

Consumers Want to Know

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I've always believed that the freezer compartment in a refrigerator was for short term storage. What has changed this?

There are some models of refrigerators that have only one door. An inner door separates the freezer from the refrigerator compartments. It is difficult to maintain low

temperature in such models. The use and care books advise short-term storage which is two or three months.

What happens to operating costs when the freezer temperature is increased?

The lower the temperature the higher will be the operating costs. Reducing door opening, organizing food packages so they can be located quickly and keeping the freezer as full as possible helps to moderate cost of operation.

What's the best way to get rid of an old refrigerator?

The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers has prepared a leaflet that offers some suggestions for preventing accidents with discarded appliances. It comes with the use and care books of new refrigerators. It is important to remove doors on refrigerators and freezers before discarding them. If a refrigerator is still in good condition, it might be used in a vacation home, or in the recreation room or basement for additional storage. Occasionally, a church or a social agency would appreciate a gift of a well cared for appliance.

What's the best way to identify real leather from synthetic leathers?

Read the label to find out what you're buying. Garments that look like leather but are not should be labeled "imitation leather," "not leather," or "synthetic leather made of _____ (whatever material is used). Real leather need not be identified.

I've noticed washing instructions on leather clothes in some stores. How come leather is washable now?

A new tanning process al-

lows leather to retain its softness and prevents shrinking after washing. However, all leather clothes are not washable. Before buying and washing leather, read the label for washability and washing instructions

Why don't manufacturers standardize directions for the use of fabric softeners?

Formulas for these products are so varied that directions for their use must be tailored to fit the product. Basically there are two types of fabric softeners: one type is added in the rinse cycle, a newer type can be used in either the wash or rinse cycle. It is very important not to add other agents such as bluing, water conditioner, etc when using products formulated to use with the rinse cycle. That's why it's impossible for manufacturers to standardize directions for fabric softeners as well as many consumer products on the market today

Is bluing supposed to clean or bleach clothes?

Bluing does not clean or bleach. It counteracts yellowing. Many of today's detergents and laundry aids con-

Steel Module Home Community Planned

A new planned community of 183 single-family factory-fabricated steel homes is being developed as a part of a 100-acre residential complex near Canton, Ohio, Republic Steel Corp. has announced. The company, in a joint venture with local developers, Raymond N. Malcolm and William C. Mattevi, is employing the concept of planned unit development.

Called the Perry Hills Colony, the housing complex will be zoned as a total site rather than as individual lots of uniform size. Cluster housing is then used to create common-use land and still maintain individual privacy. The single homes are to be moderately priced and are grouped along cul de sac streets or along looped, winding roads. About 30 per cent of the land is to be preserved and the natural ecology protected.

With the area will be garden apartments, town houses and a small shopping complex. The latter, situated along a major highway, will act as a buffer zone between traffic and residential sections. The Republic home uses galvanized and pre-painted steel sandwich panels and components, which lend themselves to efficient erection on site, according to the builders



Can bluing agents or brighteners If the label stresses brightening action, you can assume it contains "optical brighteners" When using such products, you don't need bluing. Bluing is available in granules, liquids, cubes and pellets. It's important to read the directions before adding to find out if it should be dissolved and diluted before use

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