

# Brada Compact Appliance Troubleshooting Checklist

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## Compact fridge not cooling - first checks

### 1 Door gasket dollar test

Close the door on a dollar bill. If it pulls out without resistance, replace the gasket.

### 2 Vacuum the back condenser coils

Unplug. Pull out from wall. Brush vacuum the black grid on the back.

### 3 Check interior airflow

Move stored items at least 2 cm away from the back interior wall and any vent.

### 4 Confirm room temperature is at least 16C

Below 16C the compressor may not engage. Move to a heated space if needed.

## Compact washer not spinning

### 1 Listen to the motor

Hums but no drum movement = motor brushes worn. Silent and drum spins free = belt.

### 2 Clean the drain filter

Open the front access panel at the bottom. Pull out the filter, clean lint and coins.

### 3 Check load balance

Soaking-wet small items on one side throw off compact units more than full-size.

### 4 Inspect the four feet

All four screwed down evenly, rubber pads underneath. Eliminates 80% of vibration.

## Compact stove uneven heating

### 1 Lift and inspect the coil

Unplug. Lift the burner coil up and out of its socket. Look for scorch marks or breaks.

### 2 Swap with another working coil

Same wattage coil from another burner well will confirm whether it's the coil or the socket.

### 3 Order a generic plug-in replacement

\$25 to \$50 for a 6 inch or 8 inch coil from any Canadian appliance parts supplier.

## When to call a technician

### 1 Sealed refrigeration system issues

Compressor humming but no cooling, frost on the lines, or oil leaks. Refrigerant work requires ECCC certification.

### 2 240V wiring or power inlet

Burning smell, scorched plug, or electrical arcing. ESA permit may be required.

### 3 Control board faults

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