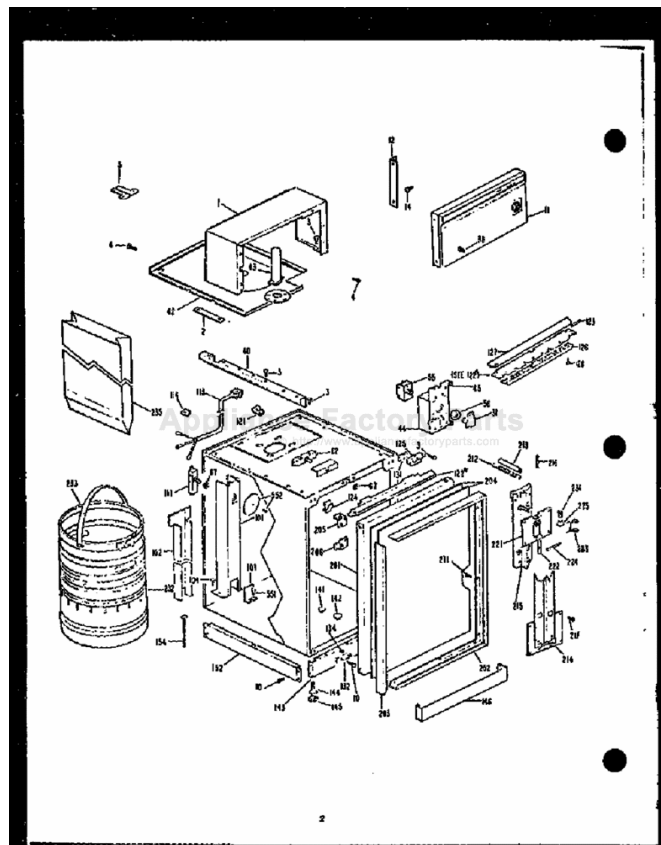


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**OWNERS GUIDE**  
to use and care of  
**TRASH COMPACTOR**  
Model TUR103

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## Help us help you...

Read this book carefully.

It is designed to help you operate and maintain your new compactor properly.

Keep it handy for answers to your questions.

### Factory Assistance

If you are unable to locate an authorized service agency, or do not receive satisfaction from the source from whom the appliance was purchased, or from the local servicing dealer or agency, write to: Caloric Corporation, Consumer Relations Department, Topton, Pennsylvania 19562, or call AC 215-682-4211.

### Write down the model and serial numbers.

You'll find them on a label on the left cabinet wall inside the compactor.

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Model No.

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Serial No.

Use these numbers in any correspondence or service calls concerning your compactor.

If you received a damaged compactor, immediately contact the dealer (or builder) that sold you the compactor.

Save time and money...before you call for service.

Check the Problem Solver (page 13). It lists minor causes of operating problems that you can correct yourself. It could save you an unnecessary service call.

## **Important Safety Instructions**

**Read all instructions before using this appliance**

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- Use this appliance only for its intended purpose as described in this Use and Care Book.

- To prevent hazard of electrical shock, this compactor must be properly installed and grounded in accordance with the Installation Instructions before it is used. **SAVE YOUR INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE SHOULD YOU MOVE OR RELOCATE YOUR COMPACTOR.**

- Turn Key-Knob to "stop" and remove it when you are not compacting trash. Keep Key-Knob away from compactor and out of reach of children. Do not permit children to operate the compactor (see page 7).

- Never push trash into bucket with hands or feet—bag might contain sharp objects.

- When removing full trash bag from compactor, keep bag away from your body. Sharp objects may have pierced it (see page 8).

- When cleaning interior of cabinet, exercise caution. Glass fragments may be stuck to ram or be lying in bottom of cabinet (see page 10).

- When cleaning bucket, exercise caution. Glass fragments may be embedded in surface of bucket (see page 10).

### **THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT COMPACT**

- Do not compact food waste such as raw meat and fish, grapefruit rinds, personal hygiene items and disposable diapers. These items create very strong odors and should not go into your compactor.

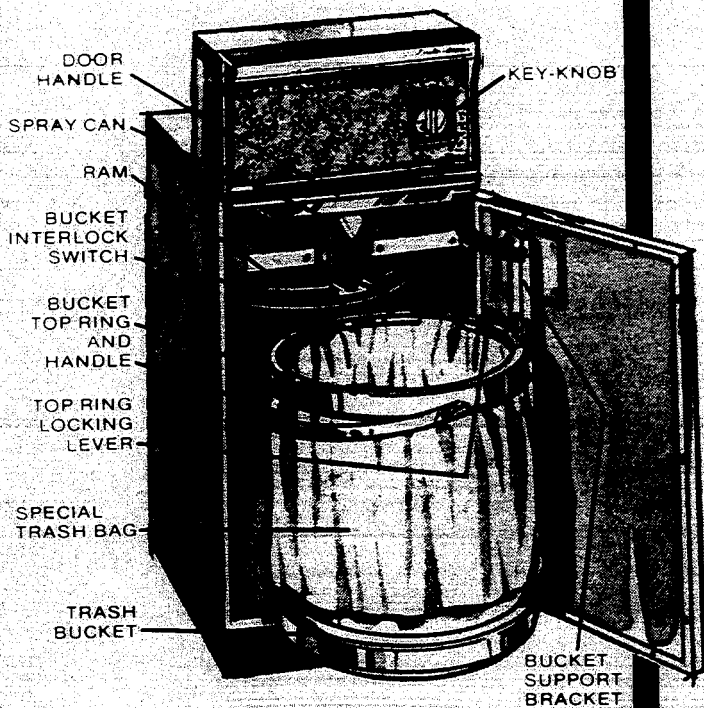
#### **Precautions against unreasonable use of your compactor:**

- Never compact shotgun shells, cartridges for firearms, fireworks, etc., which are highly explosive.

- Never compact flammable materials such as paint, oil-saturated rags, engine starting fluid cans, paint thinner cans, etc.—spontaneous combustion or explosive vapor concentrations could occur.

- Never compact containers of toxic chemicals such as strong insecticides or other poisonous materials—compaction could release hazardous fumes.

- Never compact aerosol cans containing explosive or highly toxic chemicals. (If you are sure the aerosol cans contain non-hazardous materials such as shaving cream, cheese spread and whipped cream they may be compacted.)



## Your New Compactor

### What it does

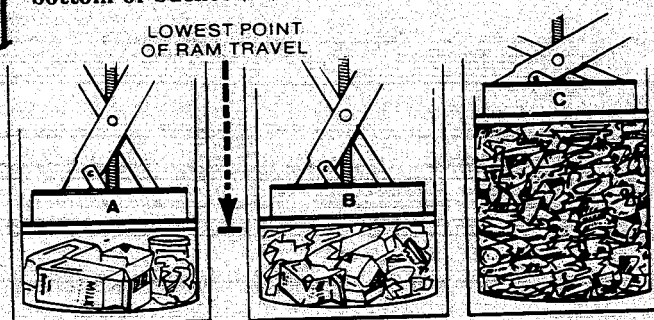
Your compactor reduces trash to approximately 1/5 its original volume.

It compacts most household refuse, including paper, cans, bottles, plastic containers, wrappings, sweepings and some food wastes.

### How it works

Drop trash into a disposable bag that lines the bucket and close the door. When you start the compactor, an electrically-operated ram moves down into the bucket, compacts trash, moves back up again—and the compactor shuts off automatically.

**NOTE:** The trash bucket must be more than 1/2 full before you will notice compaction because the ram does not travel all the way to bottom of bucket (A).



As you add trash and operate compactor, trash on top is forced down (B), compacting trash below.

When bucket is full (C), all trash will be completely compacted.

### To open trash door

Lift trash door handle and door will swing open about 45° automatically for loading small items. Swing door open further when necessary to load larger items.

## Before Operating Your Compactor...

### Empty trash bucket

Lift trash door handle, swing fully open and remove the extra trash bags, spray can and miscellaneous parts from the bucket.

Install one of the trash bags in the bucket (see *Replacing Compactor Trash Bag*, page 9).

Put the extra trash bags in a convenient place for use when needed.

### Locate extra compactor key-knob

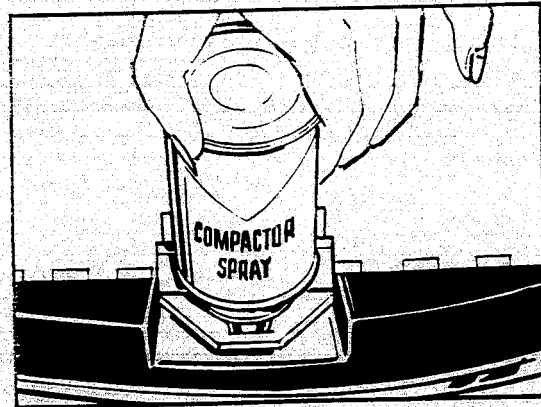
The key-knob supplied with your compactor is in place. If you misplace it, an **extra emergency key-knob** is included with user material for your use until you find the misplaced key-knob or obtain a replacement for it.

Keep both key-knobs convenient to but away from the compactor, out of reach of small children.

### Install spray can

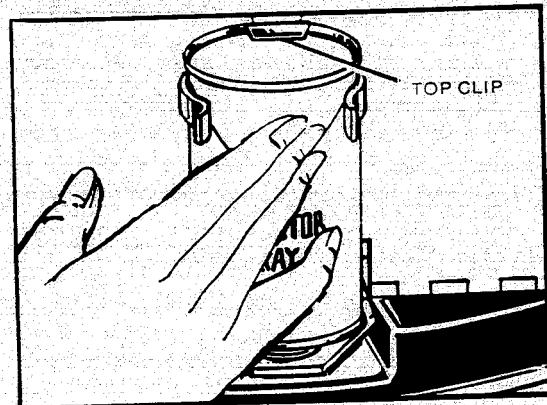
The spray that came with your compactor helps control odors that might develop in the trash while it is in the compactor. A measured amount of spray is automatically released each time the compactor is operated. Contents of the can should last 4 of 5 months, depending on how often you operate your compactor.

**Note:** Use only special spray recommended for your compactor. Other sprays may not perform correctly. Replacement spray cans are available from your dealer or nearest Caloric Parts Distributor. (See list of Parts Distributors on page 14.)



#### To install spray can:

Open trash door and insert spray can nozzle down into hole in lower bracket.



Then push can down and back until it engages the retainer clips that hold it securely in place. Rim of can must be positioned **under** top clip.

To remove spray can, pull outward at top of can until it disengages retainer clips, then lift it out.

### CAUTION

**DO NOT OPERATE COMPACTOR WITH EMPTY BAG IN BUCKET—WAIT UNTIL BAG IS ALMOST FULL. OTHERWISE BAG MAY CATCH ON RAM.**

## Special Tips

### Where to put compactor

#### For maximum convenience:

- Locate your compactor where the bulk of your household trash accumulates—usually in the kitchen and near the sink. The compactor may also be used in your utility room, laundry area or garage.

**CAUTION:** The compactor should not be located in unheated areas which may become excessively cold as this may prevent proper operation.

- Position the compactor with the hinge side 12 inches or more away from walls, cabinets or other obstructions, if possible. This will permit full door opening for easier removal and replacement of the trash bucket. If necessary, however, hinge-side clearance can be as little as two inches.
- Your compactor has a reversible-swing trash door. Reversing the direction of door swing as explained on page 11 may make using your compactor more convenient and may provide the desirable 12-inch clearance for maximum door opening.
- Your compactor comes with reversible color panels. See page 12 for instructions.

### Loading tips

- When bottles and cans are compacted, small tears in the bag may occur. This is normal and in no way affects the performance of the compactor. Always use the bucket to carry the compacted trash to storage or pick-up areas. When handling bag after it is removed from the bucket, keep bag away from your body to prevent injury by sharp objects that may have pierced the bag.
- To keep the ram clean, wrap soft food waste and other sticky items in newspaper or cover with several thicknesses of paper toweling.

### To increase compaction

Compaction may be increased (and possibly fewer bags used) if periodically the key-knob is turned to "stop" when the ram is at the bottom of its stroke (this is about half way through compaction cycle and can be determined by the change in sound level as the ram reverses). After a period of time with the ram in the "down" position, i.e. overnight, turn key-knob to "start" and the ram will retract. The unit is now ready for normal loading and compaction cycles.

### For instructions on replacing compactor trash bag and bag options

SEE PAGE 9.

## Loading Compactor

### Before putting waste into the trash bucket:

- Be sure the top ring is down onto bucket fully before latching.
- If bag is used in the bucket, be sure it is down far enough inside the bucket and properly fits contour of bucket as explained on page 9. Special bags designed for your compactor are marked for easier installation.
- Be sure bucket handle is down against side of bucket before closing trash door.
- Be sure bucket is properly engaged at top and bottom on door support.
- Before putting bottles into empty bag, line bottom of bag with newspapers to help prevent glass from perforating it.

### To load compactor

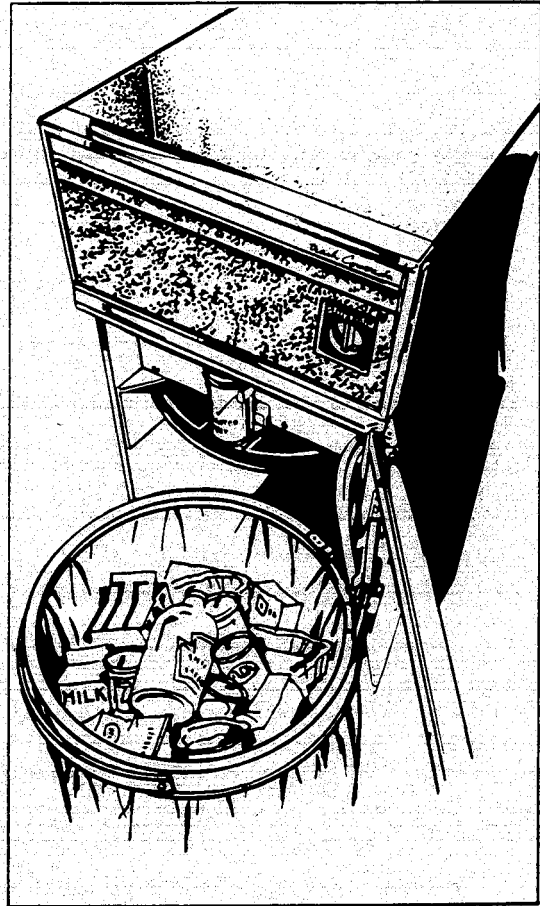
Lift the trash door handle and the trash door will swing open automatically to about 45° for easy loading of small items. Swing the door open farther for loading larger items.

Note: Items too large to fit into the bucket must be reduced in size to fit or disposed of in another way. Large, bulky items are more likely to tear the trash bag.

### What to load

Your compactor is designed to accept most items of waste put into waste baskets and garbage cans. This includes paper, cans, bottles, light bulbs, plastic containers, wrappings, sweepings and some food waste.

**Caution:** When emptying waste baskets into the bucket, use care that some items do not spill into the compactor behind the bucket. Items behind the bucket could prevent the door from closing completely and prevent operation of the compactor. To remove items behind bucket, open the door and also remove the bucket if necessary to clean them out (see *Care & Cleaning*, page 10).



### LOADING SPECIAL ITEMS

- **Bottles and cans** compact best when placed flat in center of bucket or, for minimum bag tears, place them in cereal boxes or milk cartons. Do not wedge bottles or cans against sides of bucket as this may damage the bucket and may increase bag tearing.
- **Wrap messy food waste** in newspaper or cover with several thicknesses of paper toweling before compacting—this will help keep ram clean.
- **Refuse too bulky to go into bucket** can often be folded to fit. If it cannot be folded to fit into the bucket, do not attempt to force it in.

# Operating Your Compactor

## Key-Knob

Your compactor has a key-knob that prevents operation of the compactor until the key-knob is inserted and turned to "start."

The key-knob can only be inserted or removed in the "stop" position.

Removal of the key-knob only prevents the ram from operating—the trash compartment door can be opened when the key-knob is removed.

**WARNING:** Turn key-knob to "stop" and remove it when you are not compacting trash. Keep key-knob away from compactor out of reach of children. Do not permit children to operate the compactor.

## Door and bucket interlock switches

Special interlock switches prevent operation of the compactor unless the trash bucket is in place and the door is closed. The bucket interlock switch is located at the rear, inside the trash bucket compartment. If the bucket is lifted out, this switch disconnects power from the motor. The door interlock switch is located behind the trash door handle and breaks electrical connection similar to the bucket switch to prevent operation of the compactor when the door is open. These interlocks, plus the key-knob which mechanically prevents operation, guard against improper usage of the compactor.

## To start your compactor

1. Close trash bucket door slowly.
2. Insert key-knob and turn to "start"...hold momentarily until compactor starts, then release.



## DURING NORMAL OPERATION:

- The ram moves down into bucket, compacts the waste material and returns up to its starting position and the compactor shuts off automatically. The cycle takes about 40 seconds. As the bucket fills, cycle time gets progressively shorter.
- Since the ram does not travel all the way to the bottom of the bucket, you may not see any compaction until the bucket is over 1/2 full. Material in bottom of bucket is compacted as more waste material is added on top and compacted. When the bucket is full, all trash will be compacted.

## How often to operate compactor

When you install a new bag, wait until the bucket is almost full before starting the compactor. Then run the compactor each time you add a significant amount of waste material to the bucket—this will compact more material into each bag.

**Electrical costs:** Based on normal usage, your compactor will use about 3 kwh per year. At an electrical cost of 6.75¢ per kwh (based on national average of residential costs), this is less than 2¢ a month.

## To stop the compactor

If you want to stop the compactor and open the door after the cycle has started, turn the key-knob to "stop." Then turn it to "start" to return the ram up to its starting position.

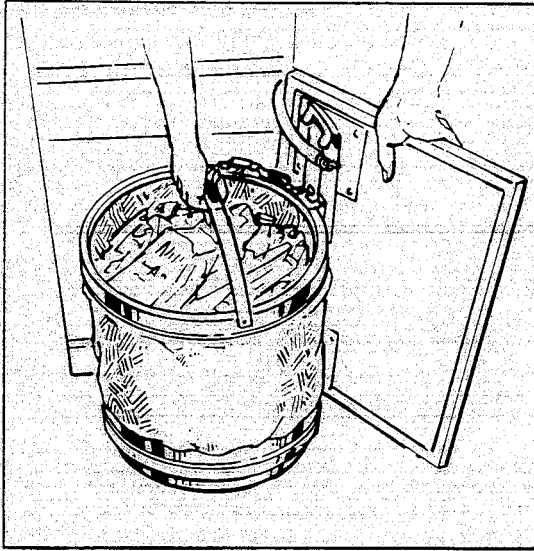
**CAUTION:** If the key-knob is held too long at "start" (while the ram is returning up to the start position), the compacting cycle will be re-started. This is normal. When the key-knob is released, the compactor will return automatically to the "off" position.

**NOTE:** When the compactor is manually stopped during the compaction cycle and then restarted, the ram always returns up to the starting position.

## Removing Full Trash Bag from Compactor

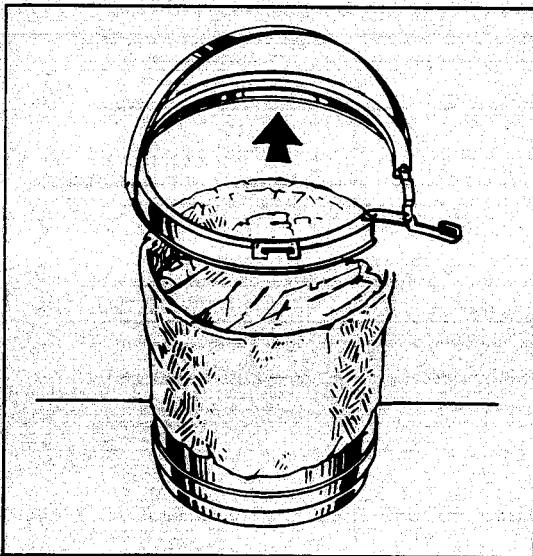
To remove full trash bag:

1. Lift trash door handle and swing door fully open.

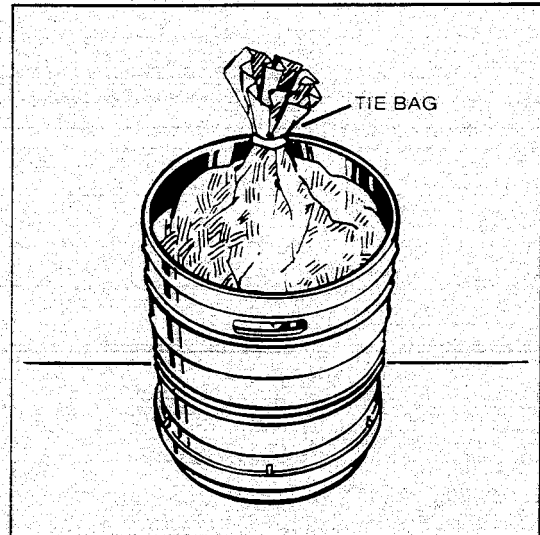


2. Raise bucket handle and lift trash bucket from door.

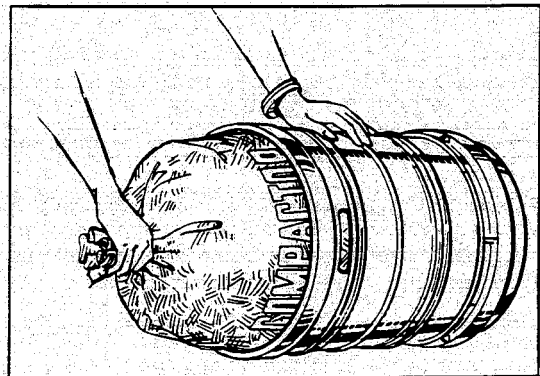
3. Carry full bucket to storage area or pick-up point.



4. Open locking lever and remove top ring and handle from bucket.



5. Pull top of bag up off bucket, twist and tie securely.



6. Place bucket upright, hold bucket with feet and pull bag straight up and out of bucket or lay bucket on side and slide full bag out of bucket as shown. If removal is difficult, shake to loosen or turn bucket upside-down to release bag.

**CAUTION:** Keep bag away from your body — sharp objects may have pierced it.

If bag is severely torn—or no bag is used—empty contents into a trash can or another trash bag, whichever is most convenient.

If necessary, clean bucket and dry thoroughly before inserting a new bag.

# Replacing Compactor Trash Bag

- Be sure bucket is thoroughly dry before inserting bag.
- Do not use paper bag for liner.
- After installing bag, do not operate compactor until bag is almost full. Otherwise the bag may catch on the ram and pull up out of the bucket.

## Bag Options

1. You may use the specially designed heavy-duty plastic trash bags included with your compactor. These bags are available from your dealer.
2. You may use "round bucket" type compactor bags (preferably 3 or 4 mils thick) available at many supermarkets and other stores.
3. You may use 20-gallon heavy-duty plastic trash bags (preferably 3 or 4 mils thick) available at many supermarkets and other stores. When installing these bags, you must fit the bag down into the bucket smoothly so it does not billow out from sides of bucket. Use a large rubber band or tie a string around the bag to prevent interference with door operation.

If, because of the way you load or the type of items compacted, you have excessive tears in the bag, you may re-bag using a standard heavy-duty bag.

4. If you prefer an even more tear resistant bag, you may order *Super Tuff* bags.

For more information write:

Dano Supply Associates, Inc.

120 W. John St.

P.O. Box A

Hicksville, N.Y. 11802

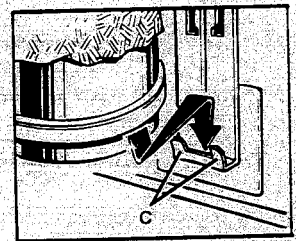
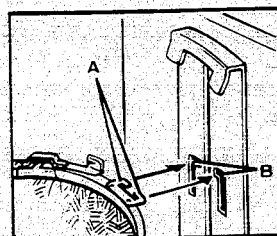
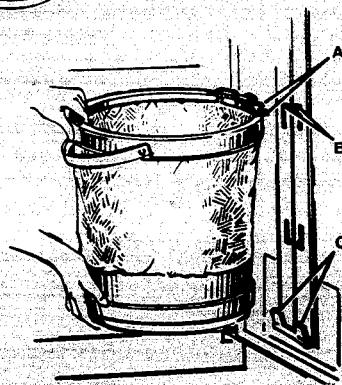
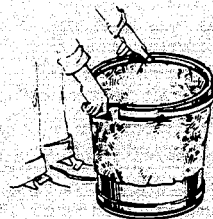
5. You may use the bucket without a bag. In this case, the compacted trash can be emptied into a trash can or regular trash bag of adequate strength to contain the compacted trash.

## To replace trash bag



1. Insert new bag in bucket. Then pull top of bag down over bucket and press bag inside to fit contour of bucket.

2. Replace top ring and handle assembly on bucket and close latch.



3. To rehang bucket on door, hold door open, position bucket so tabs (A) on bucket top ring fit into support bracket grooves (B), and bottom ring of bucket is slightly above support bracket tabs (C). Lower bucket into place as far down as it will go.

Check to be sure tabs (A) and (C) are securely engaged. Then close door.

## Care and Cleaning

Your compactor has been designed with easy access for cleaning when required.

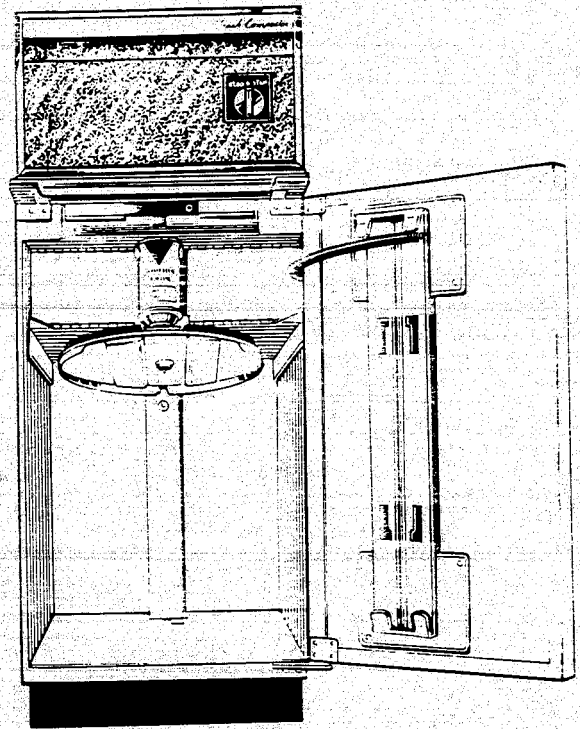
The interior and exterior of the cabinet are finished with durable baked-on enamel.

Do not use harsh or gritty cleanser or scouring pads which may mar the finish.

Use a high-grade wax cleaner on these surfaces.

### To clean top front of ram disc

1. Remove bucket from door, remove bucket top ring and handle from bucket, place bucket inside cabinet, and close door.
2. Turn key-knob to "start" . . . after about four seconds, turn it to "stop" and open door. This should allow clear access to top of ram disc for cleaning. (Use care when cleaning—glass fragments may be on top of ram disc.)
3. Close door, turn key-knob to "start" (ram should return to upward position). Open door and replace top ring and handle on bucket, and bucket onto door.



### To clean cabinet interior

1. Open trash door and lift out trash bucket.
2. Wash the ram and cabinet interior with normal mild household cleaners.

**WARNING:** Glass fragments may be stuck to ram or lying in bottom of cabinet—use care when cleaning.

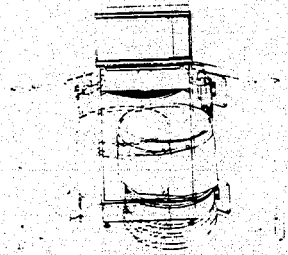
### To clean trash bucket

1. Remove top ring and handle.
2. Use normal household cleaners to wash bucket.
3. Dry bucket thoroughly before inserting new bag.

**WARNING:** Glass fragments may be embedded in surface of bucket—use care when cleaning.

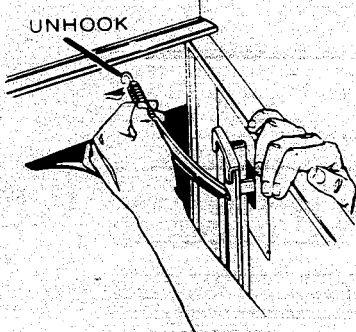
# Reversing Trash Door Swing

Trash door is hinged on the right side and opens from left to right. For more convenient loading or where side obstructions interfere with door opening or removal of the trash bucket, the door can be reversed to hinge on the other side.

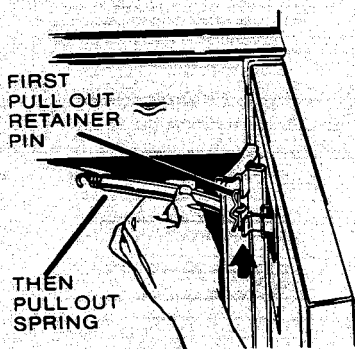


## To change door swing:

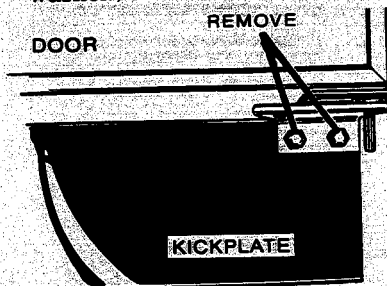
1. Remove bucket.
2. Unhook spring from cabinet.



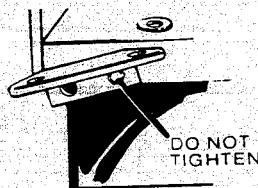
3. Remove spring and retainer pin from door and save. (Do not lose retainer pin.)



4. While holding door at bottom, remove lower hinge bracket and door. (Save bearing washer.)

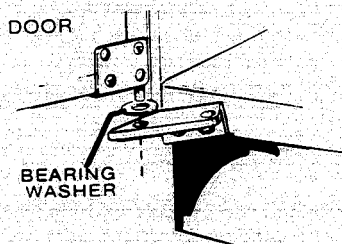


5. Move the hinge bracket to the other side. Attach bracket with inside screw (do not tighten).

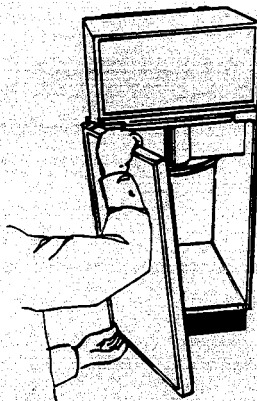


6. Turn door upside-down.

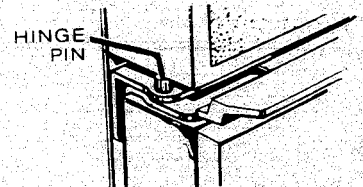
7. Put bearing washer on bottom hinge pin and insert pin in hole in bracket.



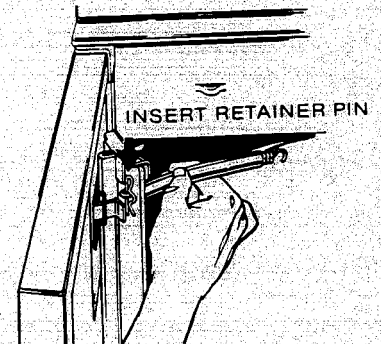
8. Align top hinge pin with hole in upper hinge bracket, swing bottom hinge bracket up into position, and close door. Insert outside bottom-hinge screw and tighten both screws securely.



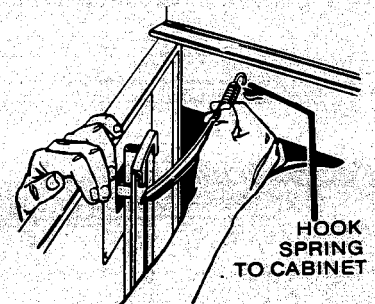
9. Top hinge pin must extend all the way up through bracket... door should have minimum up/down play and align with side of cabinet and door latch trim piece.



10. Attach spring (removed in step 3) with retainer pin.



11. Hook spring to cabinet.



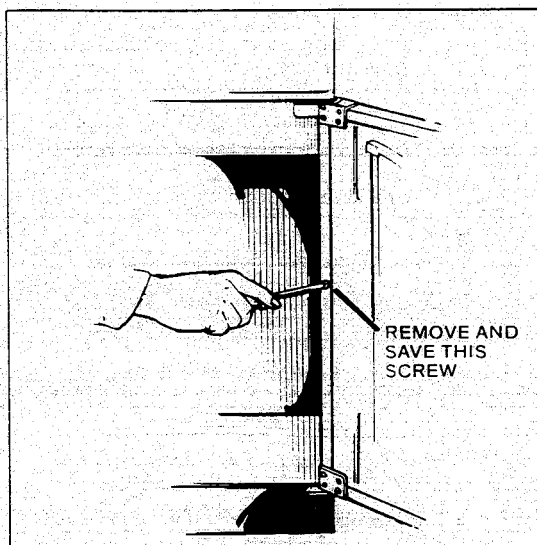
12. Test door for proper opening and closing. Minor adjustments can be made by moving top hinge up or down. If necessary to move door up, add a shim washer to bottom hinge pin.

## Reversible Color Panels

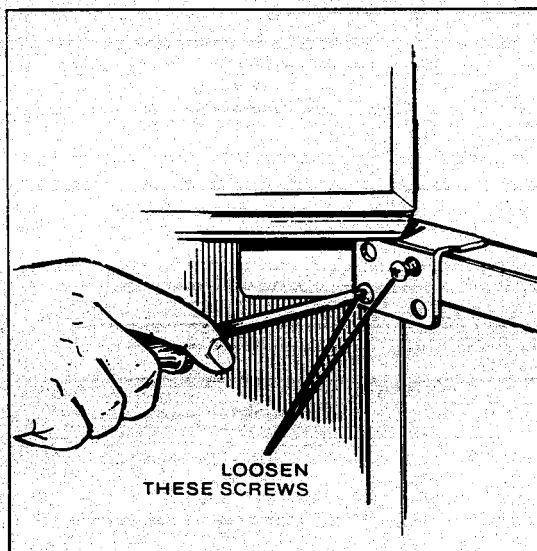
Your compactor comes with two reversible trash door panels. One panel is White on one side and Almond on the other. The other is Harvest and Black. The panels are held in place by the trim on the door.

### To reverse color panels:

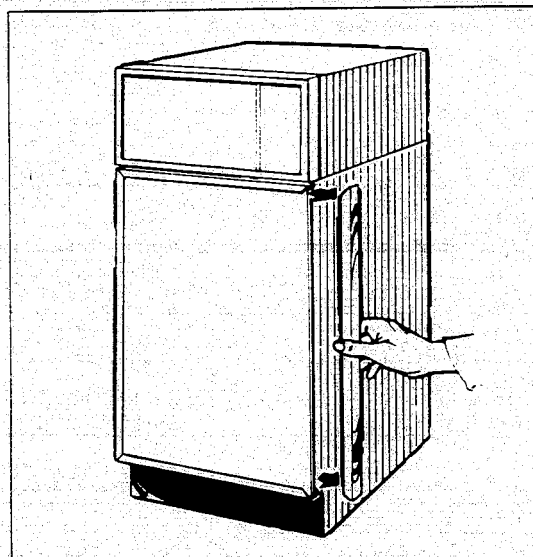
1. Open door and remove trash bucket.



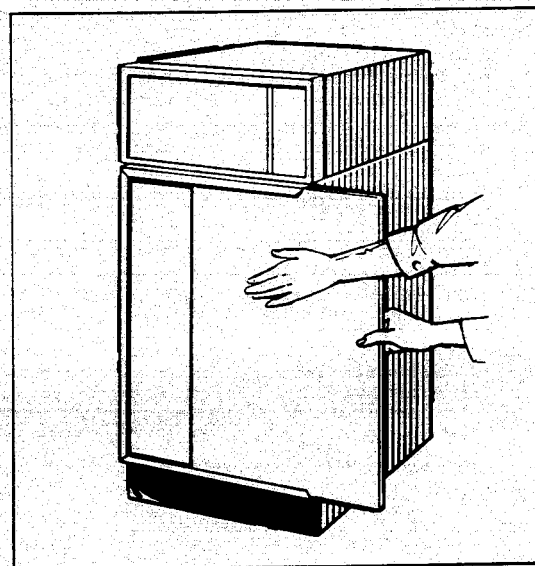
2. Remove (and save) middle trim screw on hinge side of door.



3. Loosen screws on top and bottom door hinges. Then close door.



4. Remove trim piece on hinge side and slide panels out.



5. Turn panels with color you want in front and then slide back into place.
6. Replace trim piece and middle trim screw. Then tighten hinge screws.

## The Problem Solver

**Save time and money...before you call for service, check the following:**

If your compactor does not operate properly, we suggest that you check the following:

- **Is the trash bucket properly installed?**

If not, bucket may not activate interlock power-on switch when door is closed.

- **Won't the trash door close?**

Sometimes trash inadvertently falls behind or under the bucket and must be removed before the door will close properly.

- **Have you turned key-knob to "start"?**

- **Is the electric cord plugged in securely?**

- **Has a house fuse blown?**

- **Is the compactor properly installed?**

- **Caps on leveling feet?**

- **If built into cabinetry, is unit properly positioned and secured in place? (Refer to installation instructions.)**

- **Are you using one of the recommended bags? See page 9.**

- **Are you loading properly?**

## If you need service.

IF YOUR CALORIC COMPACTOR REQUIRES SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DEALER FOR ASSISTANCE OR CALORIC CORPORATION, TOPTON, PA 19562. TELEPHONE: AREA CODE 215-682-4211.

## How to do away with surprise repair bills.

Your new appliance is a well designed and engineered product. Before it left the factory, it went through rigorous tests, just to make sure it was as defect-free as possible. And you have a warranty to protect you against any manufacturing defects during the early period of your appliance's life.

Now you can have the same trouble-free and surprise-free service beyond the warranty period. You can buy a Caloric Maintenance Agreement. For one low fee...usually just pennies a day...Caloric Corp. will take care of any functional parts repairs your appliance needs

—both parts and labor. You are protected for the length of your contract. Even when costs go up, you pay nothing more.

**Want more information? There's no obligation.** You can get information on Maintenance Agreements any time. Just write your name and address, date of installation, and the model and serial number of your appliance and send to:

**CONSUMER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT  
CALORIC CORPORATION  
TOPTON, PA 19562**

# CALORIC

## LIMITED APPLIANCE PARTS WARRANTY

### PARTS WARRANTY

Caloric warrants all PARTS of this Caloric appliance against defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of its delivery. Any replacement parts furnished at no cost to the purchaser in fulfillment of this warranty, are warranted only for the unexpired portion of the original warranty. Caloric's appliance parts warranty pertains only to the PARTS of the appliance, not the labor required for repair or replacement, which is the responsibility of the source from whom this appliance was purchased.

### WARRANTY SERVICE

The selling dealer, builder, or utility from whom this appliance was purchased is responsible for advising the purchaser of the period of no charge warranty service labor coverage, and how and from whom warranty service is available. Replacement parts under the terms of this warranty must be furnished by a franchised Caloric dealer or authorized Caloric service agency.

### OWNERSHIP

This appliance PARTS warranty remains in force for one year from the initial delivery of the appliance, and continues in force for one year from initial delivery, even if relocated by the first or subsequent purchaser(s).

### WARRANTY CONDITIONS

Caloric's appliance PARTS warranty DOES NOT apply to any appliance which has been subjected to alteration, misuse, abuse, accident, improper installation, delivery damage, or other than household use and service.

Caloric's PARTS warranty is LIMITED STRICTLY to the terms indicated herein, and no other expressed warranties or remedies thereunder shall be binding on us. TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS: (1) ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE SAME TIME PERIODS STATED HEREIN FOR CALORIC'S EXPRESSED WARRANTIES, AND (2) CALORIC SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES UNDER ANY EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES RELATING TO THE CALORIC APPLIANCE.

Caloric's warranty obligation on appliances located outside the contiguous 48 U. S. states and the District of Columbia shall be LIMITED STRICTLY to furnishing replacement parts and shall EXCLUDE service labor.

### FEDERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts nor limitations or exclusions of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions 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, as well as rights under Federal Laws.

### PURCHASER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The purchaser will be responsible for the costs of any service calls requested to demonstrate or confirm the proper operation of the appliance, to correct an improper installation that the purchaser may have performed, or to correct malfunctions in the appliance created by operation of the appliance in a manner not prescribed by, or cautioned against, in the Caloric Use and Care Instructions.

### PURCHASE REGISTRATION CARD

The purchaser should fill out and mail to Caloric the purchase registration card included with the appliance. This will help Caloric expedite any future communications regarding the appliance. Your warranty rights are not conditioned upon the return of the Purchase Registration Card.

### MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS

The appliance model number and serial number can be found on a nameplate attached to the appliance. The purchaser should always use the model number and serial number when talking to or writing to the dealer, builder, or utility from whom this appliance was purchased, the local authorized service agency, or Caloric.

### FACTORY ASSISTANCE

If the purchaser is unable to locate an authorized service agency, or if the purchaser does not receive satisfaction from the source from whom the appliance was purchased, or from the local servicing dealer or agency, write to: Caloric Corporation, Consumer Relations Department, Tipton, Pennsylvania 19562, or call AC 215-682-4211.

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