

Noisy Fridge Troubleshooting Checklist

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Safe Checks You Can Do Yourself

1 Locate the noise

Listen at the front, back, and freezer to decide compressor, condenser fan, or evaporator fan.

2 Level the fridge

Rock it gently, adjust the feet or shim, and pull it off the wall and cabinets.

3 Clean the condenser coils

Unplug first, then vacuum the coils behind the kickplate or at the back.

4 Check for freezer frost

Heavy ice can catch the evaporator fan and cause a whine or hum.

5 Confirm the temperature

Above 4 degrees Celsius while humming means a cooling problem, not just a rattle.

Red Flags: Call a Technician

1 Loud hum plus warm fridge

Noise with poor cooling points to a fan or compressor fault.

2 Burning smell or hot back panel

Stop and unplug the unit right away.

3 Oily puddle underneath

Can indicate a refrigerant or compressor issue.

4 Compressor clicks and will not run

A struggling compressor needs a licensed hand.

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