd character = year, next 2 digits = week

C 6 08 42986

6 = 2016 · week 08 = Feb 2016

Digit years = the 2010s in this modern format · X A B C D E F G H J = 2020s (or 1990s) · K L M P R S T U W Y = 2000–2009. Older serials ending in two letters use the legacy Maytag code

GE · Hotpoint · Café · Monogram

1st letter = month, 2nd letter = year

Z R 525322

Z = Dec · R = 1996 / 2008 / 2020

A D F G H L M R S T V Z = Jan–Dec · same letters = 2001–2012, +12 each cycle

Samsung

15 characters: 8th = year, 9th = month

0ARV5BB J 4 00798K

J = 2017 · 4 = April

R T W X Y = 2021–25 (or 2001–05) · B C D F G H J K M N = 2011–2020 · months 1–9, A B C = Oct Nov Dec

LG

First 3 digits: year digit, then month

4 10 KRXX...

4 = 2014 / 2024 · 10 = October

Decade repeats every 10 years

Frigidaire · Electrolux

3rd character = year digit, 4th–5th = week

4D 7 29 04857

7 = 2007 / 2017 · week 29 = July (this documented unit: 2017)

Decade repeats every 10 years · if the plate prints a full date, use it

Bosch · Thermador

FD number, not the serial

FD 91 11

91 + 1920 = 2011 · 11 = Nov

00–09 = 2020–2029

Kenmore

No code of its own

Model 110.xxxx

110 = built by Whirlpool

106 110 664 665 = Whirlpool · 253 417 587 = Frigidaire · 795 796 = LG · 363 = GE

4 Code could mean two years?

GE letters repeat every 12 years, LG and Frigidaire digits every 10, Samsung's R T W X Y every 20. No receipt needed:

1. A date printed on the rating plate settles it
2. Print date in the owner's manual (supporting evidence)
3. Model's sale period on the maker's site
4. Features and styling (Wi-Fi, touch display) narrow the decade; they don't confirm the date

Exclude dates in the future.

5 Typical lifespan

Refrigerator		12 yrs (9–13)
Washer		10 yrs (5–15)
Dryer		13 yrs (10–14)
Dishwasher		10 yrs (9–15)
Range		15 yrs (13–17)

0 5 10 15 years

Sources: NAHB/BoA 2007, InterNACHI, Consumer Reports, ENERGY STAR, US DOE 2024. Not a prediction for one unit.

6 Check recalls

Scan the QR code below or go to **appliancecheckup.com/appliance-recall-check** and enter the model number. It searches every U.S. CPSC appliance recall notice (refreshed daily) and links the official one.

Confirm the model and serial range on that notice. No match is not proof of safety.

What the age means

Under half the typical lifespan: early in its life.**Past halfway:** budget for wear.**At or past typical:** may keep going, but plan for replacement.

Averages; care, use and model matter.



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Basis: GE and LG publish their date rules; Bosch documents the FD number; the other rules come from independent references cross-checked against documented units, plus US CPSC recall records for Samsung. Every figure is sourced on the web page (scan the code). Estimates from published data: not an inspection, warranty or appraisal. Updated 29 Sept 2026.