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# ZEPHYR HYPERCORE™ INDUCTION COOKTOP POWERED BY IMPULSE

## *A New Era of Power and Precision*

The HyperCore™ Induction Cooktop marks a major leap forward in kitchen technology, combining extreme power, intelligent temperature control, and seamless installation. Engineered for cooks who expect more, it redefines what induction cooking can achieve.

### **Unmatched Power**

- Four ultra high output 10 kW elements deliver performance equivalent to 72,000 BTU gas.
- Up to 4× more powerful than gas and 3× more powerful than standard induction.
- Power Boost brings water to a boil in under 40 seconds.
- Built in battery supports peak output while using a standard 120V outlet—no rewiring required.

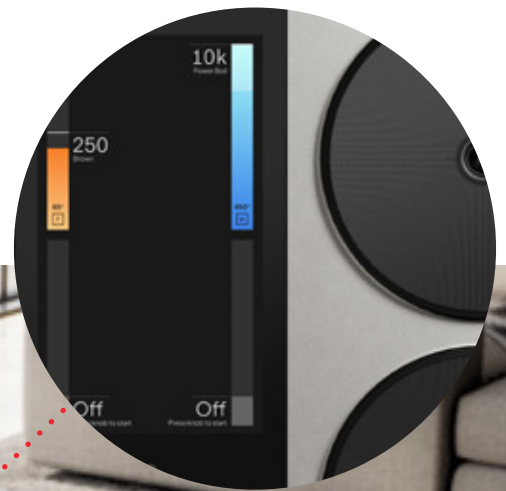
### **Precision That Thinks for You**

Where HyperCore™ truly shines is in its intelligence. Zephyr's ExactSense™ technology measures the temperature of the pan—not just the cooktop surface—and automatically adjusts heat in real time. This ensures consistent, responsive cooking whether you're simmering, sautéing, or deep frying.

### **Two Cooking Modes**

- Power Mode (watts): Traditional low, medium, and high settings with exceptional responsiveness.
- Temperature Mode (°F): Single degree precision for delicate tasks like tempering chocolate, maintaining oil temperature, or cooking eggs to perfection.

With ExactTemp™, every setting is accurate, repeatable, and effortless.



## Smarter Power, Seamless Installation

HyperCore™ is the only cooktop in its class with a built in battery system, enabling peak performance even on standard household electrical service. This innovation eliminates the need for costly electrical upgrades while still delivering commercial level output.

The cooktop is available in 30-inch and 36-inch widths, with the 36-inch model arriving in March 2026.

## Design That Elevates the Everyday

Zephyr pairs performance with thoughtful design details:

- Detachable magnetic knobs for intuitive control and easy cleaning.
- LED Element Rings that clearly signal active heat.
- A 12.8-inch display for a clean, modern interface.
- Wi-Fi connectivity for over the air updates, ensuring the cooktop continues to evolve with new features.

HyperCore™ is the only cooktop in the industry designed to improve over time.

## A Thoughtfully Designed Home Starts Here

From the unmatched power of the HyperCore™ Induction Cooktop to the versatility of Zephyr's indoor/outdoor refrigeration, these products are engineered to elevate the way we live and cook. With a heritage rooted in innovation and craftsmanship, Zephyr continues to shape the future of the modern home—inside and out.



30" available now



36" coming soon



# INTRODUCING LG'S ZERO CLEARANCE REFRIGERATORS

## Big Capacity, Built-In Style

Homeowners looking to maximize kitchen space without sacrificing style now have a new option from LG. The company's latest French-door refrigerators feature Zero Clearance hinges, allowing the doors to open fully even when installed directly against a wall or next to cabinetry. The result is a clean, nearly built-in look—without the cost or complexity of custom installation.

These models offer the storage of a standard-depth refrigerator in spaces that traditionally require slimmer, more limited options. Combined with LG's thin door design, the Zero Clearance hinge system ensures full access to shelves, drawers, and bins, even in tight layouts.



### Why Zero Clearance Matters

Traditional refrigerators require more than two inches of side clearance to prevent doors from hitting walls or cabinets. LG's new hinge technology reduces that requirement to just 0.16 inches, dramatically expanding where a full-size refrigerator can be installed.

This means:

- No pulling the refrigerator forward to clear the wall
- No sacrificing capacity
- No awkward gaps that disrupt your kitchen's aesthetic

### Standout Features

- Flush look with full access — Doors open fully in tight spaces, giving you complete access to the interior.
- Built-in style with maximum capacity — A nearly built-in appearance without losing the storage space of a standard-depth model.
- ThinQ® smart technology — Control temperatures, monitor ice production, and let the fridge adapt to your family's habits.
- Thin Door Design — Doors are 45% thinner for a sleeker profile.
- Craft Ice (LF25Z630S model) — Slow-melting, spherical ice that elevates beverages and melts more slowly than traditional cubes.

### Models Available

LF24Z6530S – External dispenser, Craft Ice capability, bar handle design, and LG Smart Cooling with Multi-Air Flow.

LF25Z6211S – Internal water dispenser, cubed ice, pocket handle design, and LG Smart Cooling with Multi-Air Flow.

### A Smarter, More Flexible Kitchen

Whether you're renovating a kitchen or simply upgrading your appliances, LG's Zero Clearance refrigerators offer a rare combination of design flexibility, high capacity, and smart features. They're ideal for homeowners who want a built-in look without the built-in price—or the installation headaches.

# WHY TIGHT CLOSET INSTALLATIONS

## Create Serious Maintenance Problems

A front-load washer needs space not only to run but to be reached, inspected, ventilated, and removed. When those clearances disappear, the machine becomes harder to maintain, more prone to damage, and more expensive to repair.



### 1. Clearances Are Designed for More Than Ventilation

Clearances allow access to:

- Water supply valves to shut off.
- Drain and fill hoses to inspect for bulges, leaks, or deterioration.
- Electrical connections that must be accessible for safety.
- Leveling feet that require periodic adjustment.
- Suspension components that often need access from the rear or sides.

Without space, even simple fixes require pulling the entire unit out.

### 2. Hidden Damage & Emergency Risks

Tight spaces hide problems and slow response when things go wrong.

- Leaks can damage walls and flooring before they're noticed.
- Vibration, heat, and moisture shorten component life.
- Shutoff valves may be hard to reach.
- Water can spread quickly.
- Electrical risks increase.

### 3. Appliance Service Accessibility

Many servicers require units to be "uninstalled" from tight space to service. Limited access means:

- Removing doors or trim to reach the unit.
- Service calls take longer, which increases labor costs.
- Some repairs may require two technicians simply to extract the machine safely.

A repair that should take 20 minutes can turn into a multi-hour job because the machine is physically trapped.

### 4. Installation Itself Becomes Risky

A tight closet often means:

- Kinked hoses during installation.
- Pinched electrical cords.
- Improper leveling because there's no room to adjust feet.
- Blocked drain lines that can cause backups.



A front-load washer isn't meant to be boxed in. Proper clearance is essential for safe operation, easier maintenance, and avoiding costly repairs.

# ENHANCED INSTALLATION EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

*Now Live in Kieffer's Installation App*

Kieffer's is introducing an important enhancement to the Installation app designed to improve communication, reduce delays, and strengthen coordination with both trade partners and end users. The new Install Email Notifications feature provides structured follow-up messaging that ensures all parties receive timely, accurate, updates about installation outcomes.

## Two Types of Automated Notifications

The system will now generate two distinct email types, depending on the contact listed on the invoice. These notifications help clarify installation status and outline any next steps required.

### 1. Completion Email

Sent automatically when a job site has been fully installed with no outstanding issues. This confirms that the installation is complete and requires no further action.

### 2. Deficiency Email

Sent after the Logistics Coordinator reviews the previous day's installation, verifies details with the installer, and identifies any issues that prevented full completion.

## Deficiency Categories

Deficiency emails will fall into one of two clearly defined categories:

- Installed with exceptions — For example, appliances were installed, but the required waterline was not present.
- Not installed — For example, the cutout space was incorrect or not prepared for installation.

Each email includes a summary of the issue and accompanying photos to provide visual clarity on why the installation could not be completed as planned.

## Corrective Action Guidance

To support efficient resolution, every deficiency email concludes with a corrective action sequence. This step-by-step guidance outlines what must be addressed before the next installation can be scheduled, helping ensure smoother follow-up visits and fewer delays. These enhancements are designed to create a more transparent, predictable installation process and to strengthen collaboration across all teams involved.



### Installation Summary

Total Items Scheduled 3  
Items Installed with Exceptions 3  
Items Not Installed 0  
Items Completely Installed 0  
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### Items Installed with Exceptions

#### WHIRLPOOL / WDP540HAMZ (Dishwasher Install - Complete)

No utilities on

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#### WHIRLPOOL / WFGS5030RZ (Range (Gas) Install - Complete)

No utilities on gas valve is stopping the range from being flush to the wall see pictures

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#### WHIRLPOOL / WMMS3330RZ (Microwave OTR Vented Install - Complete)

No utilities on

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