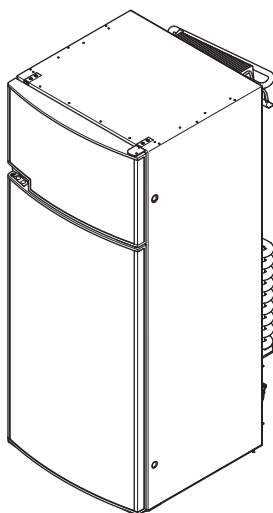


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RMDX21, RMDX25

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Absorber refrigerator
Installation Manual

Please read this instruction manual carefully before installation and first use, and store it in a safe place. If you pass on the product to another person, hand over this instruction manual along with it.



NOTE
You can find details on the operation in the operation manual.

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1 Explanation of symbols



WARNING!
Safety instruction: Failure to observe this instruction can cause fatal or serious injury.



CAUTION!
Safety instruction: Failure to observe this instruction can lead to injury.



NOTICE!
Failure to observe this instruction can cause material damage and impair the function of the product.



NOTE
Supplementary information for operating the product.

2 Safety instructions

The manufacturer accepts no liability for damage in the following cases:

- Faulty assembly or connection
- Damage to the product resulting from mechanical influences and excess voltage
- Alterations to the product without express permission from the manufacturer
- Use for purposes other than those described in the operating manual



WARNING!

- Never open the absorber unit. It is under high pressure and can cause injury if it is opened.
- Ensure clean and residue-free handling if silicon sealant or similar is used. There is a risk of fire if silicone filaments come into contact with hot parts or naked flames.
- Do not operate the refrigerator if it is visibly damaged.
- If the AC power cable for this refrigerator is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, customer service or a similarly qualified person in order to prevent safety hazards.
- Never use a naked flame to check the refrigerator for leaks.
- This refrigerator may only be repaired by qualified personnel. Inadequate repairs may cause serious hazards.
- Only use universal LPG gas.
- **Only operate the refrigerator** at the pressure shown on the type plate. Only use pressure controllers with a fixed setting which comply with national regulations.
- Dismantle all refrigerator doors for the disposal of the old refrigerator and leave the shelves in the refrigerator to prevent accidental enclosure and suffocation.



CAUTION!

- Danger of crushing! Do not put your fingers into the hinge.
- Before starting the device, ensure that the power supply line and the plug are dry.



NOTICE!

- Only hold the refrigerator at the body of the refrigerator during transport. Never hold the refrigerator at the absorber unit, the cooling fins, the gas pipes, the door or the control panel.

- Make sure that the refrigerator circuit is not damaged during transportation. The refrigerant in the refrigerator circuit is highly flammable. In the event of any damage to the refrigerator circuit (smell of ammonia):
 - Switch off the refrigerator if applicable.
 - Avoid naked flames and sparks.
 - Air the room well.
- Do not install the refrigerator near naked flames or other heat sources (heaters, direct sunlight, gas ovens etc.).
- **Danger of overheating!**

Always ensure sufficient ventilation so that the heat generated during operation can dissipate. Make sure that the refrigerator is sufficiently far away from walls and other objects so that the air can circulate.
- Check that the voltage specification on the type plate is the same as that of the power supply.
- Do not open the refrigerant circuit under any circumstances.
- Only use the AC connection cable supplied to connect the refrigerator to the AC mains.
- Only use cables with a suitable size.
- Never pull the plug out of the socket by the connection cable.
- The refrigerator may not be exposed to rain.

3 Scope of delivery

- Refrigerator
- Ice-cube tray
- Operating manual
- Installation manual

4 Accessories

Available as accessories (not included in the scope of delivery):

Description
LS 300 ventilation grille
3776 gas exhaust vent

All the accessories are available from specialist dealers. If you have any questions, please contact the dealer or your service partner directly.

5 Intended use

The refrigerators RMDX21 and RMDX25 are designed for installation in caravans or motorhomes. They are only suitable for cooling and storing foodstuffs. The refrigerators are not intended for the proper storage of medicine.

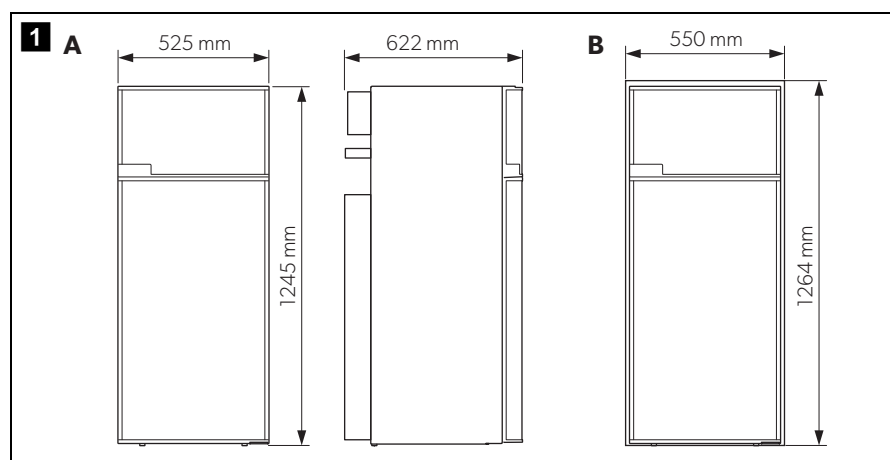
The refrigerators are designed to be operated on a DC power supply, AC mains power supply or universal LPG gas.

6 Installing the refrigerator

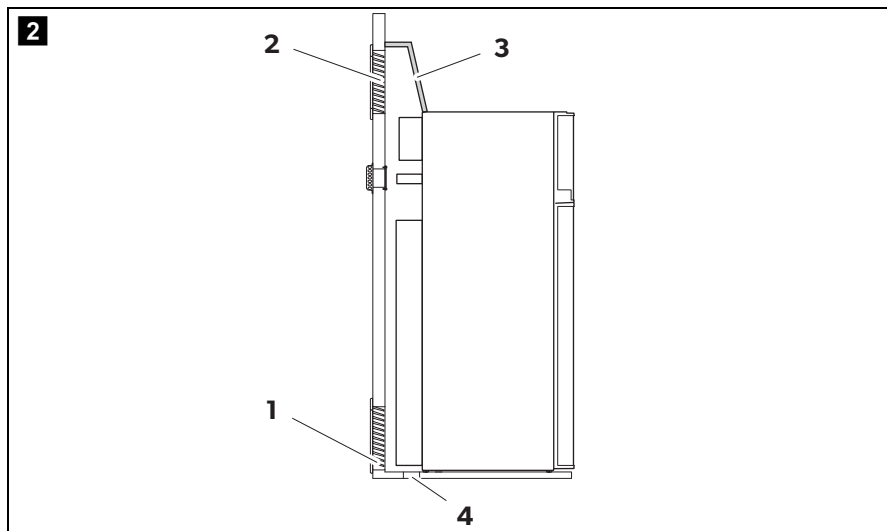
6.1 Preparing the installation

When installing the refrigerator, note the following:

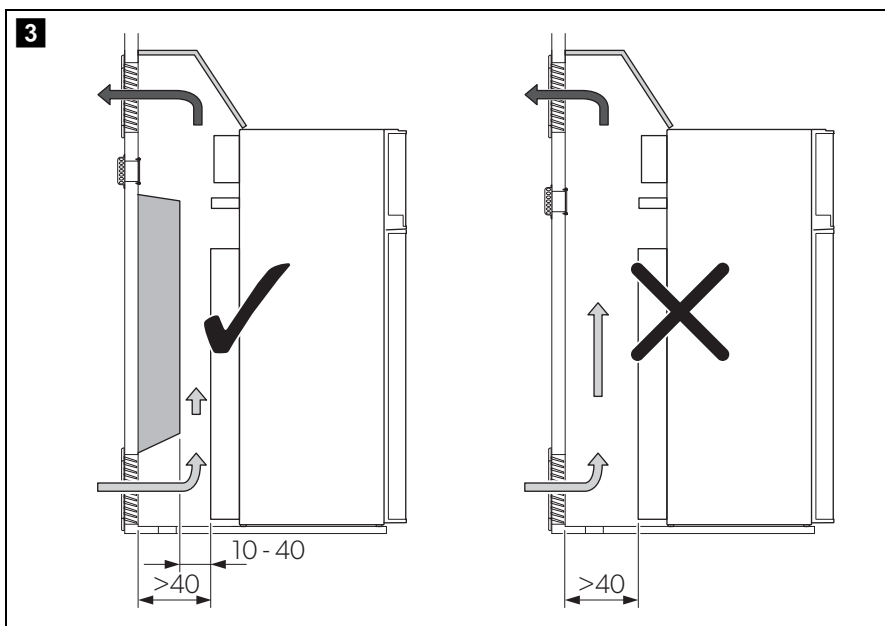
- To enable the refrigerant to circulate properly, the refrigerator may not exceed an angle of 3° from level.
To achieve this, park the vehicle on a level firm surface. Ensure the refrigerator is level.
- The refrigerator must be installed so that it is easily accessible for service work, easy to de-install and install and can be easily removed from the vehicle.



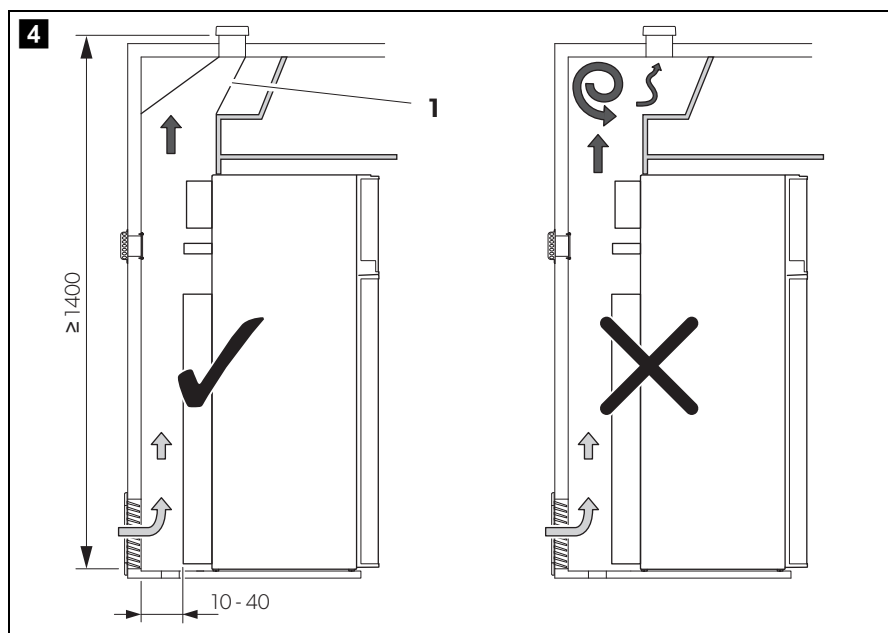
- The refrigerator must be installed in a recess so that it stands secure when the vehicle is in motion. Note the following recess dimensions are (H x W x D in mm):
 - Recess without flange: 1249 x 527 x 572 (fig. **1 A**)
 - Recess with flange: 1252 x 530 x 572 (fig. **1 B**)



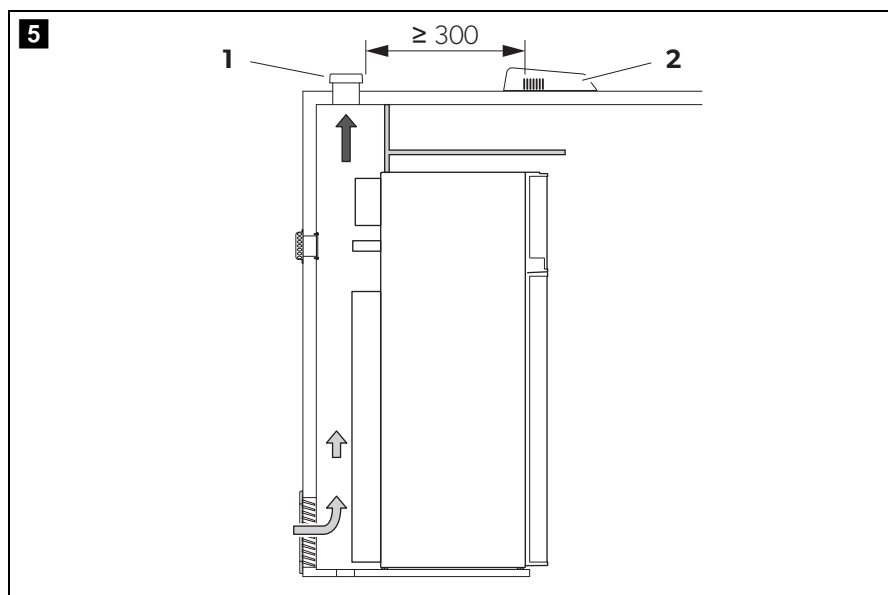
- The outer wall must be fitted with an air inlet vent (fig. **2** 1) and an outlet vent (fig. **2** 2) with ventilation grilles so that the heat generated can be easily released to the outside:
 - Lower air inlet vent LS 300 must be installed as flush as possible to the vehicle floor. Air inlet vent must have a minimum of 400 cm² open area.
 - Upper air outlet vent LS 300 must be installed with the bottom of the vent no lower than equal to the top of the refrigerator cabinet, the bottom of the top vent can be higher than the cabinet.
- Fit a heat conduction plate (fig. **2** 3) above the refrigerator so that the heat does not accumulate in the vehicle.
- If the lower ventilation grille of the air inlet vent cannot be installed flush to the floor, an additional inlet vent (fig. **2** 4) must be provided in the floor for releasing any possible gas leakage.
- The distance between the refrigerator and the rear wall must be at least 10 mm.



- A distance of more than 40 mm between the refrigerator and rear wall leads to poor performance and increases the power consumption of the refrigerator. Reduce the space behind the refrigerator to create adequate air inlet and outlet ventilation corridor (fig. **3**). Use a ventilation plate, for example, to do this.



- If the minimum distance between the air inlet and outlet vents cannot be met, a roof vent must be installed instead of the air outlet vent.
 - The roof vent should be installed directly above the back of the refrigerator as far as this is possible. Use an air duct (fig. 4 1) if you need to install the roof vent offset, otherwise heat will accumulate there.
 - The distance between the air inlet vent and the roof vent must be at least 1400 mm (fig. 4).



- If a roof air conditioner is provided, the distance between the roof vent (fig. **5** 1) and the air outlet of the roof air conditioner (fig. **5** 2) must be at least 300 mm.
- The refrigerator must not be installed at the side of the air inlet and outlet vents as this leads to poor performance and increases the power consumption of the refrigerator.
- The air inlet and outlet vents must not be covered by vehicle parts (such as an open door or by installing accessories such as bicycle racks) while operating.
- A separate flue duct must be installed under the air outlet vent, see chapter “Installing the flue duct” on page 17.
- Install the refrigerator so that it is protected from excessive heat, as this leads to poor performance and increases the power consumption of the refrigerator.
- The electrical installation must comply with national and local regulations.
- The gas installation must comply with national and local regulations.
AS 5601.2 – Gas Installations
NZ 5601 – Gas Appliance Safety
- The refrigerator must be installed in a draught-proof location, see chapter “Installing the refrigerator in a sealed location separate to the living space” on page 12.

6.2 Installing the refrigerator in a sealed location separate to the living space

Gas-powered refrigerators in caravans or motorhomes must be installed in a sealed location. This means that the combustion air can not be extracted from the interior and exhaust fumes are prevented from directly entering the living space.

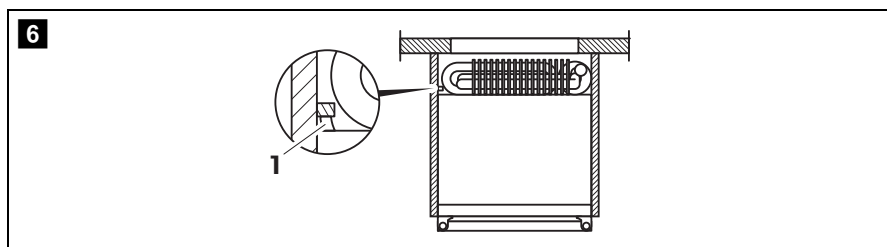
A suitable seal must be provided and fitted between the rear wall of the refrigerator cabinet and the interior of the vehicle. The purpose is to provide a seal between the interior of the vehicle and the cooling unit and ventilation area behind the refrigerator.



WARNING! Fire hazard!

Do not use flammable materials such as silicone sealants, foam or similar for the draught-proof installation.

The manufacturer recommends using a flexible seal to ease removal and installation for maintenance purposes.



- Attach the sealing lips (fig. **6** 1) to a stop rail behind the refrigerator, for example, by using an adhesive.
- When installing, push the refrigerator against the stop rails with the sealing lips. This then seals the space behind the refrigerator to the interior of the vehicle.

6.3 Making air inlet and outlet vents



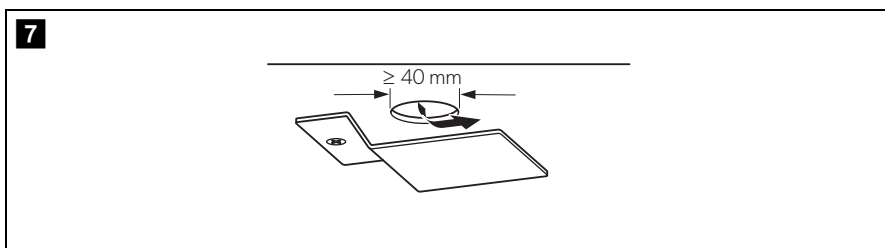
NOTE

At high ambient temperatures, the refrigerator can only provide its maximum cooling capacity if the optimum ventilation has been provided.

- Make a cut out in the wall to fit an appropriate upper and lower vent system, choose LS 300 check the dimensions required for the vent. See chapter “Preparing the installation” on page 7.

If the lower ventilation grille cannot be installed flush with the floor, you will need to provide a vent hole through the floor. This hole must be at least 40 mm diameter or larger:

- Make an air inlet vent in the floor (fig. **2** 4, page 8) behind the refrigerator near the gas burner.

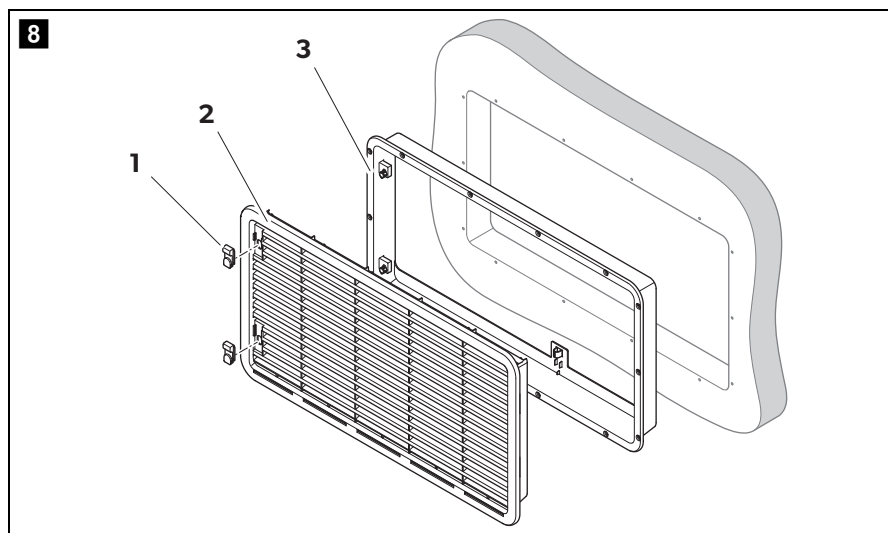


- Shield the end of the opening with a deflector to prevent sludge or dirt from getting inside while driving (fig. **7**).

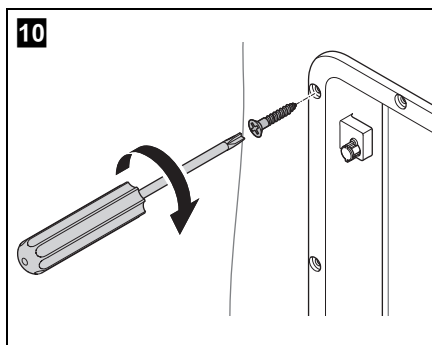
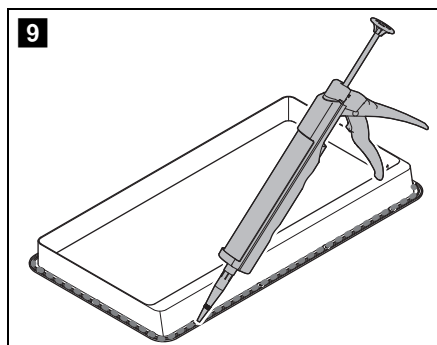
If you have to use a roof vent instead of an upper wall vent:

- Cut out a section in the roof. Refer to the roof vent instruction manual for the required dimensions. When doing so, observe the information, see chapter “Preparing the installation” on page 7.

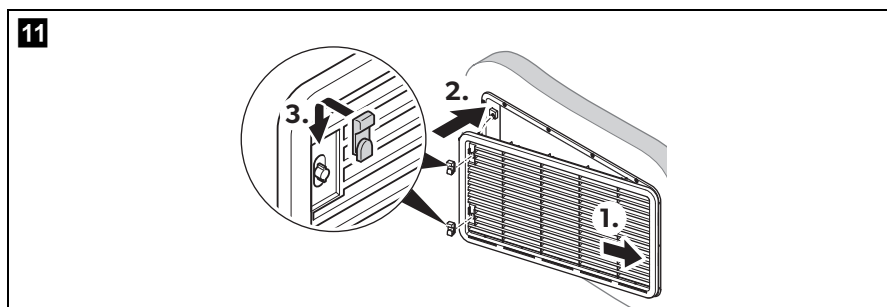
6.4 Installing the ventilation grille



No. in fig. 8	Description
1	Slider
2	Ventilation grille
3	Installation frame

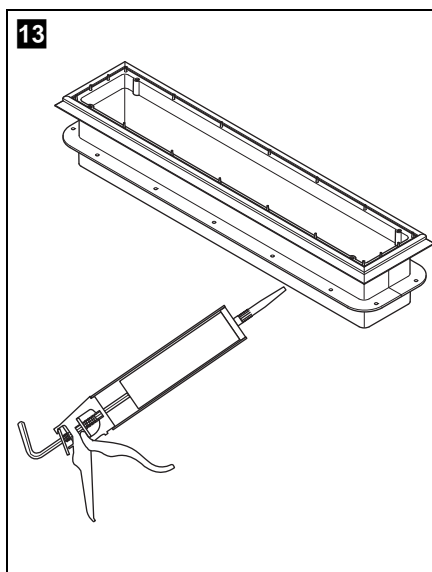
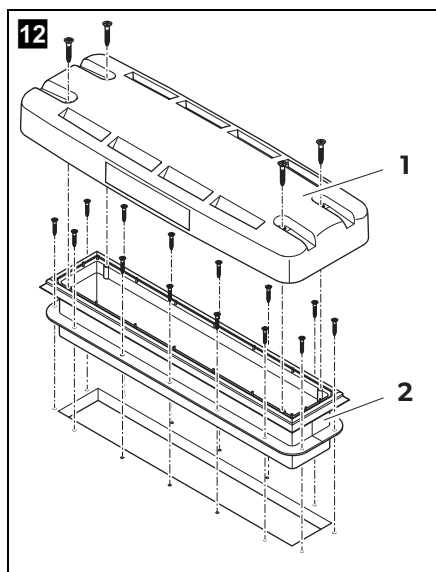


- Ensure the installation frame is water resistant (fig. 9).
- Insert the installation frame and screw it down tightly (fig. 10). Use all the fixing holes for this.



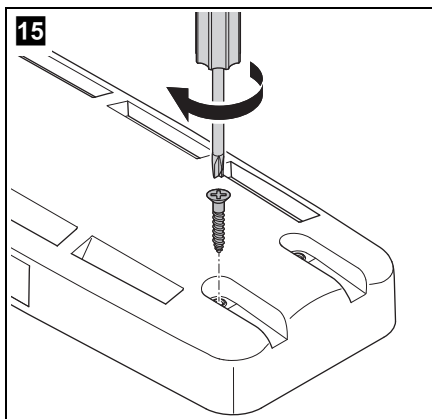
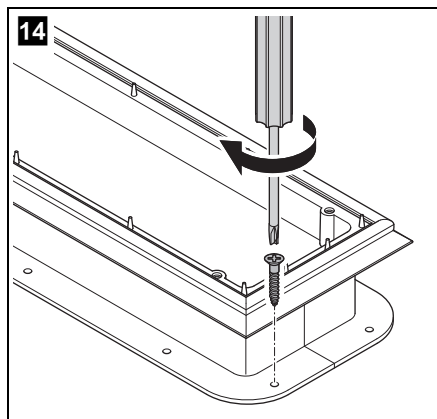
- Fit the ventilation grille (fig. **11**).
- Insert the slider and lock the ventilation grille with it (fig. **11**).

6.5 Install the roof vent



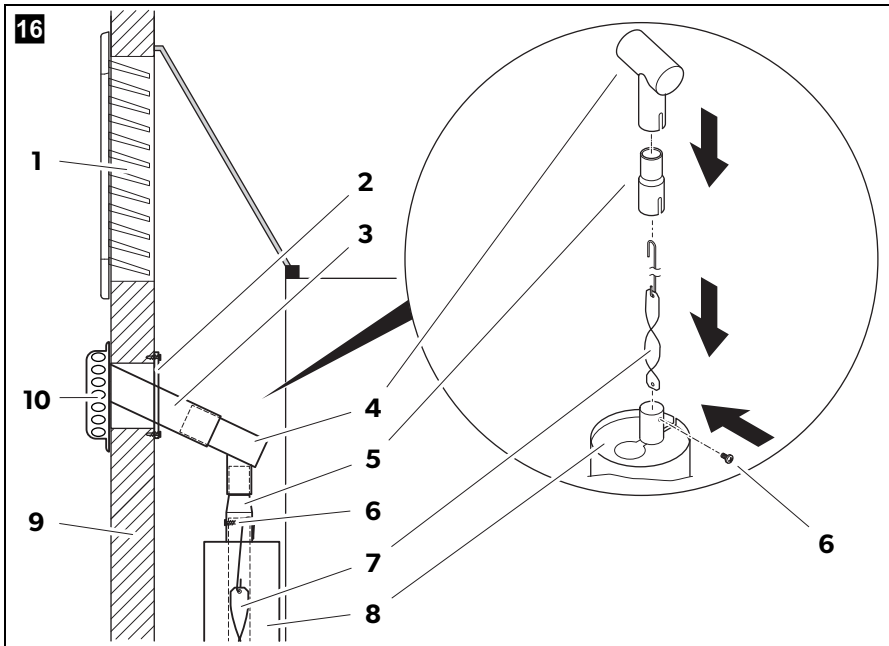
No. in fig. 12	Description
1	Hood
2	Installation frame

- Ensure the installation frame is water resistant (fig. **13**).



- Insert the installation frame and screw it down tightly (fig. **14**). Use all the fixing holes for this.
- Insert the hood and screw it down tightly (fig. **15**).

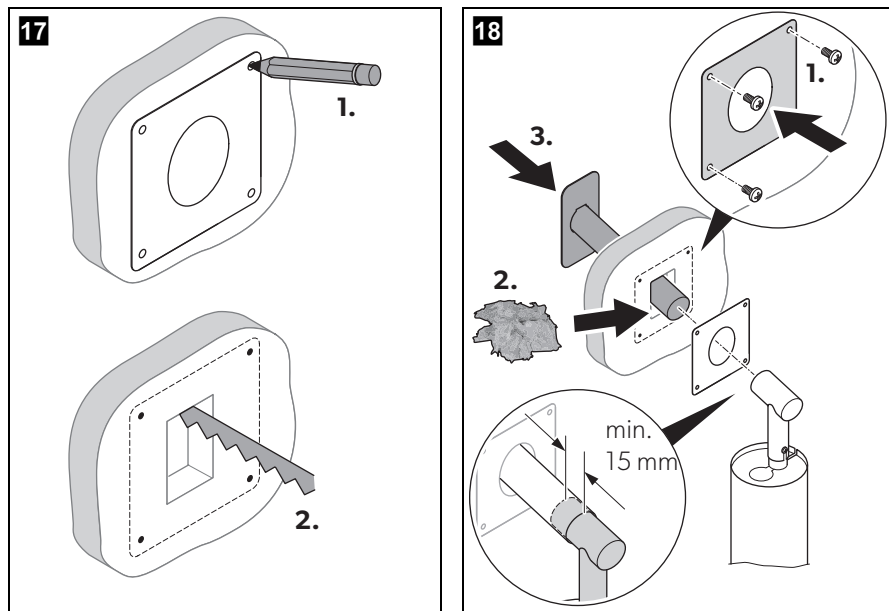
6.6 Installing the flue duct



NOTE

- Do not install an additional flue stack, as this leads to poor performance and increases the power consumption of the refrigerator.
- Mount the flue duct under the upper ventilation grille (fig. 16 1).

Install the flue duct as follows:



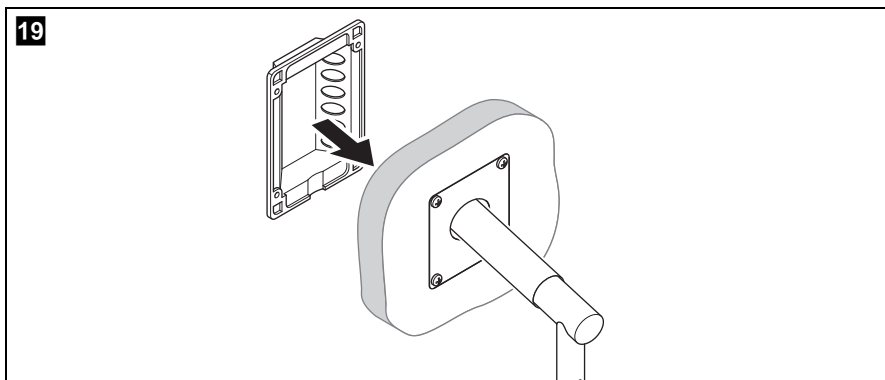
- Make a rectangular opening in the outer wall of the vehicle (fig. **17**).
 - The opening must be as wide as the flue pipe (fig. **16** 3, page 17).
 - The opening must be high enough that the flue pipe fits through at a 45° angle.
- Insert the coil (fig. **16** 7, page 17) in the flue pipe (fig. **16** 8, page 17) of the refrigerator.
- Place the T-piece (fig. **16** 4, page 17) on the adaptor (fig. **16** 5, page 17) and the flue pipe (fig. **16** 8, page 17) of the refrigerator.
- Direct the T-piece at an angle of 45° towards the rear wall.
- Attach the T-piece, adaptor and flue pipe with a screw (fig. **16** 6, page 17).
- Install the mounting plate (fig. **18**).
- Fill the opening with fire-resistant material (e.g. stone wool (fig. **18**)).



NOTE

In some installation situations, it is possible that the flue pipe would extend too far out of the vehicle in its installed state. Shorten the flue pipe to the correct length if necessary.

- Slide the flue pipe at least 15 mm on the T-piece (fig. **18**).



- Attach the cover for the flue stack outside on the vehicle (fig. **19**).

6.7 Securing the refrigerator



CAUTION!

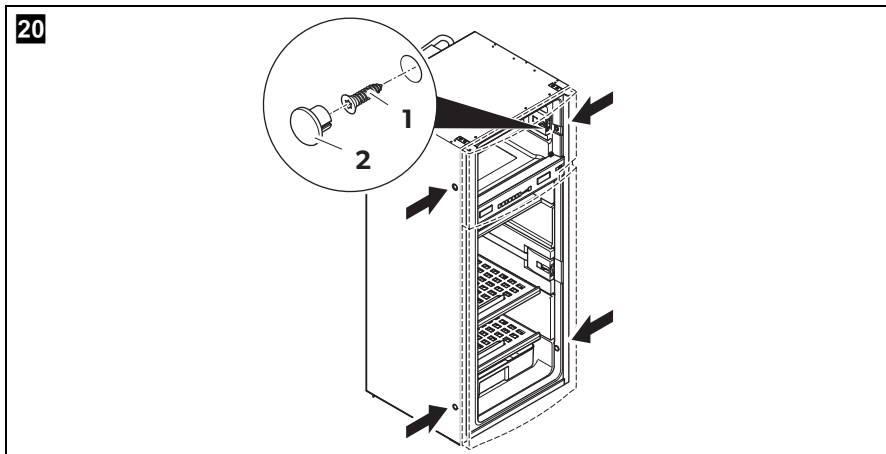
Only screw through the receptacles provided, otherwise foamed components, including cables, can be damaged.



NOTE

Attach the side walls or the attached strips so that the screws are tight, even when under increased loads (while driving).

- Move the refrigerator into its final location.



- Fasten the four screws (fig. 20 1) through the four plastic washers in the sides of the refrigerator, and further into the wall.
- Put the caps (fig. 20 2) onto the screw heads.

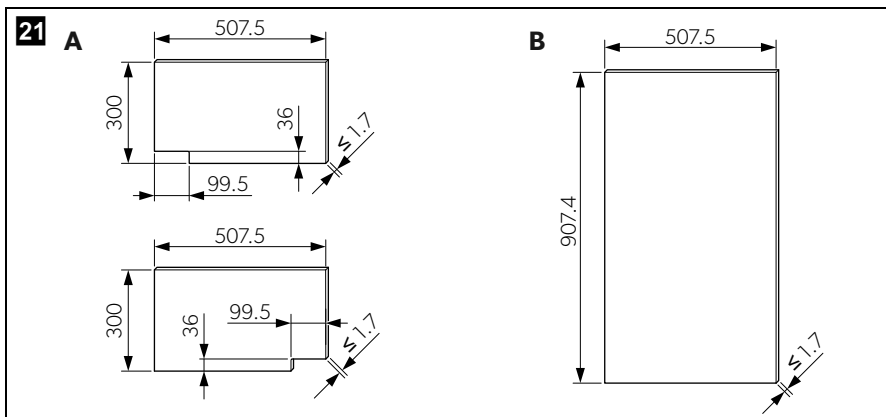
7 Replacing the door panel



NOTICE! Beware of damage

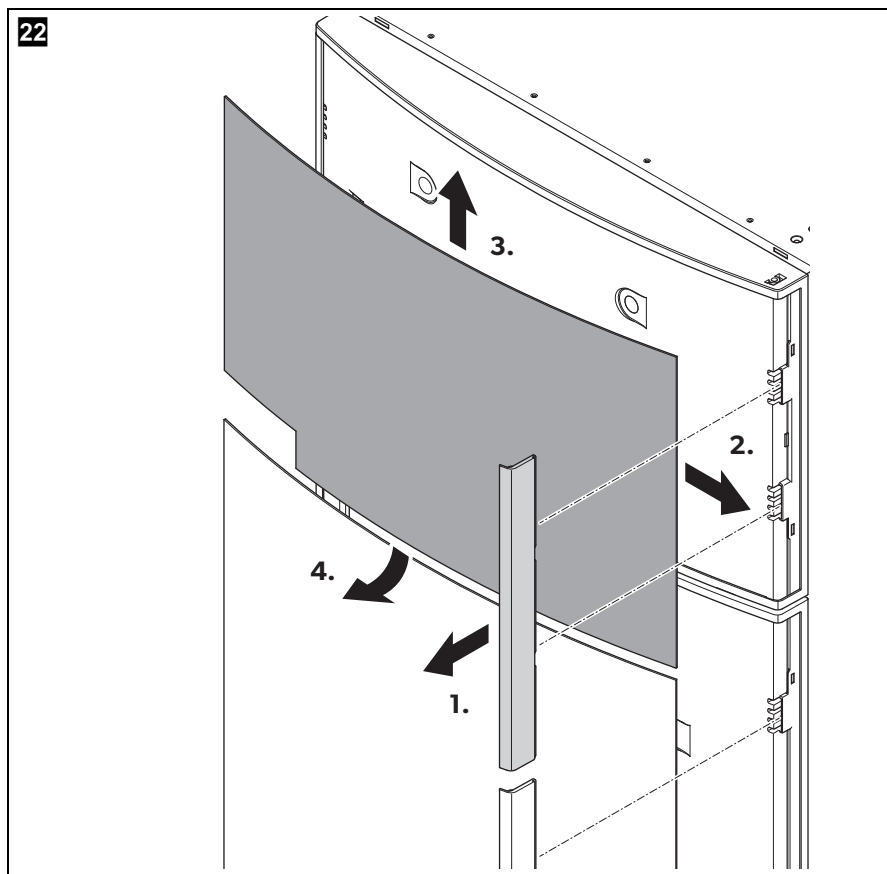
The door panel must not be replaced when the refrigerator is upright.

Only decorative trim with frame: The door panel has the following dimensions:



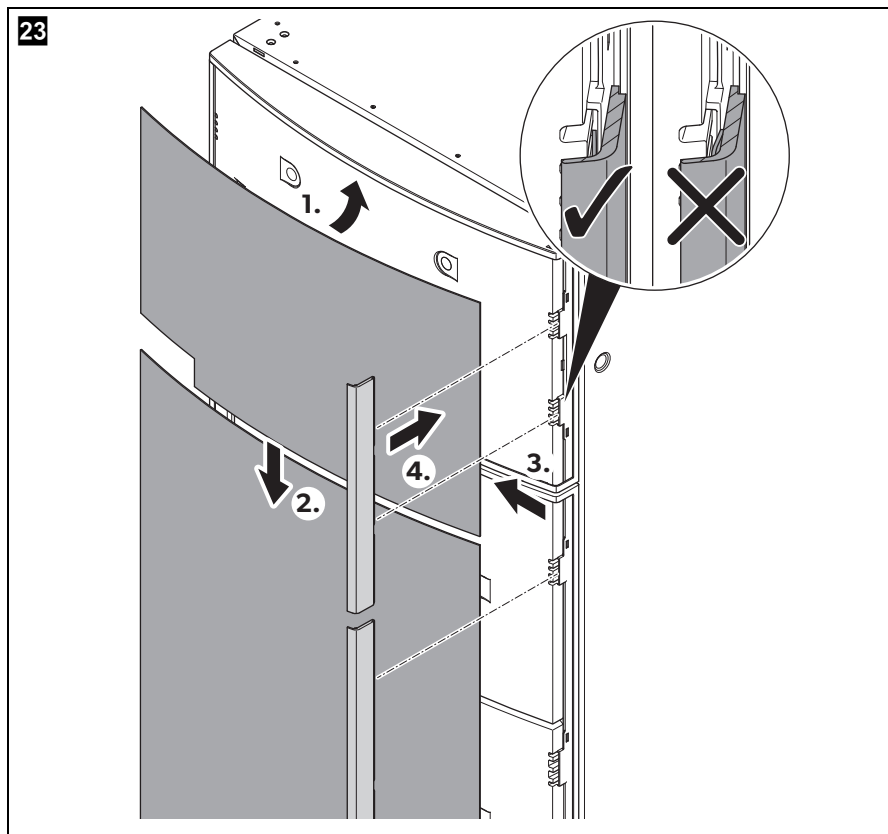
- Freezer compartment door: A
- Refrigerator door: B

Removing the door panel from framed door model



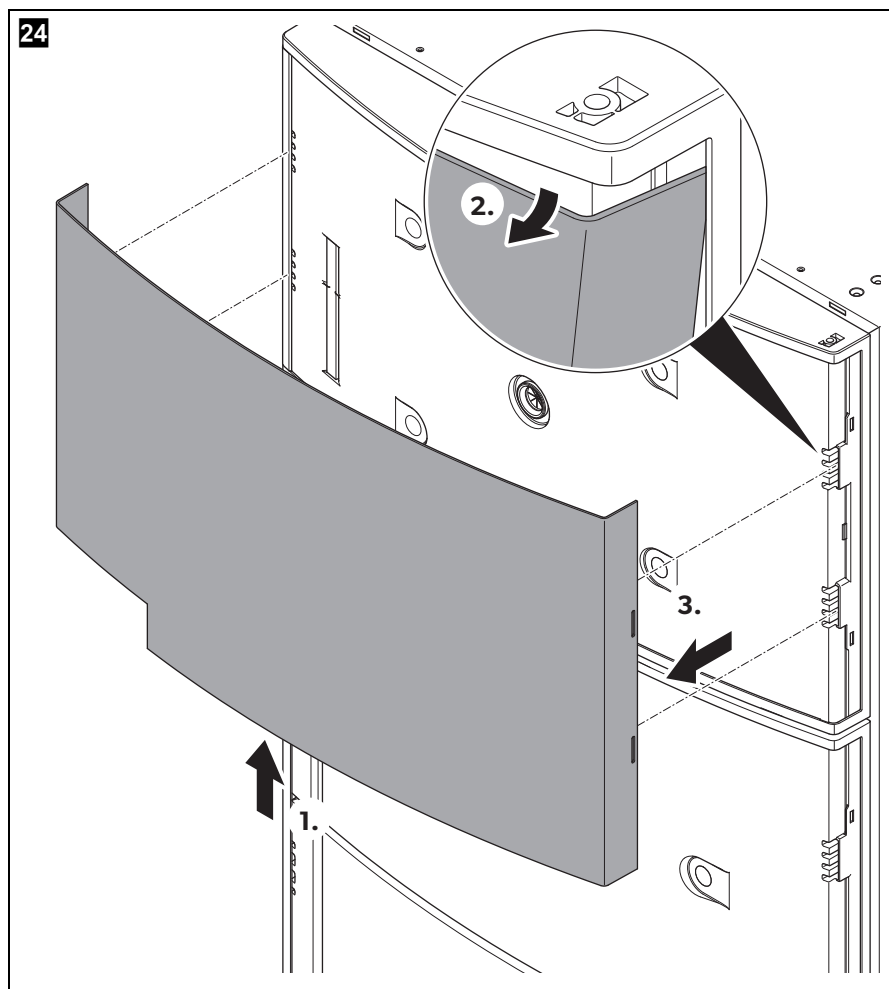
Proceed as follows:

- Remove the door trim carefully. It is only clipped in and held in place by small hooks.
- Pull the old panel away from the door trim still installed.
- Push the old panel upwards as far as the stop.
- Pull the old panel out of the door.

Installing the new door panel and trim on framed door model

Proceed as follows:

- Push the new panel upwards in the door as far as the stop.
- Push the new panel downwards into the door.
- Pull the new panel into the door trim still installed.
- insert the door trim again.
- ✓ The door trim is secure once it clicks into place.

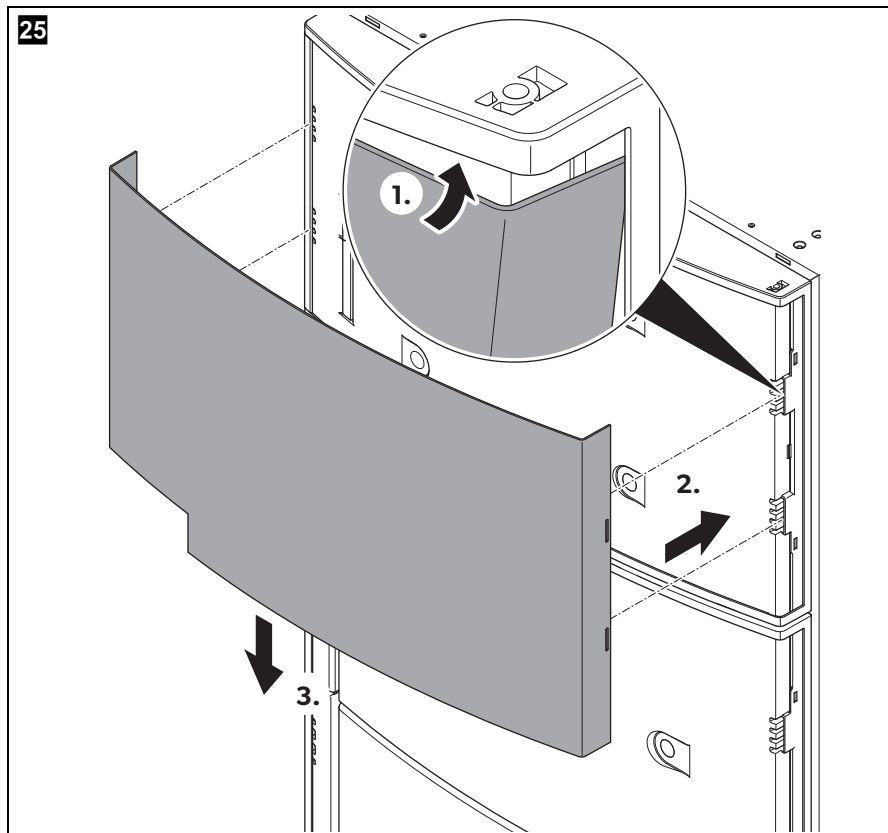
Removing the door panel from frameless door model

Proceed as follows:

- Push the old panel upwards as far as the stop.
- Pull the old panel out of the door.

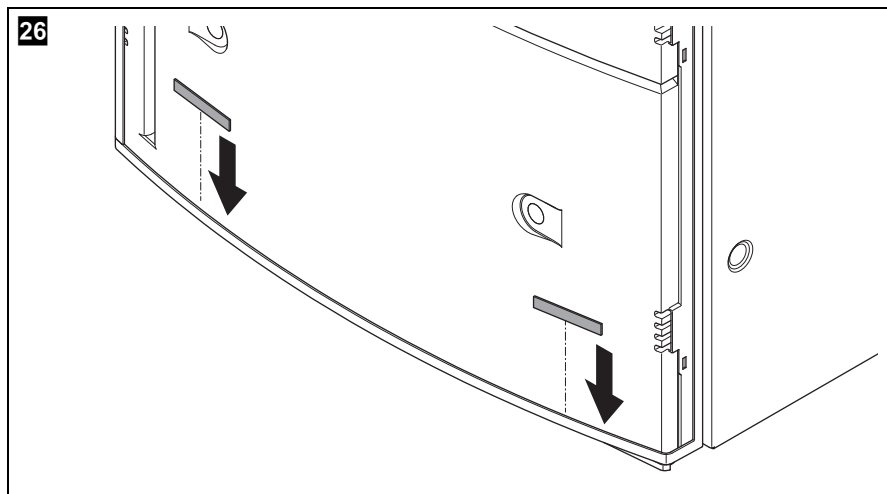
Installing the new door panel on frameless door model

Freezer compartment door:

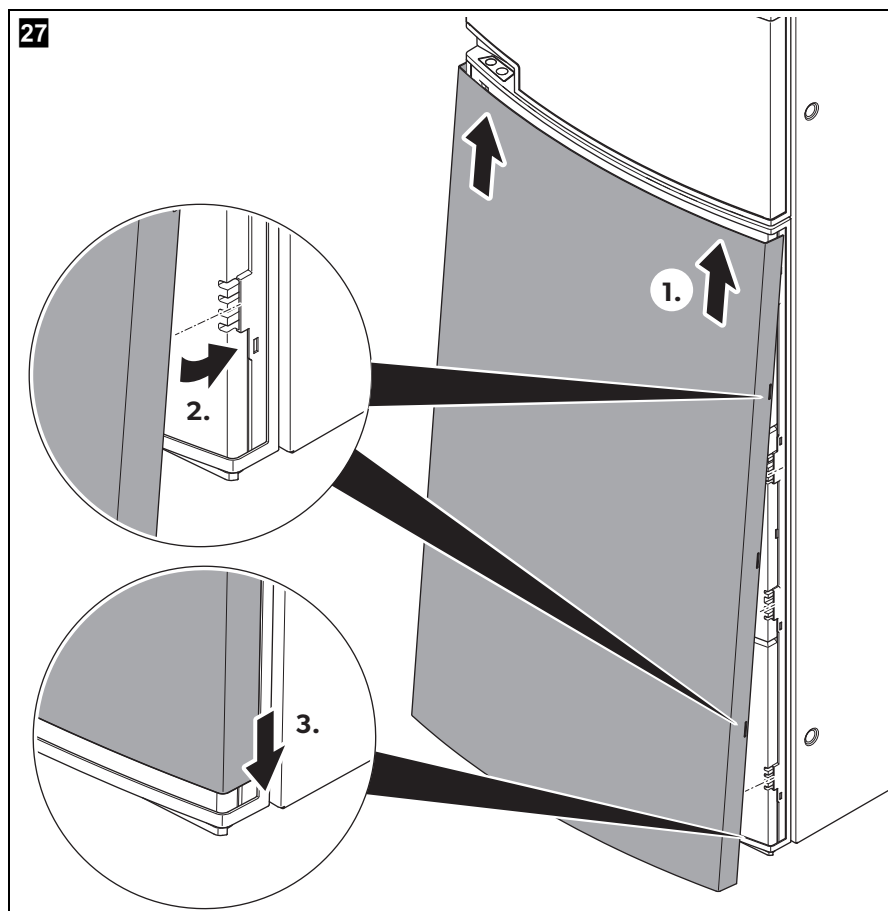


- Push the new panel upwards in the door as far as the stop. Make sure that the new panel fits the door at the left and right.
- Push the new panel downwards into the door.

Refrigerator door:



- Push two spacers downwards into the door, if necessary.



- Push the new panel upwards in the door as far as the stop. Make sure that the new panel fits the door at the left and right (fig. **27**).
- Push the new panel downwards into the door (fig. **27**).

8 Connecting the refrigerator

8.1 Connecting to the gas supply



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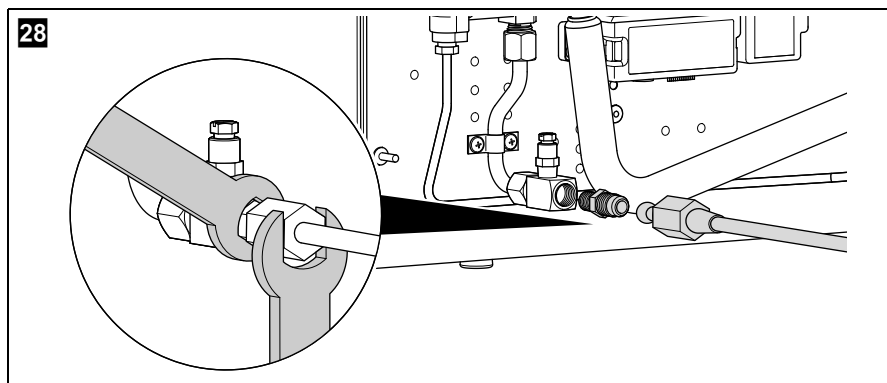
- This refrigerator may only be connected to the gas supply by a specialist in accordance with the applicable guidelines and standards.
- Only use cylinders of universal LPG gas fitted with an approved gas pressure regulator. Compare the pressure information on the data plate with the pressure information on the pressure regulator on the gas cylinder.
- **Only** operate the refrigerator at the pressure shown on the data plate.
- **Only** operate the refrigerator with the type of gas shown on the data plate.
- Please note the pressures which are permitted in your country. Only use pressure controllers with a fixed setting which comply with the national regulations.



NOTE

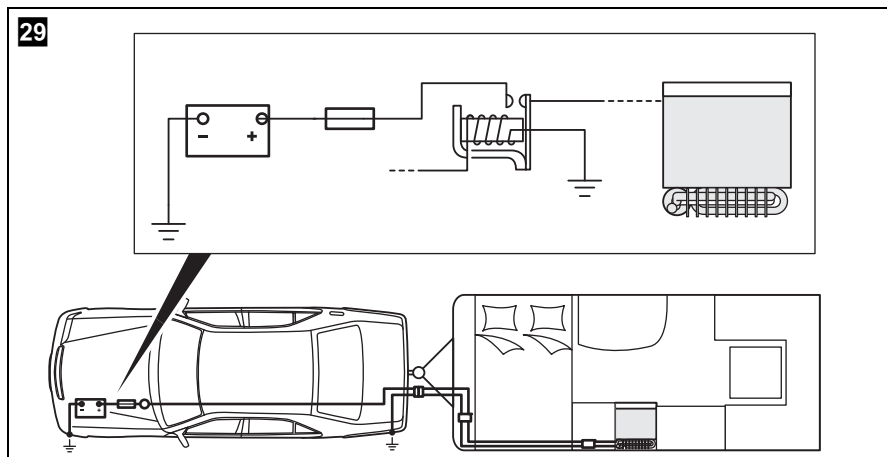
The refrigerator is equipped for a connection pressure of 2.75 kPa.

It must be possible to shut off the refrigerator from the gas line separately by means of a shut-off device. The shut-off device must be easily accessible.



- Connect the refrigerator securely to the gas supply (fig. 28).
- Have a leak test and a flame test performed by an authorised specialist after professional installation. Ensure you are issued with a certificate of inspection.

8.2 Connecting to DC and AC



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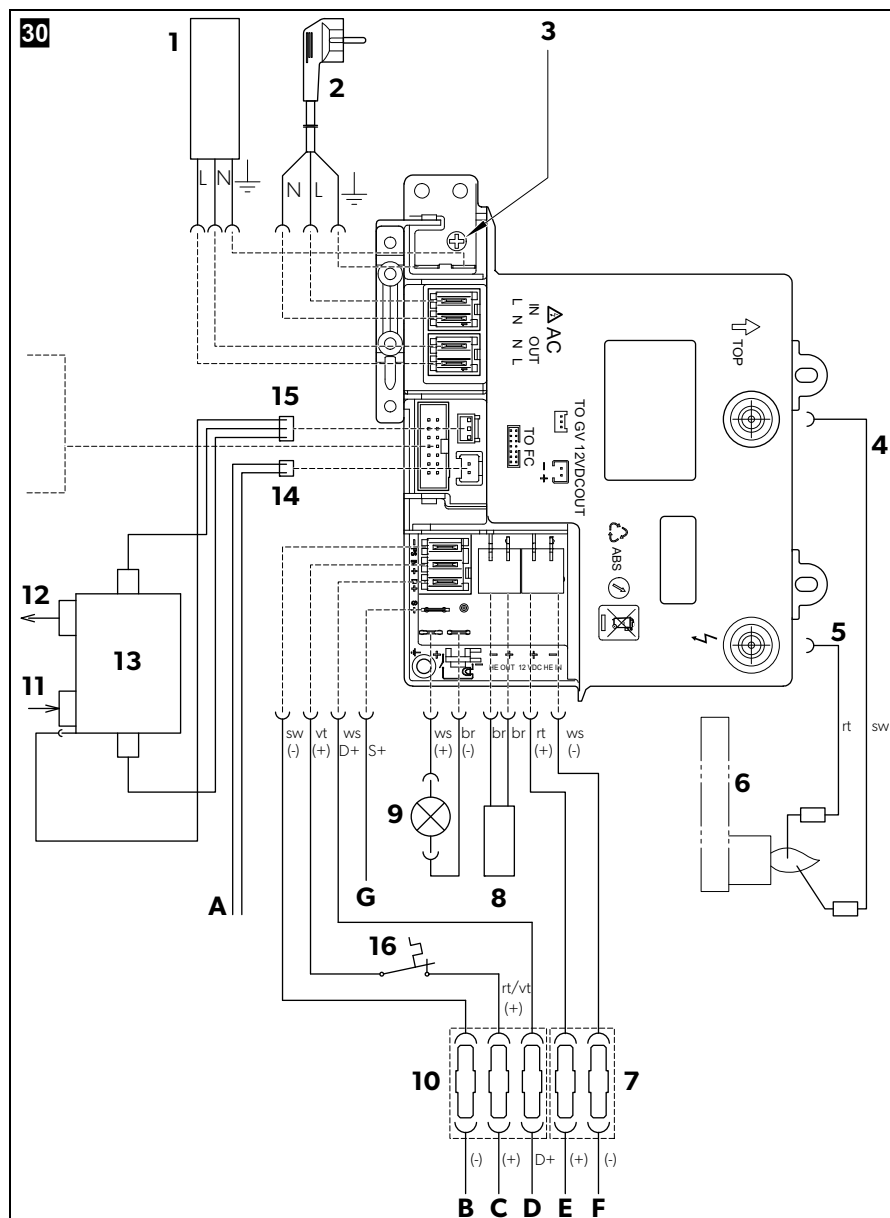
- The electrical installation and repairs may only be performed by a specialist in accordance with the applicable regulations and standards.
- The respective negative and positive cables of the DC connections for heating and controls may not be joined with one another in a caravan. This can cause electrical interference or damage to electrical components.
- DC connection to the heating element must be made to the vehicle engine battery, connection only while engine is running (fig. **29**).



NOTE

- The mains socket must be easily accessible so that you can unplug the power cord if required, thereby disconnecting the refrigerator from the power.
- The plug of the AC connection cable must not be cut off.
- The connection cables must be laid so that they do not come in contact with hot parts of the unit/burner or with sharp edges.
- Changes to the internal electrical installation or the connection of other electrical components (e.g. extra third party fans) to the internal wiring of the refrigerator will void any claims from the guarantee and product liability.

► Connect the refrigerator as follows:



Item	Description
1	Heating cartridge AC power
2	AC power connection cable
3	Earth AC power
4	Ionisation
5	Ignition
6	Burner
7	Heating cartridge DC power supply
8	Heating cartridge DC power
9	LED lighting
10	Electronics DC power supply
11	Gas inlet
12	Gas outlet
13	Gas valve
14	DC power outlet
15	Gas valve supply line
16	Switch-off fuse (overheating protection)
A	Optional connections to DC power outlet
B	Negative terminal (–) DC permanent supply for electronics
C	Positive terminal (–) DC permanent supply for electronics
D	Connection D+
E	Heating element positive terminal (+) DC power
F	Heating element earth terminal DC power
G	Connection S+
br	brown
rt	red
sw	black
ws	white

AC power

- Connect the refrigerator with the mains plug to an AC socket.

DC power

Please note the following cable sizes:

- < 6 m (interior): 6 mm²
 - > 6 m (interior): 10 mm²
 - Connections D+ and S+: 1 mm²
- Protect the DC power supply for heater with 20 A fuse and use a minimum of 6 mm low voltage cable.
 - Protect the DC power supply for controls with 2 A fuse and use a minimum of 1 mm low voltage cable.
 - Run cables to the heating element via a relay or suitable means controlled by an ignition switch to prevent battery from completely discharging, if the engine is switched off (fig. **29**, page 28).
 - Connect DC positive heater cable to terminal (fig. **30** E, page 29).
 - Connect DC negative heater cable to terminal (fig. **30** F, page 29).
 - Connect continuous 12 V=== positive supply to terminal (fig. **30** C, page 29).
 - Connect continuous 12 V=== negative supply to terminal (fig. **30** B, page 29).

D+ (RMDX25 only)

In automatic mode, the refrigerator selects the most favourable mode available. The refrigerator is only operated with direct current when the vehicle engine is running. The electronics of the refrigerator uses the signal D+ from the light system to detect the running engine.

- Connect the D+ connection to the controls (fig. **30** D, page 29) with the respective terminal of the vehicle.

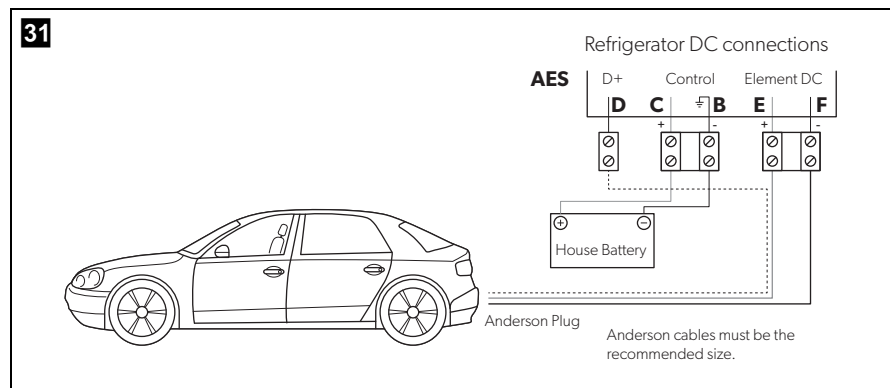
S+ (RMDX25 only)

In automatic mode, the refrigerator is first powered with DC power from the vehicle's own solar system. The refrigerator electronics uses the S+ signal of the solar charge controller to detect a solar system. The solar charge controller must have an AES output and produce sufficient current to run the refrigerator.

- Connect the S+ connection on the controller (fig. **30** G, page 29) to the respective terminal of the solar charge controller.

Suitable solar charge controllers are available from specialist dealers. The manufacturer recommends, for example:

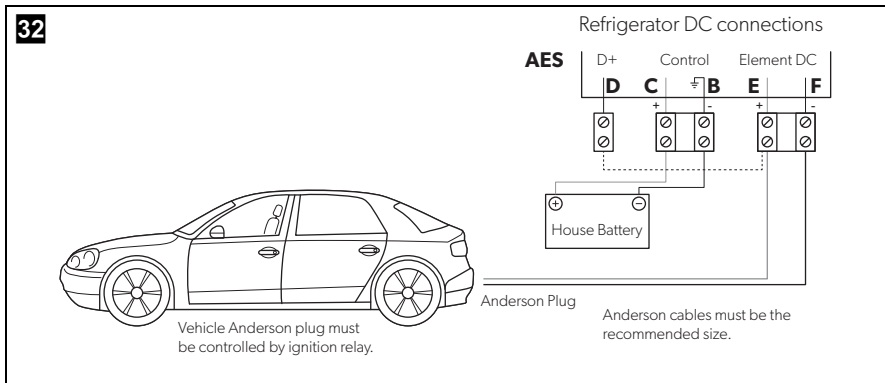
- Büttner MT 300-S
(www.buettner-elektronik.de)
- Votronic MPP 240 Duo Digital
(www.votronic.de)

8.3 Connecting an AES refrigerator (optional)

Connection to suit motor home or caravan with the D+ wire connected to the vehicle alternator or ignition switch.

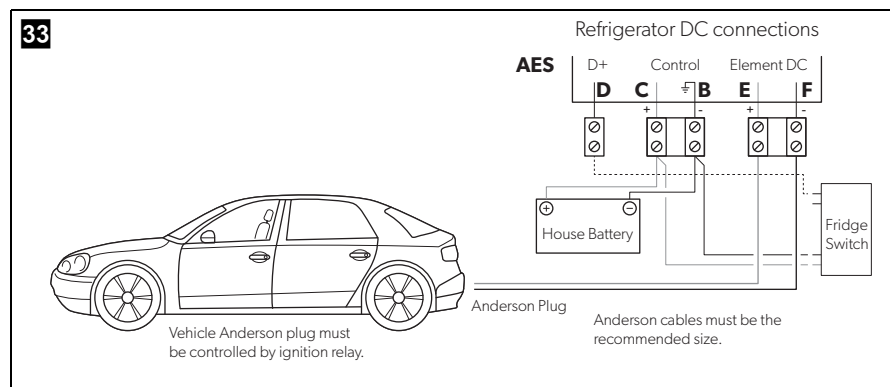
No house battery recharging from the vehicle.

The D+ connection is taken to the vehicle alternator.



Anderson plug controlled by vehicle relay to the ignition switch. Power can only be supplied if the engine is running.

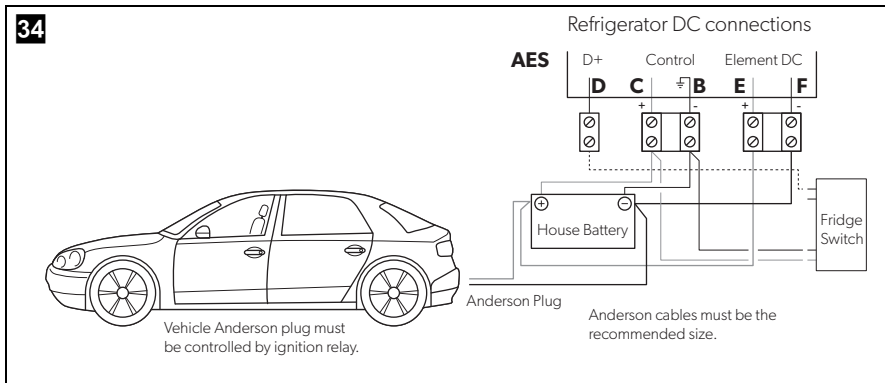
No house battery recharging from the vehicle.



Using a fridge movement switch to add 12 V $\overline{\text{---}}$ to the D+ connection wire, only when the vehicle is moving.

No house battery recharging from the vehicle.

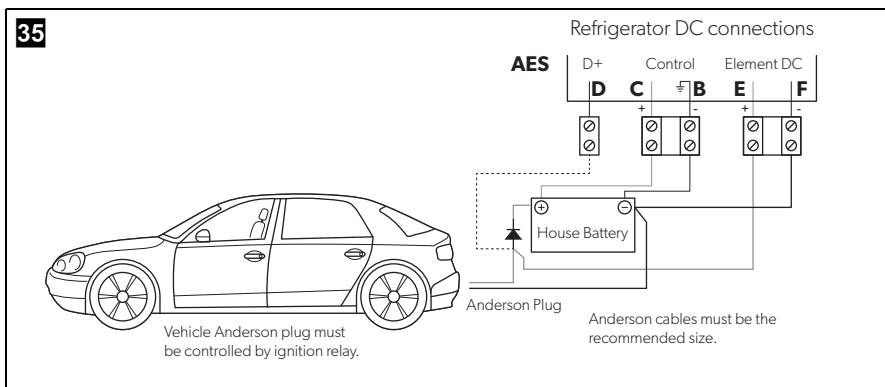
The D+ is turned on and off via an optional fridge movement switch.



Using a fridge movement switch to add 12 V $\overline{=}$ to the D+ connection wire, only when the vehicle is moving. The Anderson plug connection must keep the house battery fully charged.

House battery recharged by vehicle.

The D+ is turned on and off via an optional fridge movement switch.





Anderson plug recharging the house battery via a power diode. The D+ wire can only get a 12 V signal when the battery is being charged.

House battery recharged by vehicle.

The D+ is turned on and off by the vehicle starting and stopping.

9 Technical data

	RMDX21, RMDX25
Voltage:	230 V~ / 50 Hz 12 V---
Capacity – total:	190 l
Capacity – freezer compartment:	30 l
Power consumption:	250 W (230 V~) 170 W (12 V---)
Power consumption:	4.2 kWh/24 h (230 V~) 340 Ah/24 h (12 V---)
Gas consumption:	420 g/24 h
Climatic class:	T
Noise emission:	0 dB(A)
Dimensions H x W x D without flange: with flange:	fig. 1 A , page 7 fig. 1 B , page 7
Weight:	47 kg
Inspection/certification:	 

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