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VINTAGE BAR FRIDGE

with glass door



Instruction Manual

VBFG-LVC

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Important Safety Instructions

READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Read this manual thoroughly before first use, even if you are familiar with this type of product. The safety precautions enclosed herein reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and injury when correctly adhered to. Keep the manual in a safe place for future reference, along with the completed warranty card, purchase receipt and carton. If applicable, pass these instructions on to the next owner of the appliance.



Pay particular attention to messages that follow this safety alert symbol or the words **DANGER, WARNING** or **CAUTION**. These words are used to alert you to a potential hazard that can seriously injure you and others. The instructions will tell you how to reduce the chance of injury and let you know what can happen if the instructions are not followed.



WARNING: Risk of fire

This symbol alerts you to take care as the appliance contains flammable materials: isobutane as refrigerant and cyclopentane as insulation blowing gas. While isobutane (R600a) is a gas with a high level of environmental compatibility, it is nevertheless flammable. Do not expose the appliance to high heat, sparks and open flames. During transport and installation, ensure that none of the components of the refrigerant circuit become damaged.

Refrigerant matters

WARNING: Do not damage the refrigerant circuit! Never use an appliance with a damaged refrigerant circuit! If the refrigerant circuit becomes damaged, avoid proximity to open fires and all types of heat and ignition sources. Thoroughly ventilate the room in which the appliance is located.

The room for installing the appliance must be at least 1m³ per 8g of refrigerant.

The amount and type of refrigerant in the appliance can be found in the Technical Specifications on page 14 and on the appliance rating plate.

It is hazardous for anyone other than an authorised service person to service this fridge.

Responsible disposal

At the end of its working life, do not throw this appliance out with your household rubbish. Electrical and electronic products contain substances that can have a detrimental effect on the environment and human health if disposed of inappropriately. Observe any local regulations regarding the disposal of electrical consumer goods and dispose of it appropriately for recycling and recovery of the refrigerant and blowing agent. Contact your municipal authorities for advice on recycling facilities in your area.

WARNING! This refrigeration appliance contains flammable refrigerants and insulation blowing gases, which must be removed before disposal. Contact your municipal authorities for any codes or regulations concerning the disposal of such materials. Never dispose of the appliance in a fire.

DANGER: Risk of child entrapment! When discarding this or another refrigerator, make sure to take off the door and leave the shelves and drawer in place so that children cannot easily climb in and get trapped inside.

Important Safety Instructions (Cont.)

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or injury, always follow basic safety precautions and accident prevention measures when using this appliance, including the following:

Electrical safety

- Do not connect your appliance to the electricity supply until all packing and transit protectors have been removed.
- **Voltage:** Plug the appliance in a 220–240V, 50Hz, properly earthed power outlet, which must be in good working order. Make sure your outlet voltage and circuit frequency correspond to the voltage stated on the appliance rating label.
- **Power connection:** Do not use an adaptor; do not use an extension cord. Plug the power plug directly into a separate power point that cannot easily be turned off accidentally, and that is easily accessible so you can switch it off when required.
- **Power cord:** Do not kink or damage the power supply cord. Do not leave it exposed or dangling. Secure it behind the appliance so no one steps on or places anything on the power supply cord or against it. A squashed or damaged power plug may overheat and cause a fire.
- **Damaged cord:** Do not use a cord that shows cracks or abrasion damage along its length or at either end. Any damage to the cord may cause a short circuit, fire and/or electric shock. If the power cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or its service agent. Contact the after sales support line for advice.
- **CAUTION! No timer:** In order to avoid a hazard due to inadvertent resetting of the thermal cut-out, this appliance must not be supplied through an external switching device such as a timer, or connected to a circuit that is regularly switched on and off by your energy provider.
- **Disconnection:** Never unplug the unit by pulling the cord. Always grip the plug firmly and pull straight out from the power point.

Usage conditions and restrictions

- **Indoor domestic use only:** This appliance is intended for indoor domestic use only, which includes use in households, staff kitchen areas in shops, offices, in farm houses and in other working environments, use by clients in hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, other residential type environments and in catering and similar non-retail applications. It is not suitable for industrial or commercial use.
- **Intended purpose:** Do not use this appliance for anything other than its intended purpose, and only use it as described in this manual.
- **Usage restrictions:** This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
- **Children:** Supervise children to ensure they do not play with the appliance. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children. Never allow children to operate, play with or crawl inside the appliance.

Important Safety Instructions (Cont.)

- **WARNING!** Do not use any electrical appliances (such as ice cream makers) inside any refrigeration appliances, unless they are approved for this purpose by the manufacturer.

Cleaning and maintenance

- **Disconnect:** Unplug the appliance before cleaning or servicing. Failure to do so can result in electric shock, injury or death. Do not connect or disconnect the plug when your hands are wet.
- **Flames:** Do not let open flames or ignition sources enter the appliance.
- **Flammable/explosive substances:** Never clean this appliance with flammable fluids. Do not store or use volatile, flammable or explosive substances such as aerosol cans with flammable propellants in or close to this or any other appliance. The fumes can create a fire hazard or explosion.
- **Solvents:** Do not use solvent-based cleaning agents or abrasives on the interior as these may damage or discolour the surfaces of the appliances.
- **WARNING!** Do not use **mechanical devices** or other means to accelerate the defrosting process. Never use a sharp or metal instrument to remove frost or clean the appliance. Use a plastic scraper, if necessary.
- **Service:** Do not attempt to repair, modify, alter or replace any part of the appliance unless specifically recommended in this manual. Refer all other servicing to a qualified technician.
- **Misuse:** Inappropriate installation or misuse of the product may result in the risk of fire, electric shock and or injury. We assume no liability for any eventual damages caused by misuse of the product or noncompliance with these instructions.

Installation warnings (see page 8 for detailed installation instructions)

- **Heavy:** This appliance is heavy, take care when moving it. To avoid back or other injury, consider a two person lift or mechanical aid when installing it. Failure to do so can result in back or other injury.
- **Freestanding design:** This appliance is designed to be freestanding only and should not be recessed or built in.
- **Keep it upright:** Do not tilt the fridge more than 45° from upright when moving it.
- **WARNING: Handle with care!** Do not apply force to the condenser or door. Do not drag the unit: place it carefully in position to avoid scratching the floor.
- **WARNING: Ventilation:** To ensure proper ventilation, keep any ventilation openings in the appliance enclosure clear of obstructions. Ensure adequate air circulation around the appliance to prevent overheating.

Product Overview

Scope of delivery

A Front view (open)

- 1 Housing
- 2 Glass shelf
- 3 2 Bottle wine rack (removable)
- 4 Covered crisper drawer
- 5 Levelling feet
- 6 Glass door
- 7 Thermostat control and light switch
- 8 Interior light

B Documentation (not shown)

Instruction manual, Warranty certificate



NOTE: Due to continued product improvement, images and illustrations in this manual may vary slightly from the product purchased. All images in this manual are for reference purposes only. Parts are not necessarily pictured to scale.

Getting Started

Unpacking

- **Packaging materials:** This product has been packaged to protect it against transportation damage. Remove all packaging materials and transit protectors from around and inside the appliance.

Keep the original packaging carton in a safe place. It will help prevent any damage if the product needs to be transported in the future, and you can use it to store the appliance when it is not in use. In the event that the packaging materials are to be disposed of, please recycle them where possible.

Plastic wrapping can be a suffocation hazard for babies and young children, so ensure all packaging materials are out of their reach and disposed of safely.

- **Parts:** Check to ensure you have all the parts pictured opposite.
- **Damage:** When unpacking, check the appliance carefully for damage. If it is damaged, do not install the appliance. Contact our after sales support line for advice on examination or return of the damaged appliance.
- **Power cord:** Unwind the power cord to its full length and inspect it for damage. Do not use the appliance if the appliance or its cord have been damaged or are not working properly.
- **Read the manual:** Before installing your new bar fridge, read all safety instructions, especially the sections on installation and electrical safety on pages 4–5. Then follow the installation instructions on the next page.
- **Clean:** Make sure the bar fridge is disconnected from the power supply before cleaning the interior surfaces and all internal accessories with lukewarm water, a soft cloth and a neutral/mild soap/detergent. This will remove any dust from transit and storage and help remove the typical smell of a brand new product. Then dry thoroughly. **CAUTION:** Do not use harsh or abrasive detergents or powders as these will damage the finish.
- **Door opening:** Your bar fridge has the capability of the door opening from the right or left side. If your set-up requires reversal of the door swing, please follow the instructions on page 13. Your new bar fridge is now ready for installation.

Installation

Space requirements

- **Door opening:** Place the unit so there is enough space for the door to open.
- **Clearances:** Ensure that air can circulate freely around the back of the cabinet, which is necessary to cool the compressor and condenser. Allow at least 15cm clear space all around the unit.
- **Carpet:** If the bar fridge is to be placed on carpet, support it with a wooden board underneath. Be aware that placing the refrigerator on carpet may mean that heat from the compressor may cause the carpet to fade.
- **Location:** Install the appliance in an area that meets the following requirements:
 - The **floor** must be sturdy, level and strong enough to support the unit when fully loaded.
 - **Avoid areas** where the appliance would be exposed to direct sunlight, sources of heat (stove, heater, radiator, etc.), cold ambient temperatures of less than 5°C, or excessive moisture and high humidity (such as outdoors or exposed to wind, rain, water spray or drips). Installing it in the coolest area of the room will save energy consumption and running costs.

Levelling

- The appliance must be installed level in order to work properly. If the unit is not level, the doors and magnetic seal alignments will not be covered properly.
- To level the unit, adjust one or both levelling feet at the front of the cabinet.

Electrical connection

- **WARNING!** It must be possible to disconnect the appliance from the mains power supply; the plug must therefore be easily accessible after installation.
- **Before plugging in your new bar fridge, let it stand upright for at least 4 hours.** This will allow the refrigerant gases to settle into the compressor and reduce the possibility of a malfunction in the cooling system.
- The appliance must be earthed. The plug of the power supply cord is equipped with a contact for this purpose. Do not under any circumstances cut or remove the third (earth) prong from the power cord. If the plug does not fit your outlet, consult a licensed electrician for advice to have the outlet changed.
- Plug the unit into a dedicated, properly installed and earthed wall outlet. Ensure that your outlet voltage and circuit frequency correspond to the voltage stated on the appliance rating label.
- Secure the power supply cord behind the unit. Do not leave it exposed or dangling to prevent injury and accidental disconnection from the power supply.
- Adjust the thermostat control as described on the next page.
- **When first starting up, and after a period out of use, allow the unit to cool down on setting 3–4 for at least 2 hours before placing food in the fridge.**

Instructions

Thermostat control

- The thermostat control for regulating the temperature in the refrigerator compartment is located on the upper right hand side of the compartment. The higher the number on the dial, the colder the temperature in the cabinet.
- The first time you turn the refrigerator on, set the thermostat to the maximum setting for a few hours to cool down the cabinet. When the refrigeration system starts, you will hear the quiet hum of the compressor. You may also hear the circulation of liquids and gases. This is normal on first start-up. Generally it will take 2–3 hours for the appliance to reach temperature. Then turn the thermostat down to setting 3 or 4 and place items into the fridge.
- To turn the refrigerator off, turn the thermostat to the minimum position to stop the cooling cycle, then unplug the power cord to shut off power to the unit.



The unit may not work at the set temperature on particularly hot days, or if the door is opened too frequently. To ensure efficient operation, do not open the door unnecessarily or for prolonged periods of time.



If the refrigerator is unplugged, turned off or has lost power, please wait 3–5 minutes before restarting the unit, otherwise the refrigerator will not start.

Food storage

- The refrigerator compartment is suitable for short-term storage of fresh food. The temperature inside varies depending on the amount of food stored and the frequency of door opening. Adjust the thermostat accordingly.
- In order to maintain good cooling efficiency and save energy, we recommend you do not open the door for too long or too often. Do not overload the bar fridge, and keep enough space around items for cold air flow. Do not block ventilation openings.
- The walls of the bar fridge are equipped with a series of runners so that the glass shelves can be positioned to suit individual storage requirements. Grip the shelf, lift it slightly and then pull it straight out, keeping it flat.

Interior light

The bar fridge has an interior light, which must be switched on manually to illuminate the contents of the bar fridge, and switched off again before closing the door.

- The interior light is located at the underside of the top housing.
- The light switch is located behind the thermostat control.

FAQs and Troubleshooting Guide

If you experience a problem with your bar fridge, check in the following table for solutions to help you solve the problem. If after these checks you still have a problem with your bar fridge, please contact our after sales support centre for advice.

Problem	Possible cause
The fridge does not operate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not plugged in. Ensure it is properly plugged in and there is power at the socket. • The circuit breaker tripped or has blown a fuse. • The thermostat control is set too low. • A general power outage has cut power to your home (check the household lights).
The fridge is too cold.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The thermostat control is be set too high.
The fridge turns on and off frequently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The room temperature is hotter than normal. • A large amount of food has been added to the fridge. • The door is opened too often. • The door is not closed completely. • The temperature control is not set correctly. • The door gasket does not seal properly. • The fridge does not have the correct clearances.
There are vibrations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fridge is not level.
The fridge seems to make too much noise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rattling noise may come from the flow of the refrigerant, which is normal. • Contraction and expansion of the inside walls may cause popping and crackling noises. • The fridge is not level.
The door will not close properly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fridge is not level. • The gasket is dirty or bent. • A shelf or drawer is not installed properly.
The fridge door will not open.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the door has just been opened, leave it for a few minutes to allow the air pressure to equalise before trying again.
Moisture forms on the inside or outside walls of the bar fridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot and humid weather increases the internal rate of frost build-up. This is normal. • Open the door less often and make sure it is always properly closed.
The external fridge surface is warm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The exterior walls can be warmer than room temperature. This is normal while the compressor works to transfer heat from inside the fridge cabinet.

Other Useful Information

WARNING!

To reduce the risk of electric shock or injury, always switch off the appliance and disconnect it from the power supply before defrosting, cleaning or maintenance.

Defrosting the bar fridge

- The surface of the evaporator (at the back inside wall of the cabinet) ices up when the refrigerator is working. This is an entirely normal part of operation. For efficient operation and minimum energy consumption, the refrigerator must be defrosted and cleaned when the frost on the evaporator has built up to about 3mm thickness.
- Turn the temperature control to the minimum position, unplug the appliance and remove all food items from inside the bar fridge. Leave the door open for quick defrosting. Place an old towel underneath the appliance to collect any spillage.
- During defrosting, the ice melts into the bottom of the refrigerator. Use a sponge or towel to wipe the water off the fridge floor.
- After defrosting, clean the refrigerator according to the instructions below.
- When the surfaces are clean and dry, reconnect the bar fridge to the power supply and return the thermostat to the appropriate position.

WARNING!

- Never use sharp or metallic tools to scrape off frost as it may damage the cooling system. To scrape ice off surfaces, use a plastic scraper.
- Do not use boiling water to accelerate defrosting because it may damage any plastic parts.

Cleaning the bar fridge

- Turn the temperature control to the minimum position, unplug the bar fridge and remove the food, shelves and crisper drawer.
- Wipe up **spills** inside the cabinet immediately with a soft cloth moistened with a mild detergent solution. Dry thoroughly.
- Wash the **inside surfaces** and the interior accessories with a damp, warm cloth moistened in a water and baking soda solution (about 2 tablespoons of baking soda to 1 litre of water). Wring excess water out of the cloth before cleaning around the temperature control or any electrical parts. Rinse and wipe dry with a soft cloth.
- Clean the **outside of the unit** with a damp, well wrung out cloth.
- Keep the **door gaskets** (seals) clean. Ensure they are kept free from debris at all times. If the seals are dirty, the door may not seal properly, which can cause the compressor to run continuously and increase the fridge's energy consumption.
- The glass **shelves** can be removed and cleaned separately.

Other Useful Information (Cont.)

- Accumulation of dust at the **condenser** increases energy consumption. For this reason carefully clean the condenser at the back of the appliance once a year with a soft brush or a vacuum cleaner brush attachment.
- After everything is dry, place the appliance back into service.

WARNING!

- Never clean the unit with an abrasive, acid, oil or solvent-based cleaning agent, or with abrasive pads or scourers. Never use flammable fluids or sprays for cleaning as the fumes from these substances can create a fire hazard or explosion.
- Never clean the appliance with a steam cleaner. Moisture could accumulate in the electrical components, danger of electric shock! Hot vapours can lead to the damage of plastic parts.
- The appliance must be completely dry before it is placed back into service.

IMPORTANT!

- Ethereal oils and organic solvents can attack plastic parts, e.g. lemon juice or the juice from orange peel, butyric acid, or cleansers that contain acetic acid. Do not allow such substances to come into contact with the appliance parts.

Power failure

Most power failures are corrected within a few hours and should not affect the temperature inside your fridge, if you minimise the number of times the door is opened. However, if the power is going to be off for a longer period of time, you need to take proper steps to protect your food.

Going away?

- **Short vacation:** Leave the fridge operating during vacations of less than a month.
- **Long vacation:** If you are not going to use the bar fridge for longer periods, remove all food and unplug the power cord. Clean and dry the interior thoroughly. To prevent odour and mould growth, leave the door open slightly, blocking it open, if necessary. (Restrict children's access to the room with the open fridge to avoid creating a child entrapment risk.)

Moving the fridge

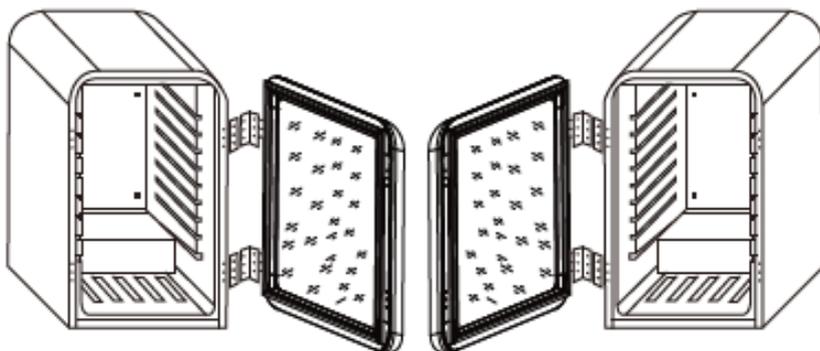
- Unplug the fridge and remove all food from inside. Securely tape down the drawer and shelves and tape the door shut. Turn the levelling feet up to avoid damage.
- **CAUTION:** Never pick up the refrigerator by the door.
- Protect the outside of the unit with a blanket or similar soft material and make sure the fridge stays secure in the upright position during transportation.

Other Useful Information (Cont.)

Reversing the door swing

This bar fridge can be opened from either side to suit your individual installation requirements. If you want to open the door from the other side, follow the instructions below. Because of the weight of the appliance, and to assist with alignment, we recommend you ask another person to help you during assembly.

- **WARNING!** Ensure the fridge is empty and disconnected from the power supply.
- Keep all parts you remove for re-installation of the door on the other side.



1. Support the door from the bottom.
2. Remove the six screws that affix the hinges to the cabinet frame.
3. Remove the door and place it on a flat, padded surface to prevent scratching.
4. Remove the six screws that affix the hinges to the door, then remove the hinges.
5. Remove the blanking plugs from the opposite side and use them to plug the holes exposed by the removal of the hinges from the cabinet frame.
6. Screw the hinges to the opposite side of the door.
7. Pick up the door and carefully align it with the holes in the cabinet frame.
8. Screw the remaining six screws into both hinges and into the cabinet frame to secure the door.

Other Useful Information (Cont.)

Storage

If the appliance is not going to be used for an extended period of time, please store the unplugged appliance safely in the original packaging in a dry location, out of reach of children.

Service and repair

Do not attempt to alter or modify this appliance in any way.

Do not attempt to repair or replace any part of the appliance unless it is specifically recommended in this manual. All other servicing should be referred to a qualified technician. Contact our after sales support line for advice.

If the interior lamp needs to be replaced, please contact our after sales support centre and book a service.

Technical specifications

Model	VBFG-LVC
Rated voltage	220–240V~
Rated frequency	50Hz
Rated current	0.5A
Input power	110W
Lamp power	1W
Climate class	T
Temperature range	0 to 10°C
Dimensions (mm)	835 (H) x 548 (W) x 550 (D)
Capacity	115L
Protection class	I
Refrigerant	R600a (17g)
Insulation blowing agent	Cyclopentane
Weight	36kg

Compliance

This appliance has been fully tested and meets all requirements as set out by standards AS/NZS 60335.1 and AS/NZS 60335.2.24.



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The RCM Mark (Regulatory Compliance Mark) indicates that the product complies with the relevant guidelines of the ACMA as well as corresponding government requirements for the safety of electrical devices.

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Warranty

We pride ourselves on producing a range of quality home appliances that are both packed with features and completely reliable. We are so confident in our products, we back them up with a 1 year warranty.

Now you too can relax knowing that you are covered.

Customer Helpline NZ: 0800 422 274

This Product is covered by 1 year warranty when accompanied by proof of purchase.

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