

# How to replace a press-in door gasket in a side-by-side refrigerator

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This DIY repair guide and video shows you how to replace a refrigerator door gasket that presses into a groove around the edge of the door on a side-by-side refrigerator.

The door gasket, often called a door seal, seals the gap around the door to keep the cold air in and the warm air out. Signs that the refrigerator gasket needs to be replaced include excessive frost buildup and reduced cooling. Replace the gasket if it's worn, cracked or torn.



This repair procedure works for replacing refrigerator and freezer door gaskets in many Kenmore, Frigidaire, LG and Samsung refrigerators.

If you have a different type of refrigerator, check out these repair guides and videos:

- [How to replace a door gasket in a top-freezer refrigerator](#)
- [How to replace a door gasket in a French-door refrigerator](#)
- [How to replace a foamed-in-place door gasket in a side-by-side refrigerator](#)



## Tools required

Hair dryer or heat gun

Petroleum jelly

## Repair difficulty

### Time required

 15 minutes or less

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## Refrigerators

How to replace a side-by-side press-in door gasket

Watch Video At: [https://youtu.be/CCNbA\\_5CLcY](https://youtu.be/CCNbA_5CLcY)

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### Instructions

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01.

## Remove creases in the new door gasket

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To smooth creases and folds in the door gasket, soak it in warm water and dry with a towel. Or carefully warm it with a hair dryer or heat gun on a low setting.

Be careful not to melt the gasket.



Tip: Heating some door gaskets causes them to expand. Allow the gasket to cool before installation if it seems too big for the door after heating.



PHOTO: Remove creases in the new door gasket.

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## Remove the refrigerator door gasket

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First, turn off or unplug the refrigerator, or shut off the circuit breaker for the refrigerator.

Pull the gasket out of the track. Starting at one of the corners is usually easiest. You may need to tug the gasket firmly to get the removal process started. If you have a difficult time starting at a corner, pull the gasket out starting in a spot halfway down the side of the door.

Once you get the removal process started, you should be able to pull the gasket out fairly easily.



PHOTO: Remove the refrigerator door gasket.

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### **Clean the track in the refrigerator door**

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Using a wet cloth, wipe any spills from inside and around the track.

Cleaning the track will ensure that the new gasket fits easily in the track and seals the door properly.



PHOTO: Clean the door gasket track.

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## Install the new gasket

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Starting at the top of the door, work the new door gasket into the track. Work your way down both sides of the door and across the bottom.

Check for loose spots and adjust the gasket as needed for a proper fit.

Spread a thin coat of petroleum jelly along the sealing surface of the door gasket to help the new gasket seal properly.

Close the door and check the fit. The door gasket should fit tightly against the cabinet and door with no gaps showing. Smooth out any creases that cause gaps. Push the door gasket further into the track to eliminate gaps.

Turn the refrigerator back on or restore power to the refrigerator.



**Warning:** Undertaking repairs to appliances can be hazardous. Use the proper tools and safety equipment noted in the guide and follow all instructions. Don't proceed until you're confident that you understand all the steps and are capable of completing the repair. Some repairs should only be performed by a qualified technician.