

Fridge Compressor Warning-Sign Checklist

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Watch for These Five Signs

- 1 Runs nonstop but never gets cold**
The most reliable early warning of compressor strain.
- 2 Clicks on and shuts off seconds later**
The start relay or motor is overheating and tripping.
- 3 Back of the fridge is very hot**
A motor working far harder than it should to cool.
- 4 New rattle, buzz, or knocking sound**
Worn internal parts inside the sealed unit.
- 5 Cooling fades after coils and seals are checked**
The fault has moved past the easy fixes.

Before You Call, Safely Rule Out

- 1 Power and temperature dial**
Confirm it is plugged in, the breaker held, and the dial was not bumped.
- 2 Dirty condenser coils**
Unplug and vacuum the coils, the top cause of poor cooling.
- 3 Airflow and door seals**
Give the fridge room at the back and confirm the door closes tight.
- 4 Leave the sealed system alone**
Refrigerant and electrical work is for a licensed technician only.

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