



Upright Freezer



MODEL: GDUF51

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Outside Back Cover

Instruction Manual

Item No.: 721554  
5.1 Cu. Ft. Capacity  
120V~, 60Hz, 115W

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Thank you for purchasing your Upright Freezer by Montgomery Ward®. We guarantee that it will perform to the highest standard, time after time, with all the convenience, easy cleanup and durability you rely on from Wards.

Your new Upright Freezer will conveniently store all of your favorite frozen foods. The adjustable temperature gives you the control you need. The freezer's leveling legs and wheels make movement smooth and easy.

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### PLEASE SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

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## Important Safeguards

### PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE

Basic safety precautions should always be followed when using the Upright Freezer.

**WARNING: Before discarding this appliance, remove the door and leave shelves in place to avoid child entrapment.**

**WARNING: TO AVOID THE RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK, ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE PRODUCT IS UNPLUGGED FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET BEFORE ASSEMBLING, DISASSEMBLING OR RELOCATING. DO NOT TRY TO SERVICE THIS PRODUCT YOURSELF.**

**Caution: If freezer has been tilted at an angle greater than 45°, wait 8 hours before plugging in unit. Failure to follow this caution could result in permanent damage to the cooling unit.**

1. To protect against electrical shock, do not place cord, plug or appliance in water or other liquid.
2. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children. Do not allow children to climb inside of appliance.
3. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before moving. Always unplug using the plug and not by pulling on the cord.
4. Never connect or disconnect plug with wet hands.
5. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Call our toll-free customer service number for information regarding returning or replacing the product.
6. Maintain a ventilation clearance of at least 3 inches around all sides of appliance.
7. Do not install outdoors or in any area where the ambient temperature is below 55° F.
8. Do not use appliance for anything other than its intended use.
9. Only position on a solid, level surface.
10. Do not allow unit to rest on power cord.
11. Never carry, push or pull the appliance by the door.
12. Do not move or tilt while in operation.
13. If the refrigerant leaks, do not plug in or unplug appliance, as this may cause a fire hazard.

## Important Safeguards (cont'd)

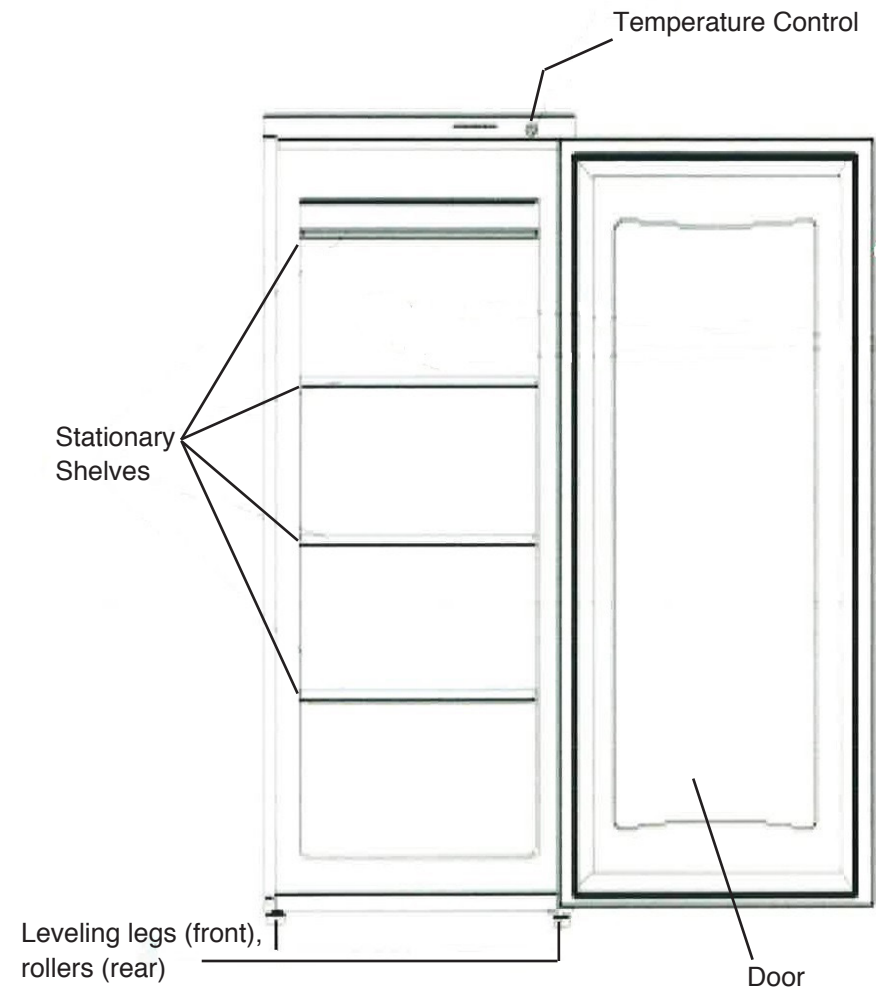
14. Never install the unit where it could be subjected to:
  - Other products that produce heat (furnace, stove, dishwasher, etc.).
  - Flammable materials, including liquids.
  - Excessive dust.
  - Mechanical vibration or shock.
  - Moisture.
15. Never store carbonated beverages, paint, gasoline, oil or other flammable liquids in freezer.
16. Never put glass in the freezer, as the glass can crack, break or explode.
17. Defrost unit only according to the instructions in this manual.
18. Take care not to damage the refrigerant circuits located on each shelf.

## 3-Prong Plug

This appliance has a 3-prong (grounding) plug for use in a 3-prong (grounding) outlet to minimize the possibility of electric shock. This appliance should only be used with a 120V, 60Hz grounded outlet. Failure to follow these instructions could result in fire, electrical shock, serious injury, or death.

If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, contact a qualified electrician to install a 3-prong (grounding) outlet. Do not attempt to modify the plug in any way. Do not use an adapter or an extension cord. Failure to follow these instructions could result in fire, electrical shock, serious injury or death.

## Parts & Features



## Installation

1. After unpacking, dispose of all packing materials in accordance with local ordinances. Be sure to slide out and remove the plastic or foam guard used to protect the compressor during shipping.
2. Position the freezer on a solid, level surface. Use leveling legs on front, if necessary, to ensure the appliance is level. Turn leveling legs clockwise to raise unit and counter-clockwise to lower.
3. Freezer should have a minimum of 3 inches of clearance around the entire unit to allow for adequate ventilation.
4. Clean the inside of the freezer, prior to use, by following the instructions in the Cleaning and Maintenance section.
5. Before installing the door handle: please refer to the Door Reversal section if you would like to open the door from the opposite side.
6. Install the handle on the door using the screws, provided. Cover the screws with the stopples (screw covers). Use the additional stopples to cover the handle openings on the other side of the door.
7. Allow the freezer to stand for 2 hours prior to plugging in.

**Caution:** If freezer has been tilted at an angle greater than 45°, wait 8 hours before plugging in unit. Failure to follow this caution could result in permanent damage to the cooling unit.

8. Adjust the temperature to the recommended setting and wait 24 hours before putting food into the freezer.

**NOTE:** Setting the temperature control to OFF does not remove power from the freezer, it only stops the cooling.

**NOTE:** Bubbling sounds or slight vibrations are the result of refrigerant circulating through the cooling coils – this is normal. The temperature control will make a clicking sound as it cycles on and off.

## Door Reversal

To reverse the side on which the door opens, follow these instructions.

**WARNING:** Unplug freezer before reversing the door. Failure to follow this instruction may result in serious injury or death.

**Caution:** To avoid personal injury or damage to the appliance, it is recommended that two people perform this operation.

## Door Reversal (cont'd)

1. Remove the two screws securing the cabinet top plate to the back of the cabinet.
2. Remove the six screws securing the door overhang plate to the cabinet top plate, located at the front of the cabinet.
3. Raise the cabinet top plate and rest on top of cabinet to reveal the door's top hinge bracket.
4. Remove the two screws securing the door's top hinge bracket.
5. Replace one of the screws that secured the cabinet top plate to the back of the cabinet.
6. Open and remove door from the bottom hinge post. Set door aside.
7. Using a flat blade screwdriver, carefully remove the hole plug on the opposite side of the cabinet and use it to plug second hole from the top hinge bracket removal.
8. Remove the four screws securing lower hinge bracket to base of cabinet. Remove bracket.
9. Use the four previously removed screws to attach the lower hinge bracket to opposite side of cabinet.
10. Remove plastic cap from top hinge bracket. Using a flat blade screwdriver, remove and reverse hole position of bracket post. Replace plastic cap on hinge bracket.
11. Remove screw from top corner of cabinet. Insert hinge post into door hole. Use two screws to attach top hinge bracket to cabinet.
12. Use the six screws, removed during step 2, to attach door overhang plate to top cabinet plate. On the hinge side of the overhang plate, insert screws through plate and hinge bracket so that hinge is not exposed.
13. Use two remaining screws to attach back of cabinet top plate to the back of the cabinet.

**Caution:** If freezer has been tilted at an angle greater than 45°, during door reversal process, wait 8 hours before plugging in unit. Failure to follow this caution could result in permanent damage to the cooling unit.

## Cleaning and Maintenance

**WARNING:** To avoid electrical shock, always unplug unit before cleaning or defrosting. Failure to follow this instruction can result in death or injury.

### Cleaning

#### General:

- Prepare a cleaning solution of 1-2 tablespoons of baking soda mixed with warm water.
- Using a soft cloth or sponge dampened with the cleaning solution, wipe down interior and exterior of unit.
- Rinse with clean, warm water and dry with a soft cloth.
- Never use an abrasive cleanser or pad as this could damage the finish.

#### Gaskets:

- Clean door gaskets every three months according to the general instructions shown above.
- Apply a thin layer of petroleum jelly to the hinge side of the gasket to keep the gasket pliable and to ensure a good seal.

### Defrosting

**WARNING:** Do not use a sharp or metallic instrument to remove frost as damage to tubing may occur. Damaged tubing can result in leakage of refrigerant, which can lead to personal injury.

For maximum energy efficiency, defrost freezer when frost on walls is 1/8" or more in thickness. Note that frost tends to accumulate more during summer months.

NOTE: Defrosting can take several hours: have a plan in place to store frozen foods in order to keep them frozen.

To defrost, remove food and unplug freezer. To speed up defrost time, keep door open and place a bowl of warm water inside unit.

**Caution:** Do not use boiling water to melt accumulated frost as damage to plastic parts can occur.

Once defrosting is complete, wipe down interior of freezer following general cleaning instructions. Plug unit back in and wait 24 hours before putting food back into freezer.

## Cleaning and Maintenance (cont'd)

### Power Interruption

Remove the power cord from the electrical outlet when a power outage occurs. When power is restored, replace the plug to the AC outlet and inspect food for spoilage. Clean the inside of the freezer according to general cleaning instructions.

### Long Term Care and Moving

When the freezer will not be used for an extended period of time, remove contents, unplug unit and clean gaskets. Prop the door open to allow air circulation.

Only move the unit when it is vertical. Moving the unit in a horizontal position can cause damage to the refrigerant and compressor.

## Troubleshooting

| Problem                       | Possible Cause                                           | Remedy                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Freezer does not operate.     | There is no power to the freezer.                        | Check that the power cord is plugged in. If there is power at the AC outlet, check the circuit breaker. |
| Food temperature is too warm. | Door seal.                                               | Check door gasket for proper seal; reduce frequency of door openings.                                   |
|                               | Warm food has not had time to reach freezer temperature. | Wait two hours and check food again.                                                                    |
|                               | Temperature is set too high.                             | Adjust temperature to a colder setting.                                                                 |
| Freezer runs too frequently.  | Door seal.                                               | Check door gasket for proper seal; reduce frequency of door openings.                                   |
|                               | Ambient temperature or humidity is high.                 | This is normal operating condition.                                                                     |

## Troubleshooting (cont'd)

| Problem                                              | Possible Cause                        | Remedy                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Freezer has an odor.                                 | Interior needs cleaning.              | Follow general cleaning instructions.                     |
|                                                      | Foods are causing odor.               | Check food for spoilage or improper wrapping/sealing.     |
| Freezer door does not shut properly.                 | Freezer is not level.                 | Adjust leveling feet to level freezer.                    |
|                                                      | Food contents are causing a blockage. | Check and rearrange contents of freezer.                  |
|                                                      | Door was reversed improperly.         | See Door Reversal section and check installation of door. |
| Moisture buildup on interior or exterior of freezer. | Humidity is high.                     | This is normal operating condition.                       |
|                                                      | Door seal.                            | Check door gaskets for proper seal; reduce door openings. |
|                                                      | Freezer is located by a window.       | Move freezer away from direct sunlight.                   |

## Energy-Saving Tips

To keep your freezer in good working condition and to optimize energy saving, follow these tips:

- Check space around freezer to make sure that air flow is not obstructed.
- Allow food that isn't already frozen to cool down to room temperature before placing it in the freezer.
- Avoid keeping the door open for long periods or opening the door too frequently as warm air will enter the cabinet, lower the efficiency of the freezer and increase the work of the compressor.
- Ensure there are no obstructions preventing the door from closing properly.
- Defrost freezer when frost builds up to 1/8" thick.
- Do not overstock freezer.

## Technical Specifications

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Storage Capacity          | 5.1 cu. ft.              |
| Size (width/height/depth) | 21½" W x 49¾" H x 22½" D |
| Weight                    | 104 lbs.                 |
| Rated Voltage(V)          | 120                      |
| Rated Frequency (Hz)      | 60                       |



## Returns

If any item, for any reason, does not meet your expectations, just return it to us. We'll gladly either:

- Refund your merchandise amount
- Credit your account
- Send a replacement

You can return any unused item in its original packaging within 60 days of its receipt for a full refund of the purchase price (excluding shipping and handling charges).

**Please send returns to:**

**Montgomery Ward, Inc.  
Attn: Customer Returns  
2000 Harrison Suite 100  
Clinton, IA 52732-6676**

**When returning an item:**

- Use the original packaging and pack it securely.
- Please adequately insure your item in case you need to make a claim with the carrier you choose for returning your item.
- Include your order number and reason for return.
- We recommend keeping the receipt for 4 weeks.

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### 1 Year Limited Warranty

Montgomery Ward, Inc. warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship for one year from provable date of purchase.

Within this warranty period, Montgomery Ward will repair or replace, at its option, defective parts of this product at no charge, provided the product is returned, freight prepaid with proof of purchase to Montgomery Ward. Allow 2-4 weeks for return shipping.

This warranty does not cover improper installation, misuse, abuse or neglect on part of the owner. Warranty is also invalid in any case that the product is taken apart or serviced by an unauthorized service station.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and they may vary from state to state.

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