



# Installation Instructions



*For Top or Bottom  
Freezer Installations*





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## **CAUTION:**

Under reasonable conditions, the Fridge Fixer® will keep your refrigerator doors closed while the vehicle is in motion. But, it will not prevent the refrigerator contents from shifting internally. Please load your refrigerator carefully to minimize shifting during transport, and use caution when opening as items may be poised to fall.



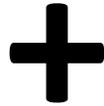
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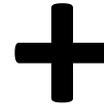
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Gather needed tools:

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Whatever tool needed  
to remove/install  
Refrigerator Door  
Hinge Bolts  
(Varies by Manufacturer)



May also need a  
Crescent Wrench  
(or 2) if Fridge  
Fixer® Frame  
needs to be  
adjusted to fit.



**3/32" Hex Key**  
(Supplied with Fixer)



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The Door Hinge Bolts on your refrigerator may be different than what is illustrated in these instructions. You may need to use a different tool than pictured to remove and reinstall your hardware.

To Help Identify the proper tool needed to remove and reinstall your door hinge bolts, here is a chart of common bolt head styles. You can use this name to help find the appropriate tool to use on your hardware.

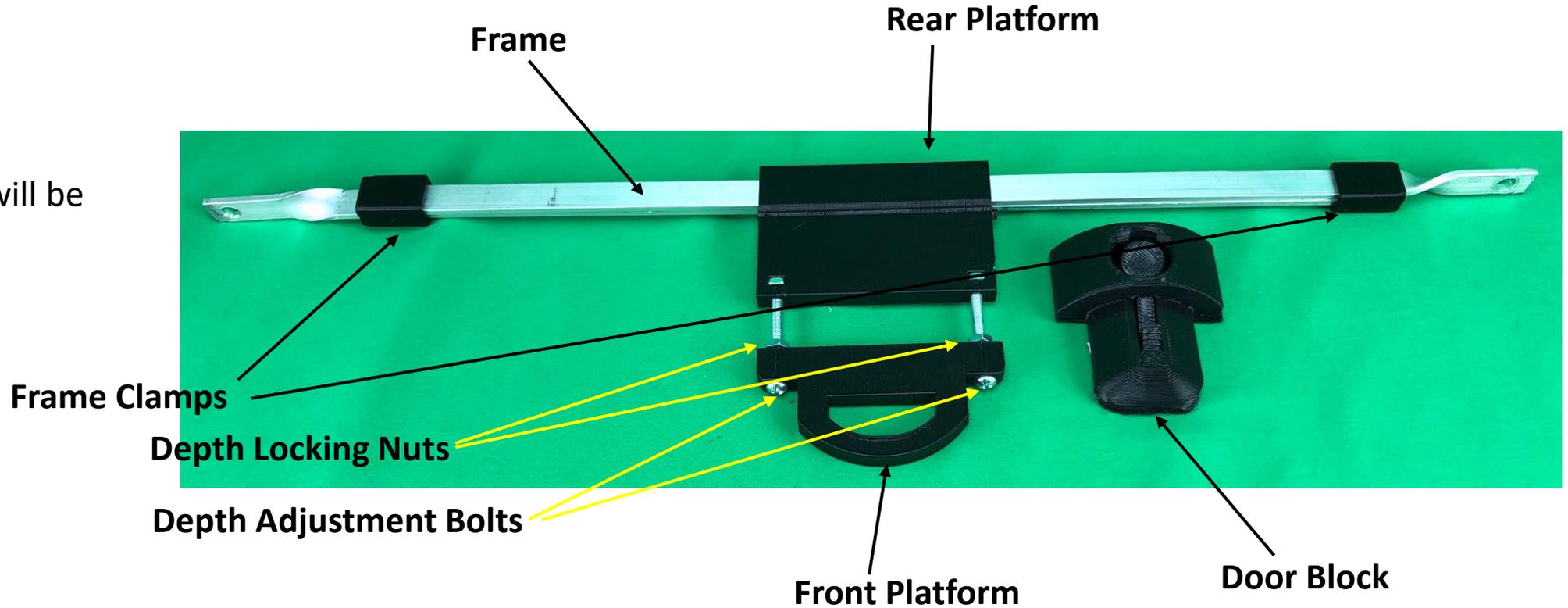
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| <br>HEX FULL-BEARING            | <br>HEX WASHER-FACED            | <br>DOUBLE-CHAMFERED | <br>SQUARE                     | <br>SLOTTED-HEXAGON         |
| <br>COUNTERSUNK                 | <br>RAISED-COUNTERSUNK          | <br>ROUND            | <br>PAN                        | <br>MUSHROOM (TRUSS)        |
| <br>PHILLIPS COUNTERSUNK        | <br>PHILLIPS RAISED COUNTERSUNK |                      | <br>PHILLIPS ROUND-PAN         | <br>PHILLIPS ROUND          |
| <br>CHEESE                      | <br>RAISED-CHEESE (FILLISTER)   | <br>"HI-TORQUE"      | <br>COUNTERSUNK HEXAGON SOCKET | <br>BUTTON HEXAGON SOCKET   |
| <br>FLAT OR CAP HEXAGON SOCKET | <br>KNURLED HEAD               | <br>SPANNER HEAD    | <br>TORX DRIVE                | <br>ROBERTSON SQUARE DRIVE |



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The components will be referred to by the following names:





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## **CAUTION:**

Some refrigerators will shut off the compressor if the refrigerator doors are left open for an excessive amount of time. The refrigerator may not inform you that it has entered this error state, and will simply cease to cool until it is reset.

To avoid this undesired behavior it is best to **disconnect the refrigerator from power before installing the Fridge Fixer®**. Please pull the plug, or trip the circuit breaker before proceeding.



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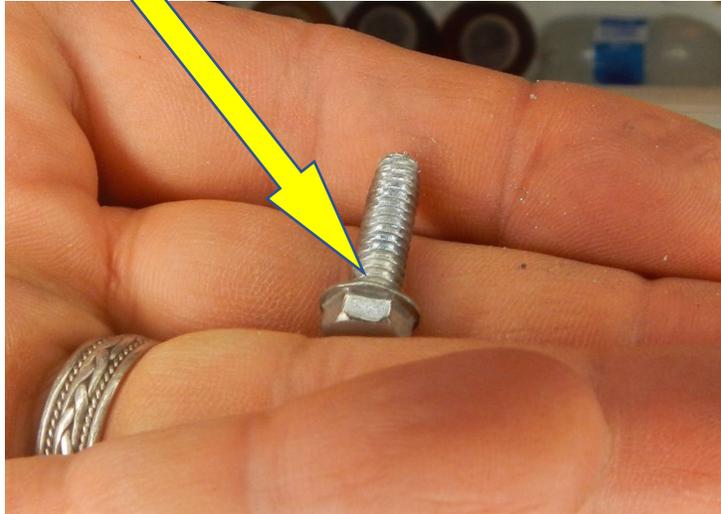
Remove the innermost hinge bolt from the refrigerator frame. The hinge may be on the left or the right side of the refrigerator.



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Take this door hinge bolt to your local hardware store to find a matching bolt. The bolt length and thread should be matched. If possible get a similar bolt head style.

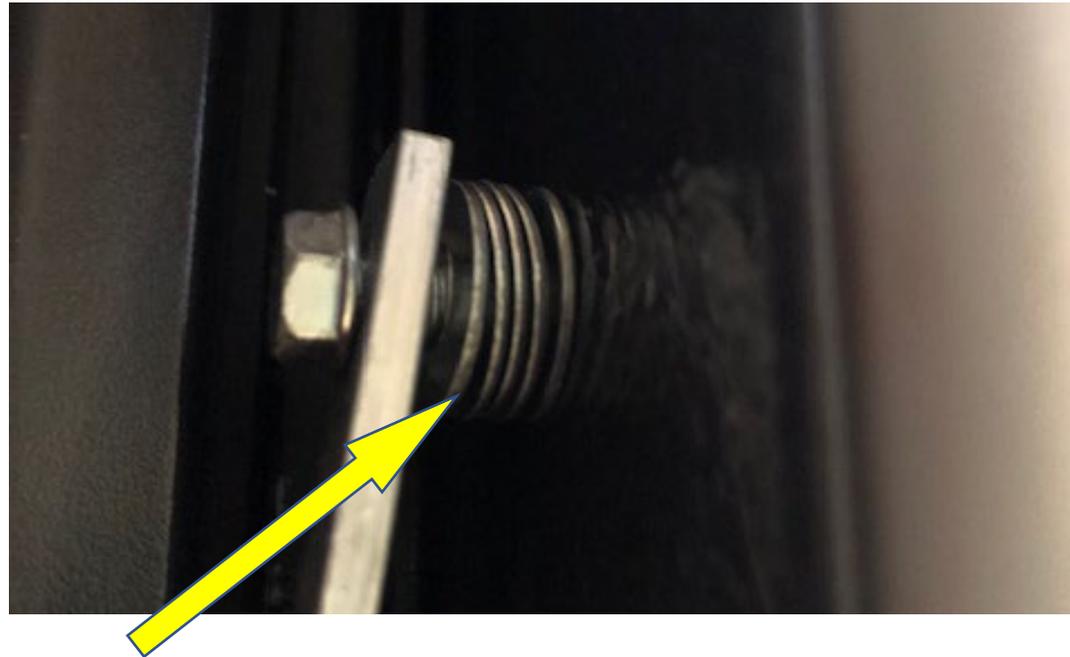




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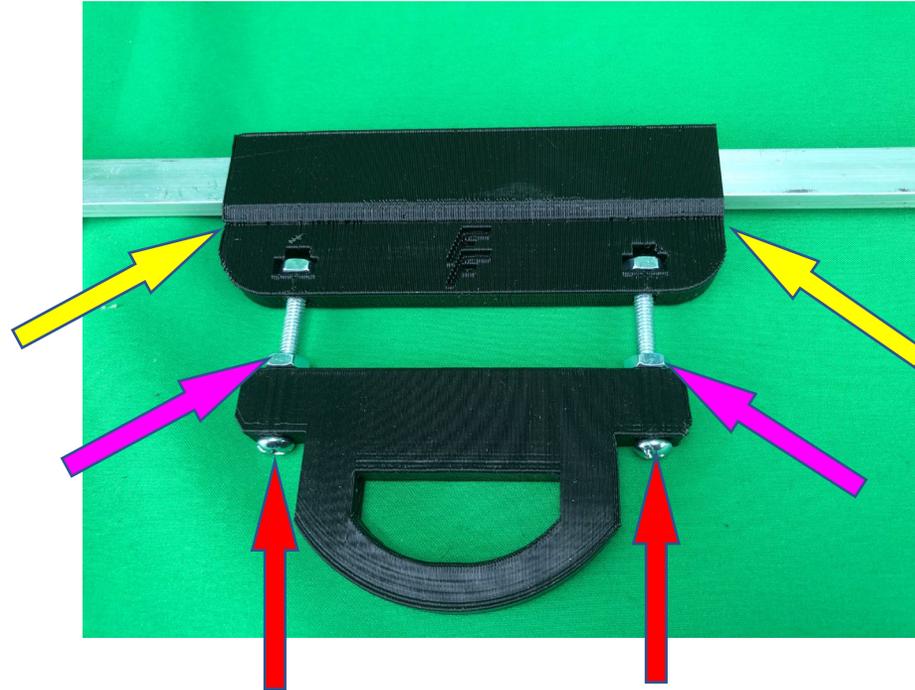
Several flat washers will also be required. The washers are to be stacked up on the Non-Hinge side of the Fridge Fixer Frame to keep it at the same level (off the refrigerator frame) as the frame mounted to the door hinge



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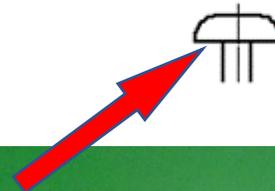
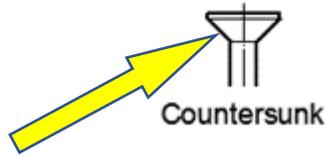
Use the hex key to loosen the **setscrews** on the Base (x2) and loosen the **Door Depth Bolts** a few turns. The **Door Depth Locking Nuts** will need to be loosened and kept away from the platforms to adjust the Door Depth Bolts



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The Fridge Fixer® Frame is fabricated to accept both countersunk and flat-bottomed screw heads. If your refrigerator door hinge mounting bolts are **countersunk**, use the **countersunk side of the Fridge Fixer® Frame** (ready for use as-shipped). If your bolt heads are **Not Countersunk**, carefully remove the frame bars, turn them so the countersunk side points to the rear, and reinstall them in the Fixer. Pay particular attention to the positioning of the Frame Clamps to ensure they are oriented correctly.



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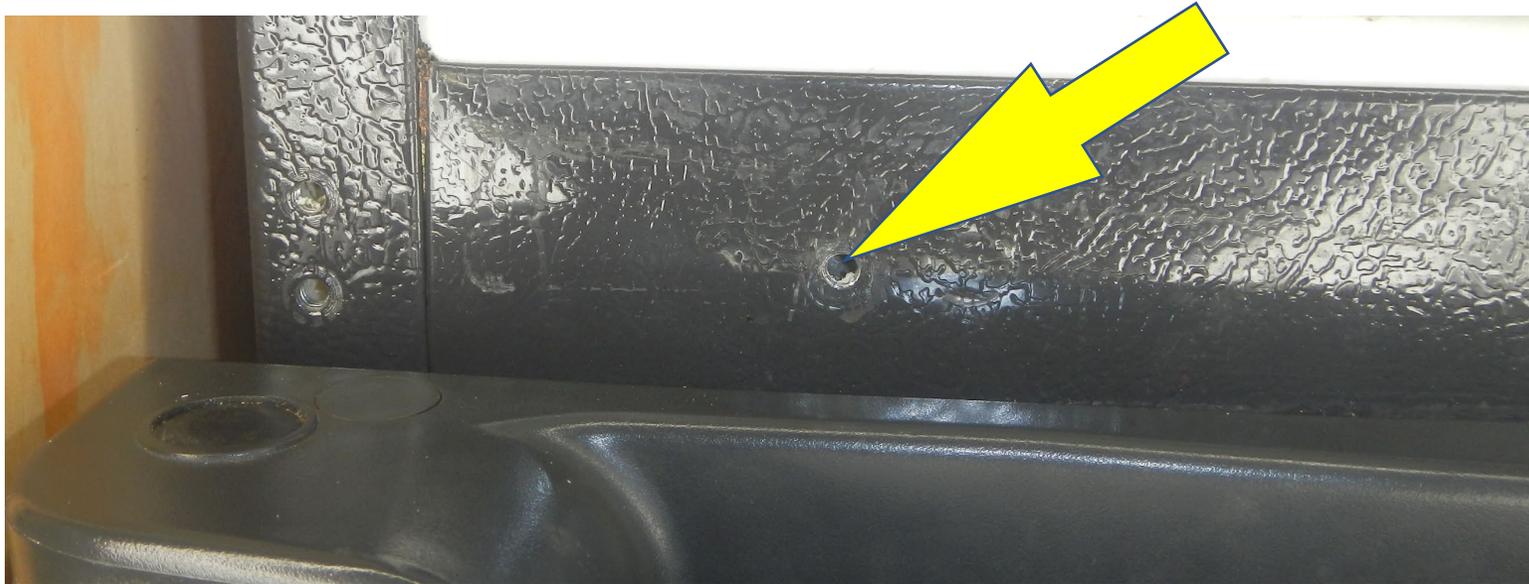
The Frame Clamp orientation is critical to proper operation of the Fridge Fixer<sup>®</sup>. If you have to reassemble the frame, ensure that the free frame bar end is inserted into the cavity that does not feed through.



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Top and Bottom-Freezer refrigerators are configured to reverse refrigerator the door swing. Locate the matching Hinge Bolt threaded holes on the opposite side of your refrigerator from where the door hinges are installed. This threaded hole may have a cover or plastic plug over it.

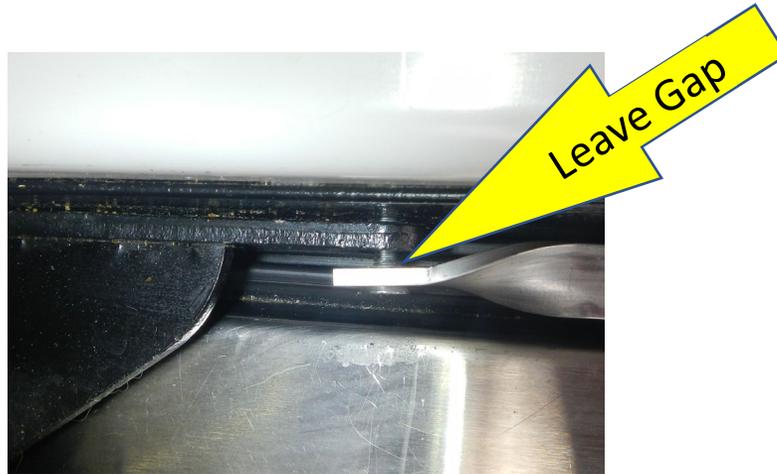


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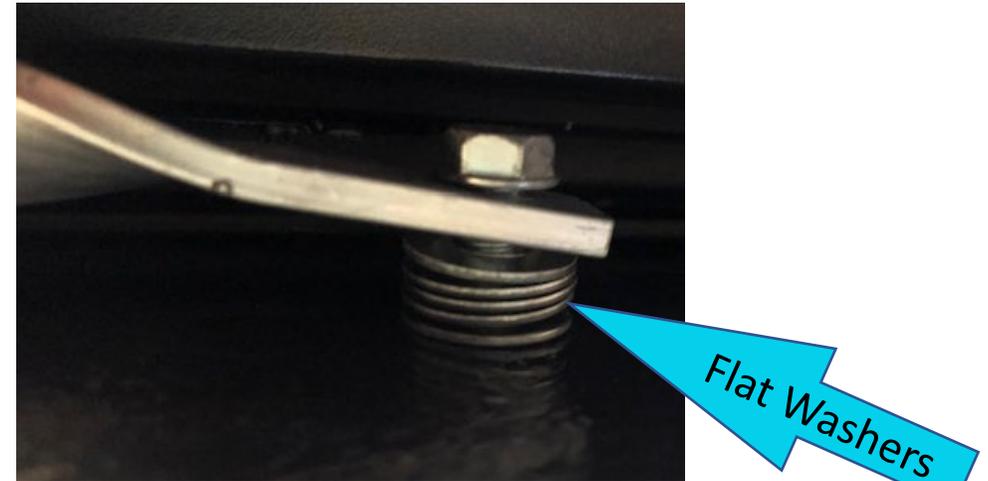
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Expand the Fridge Fixer® Frame and reinstall the Door Hinge Bolt through the end of the Frame. Be sure to install the Fridge Fixer® with the “FF” Platform logo facing upwards.

Install the other side of the frame to the corresponding threaded hole on the opposite side of the refrigerator. It is recommended to use a **stack of flat washers** (Equal in depth to the refrigerator door hinge) on this side of the frame to keep the frame level. **Do not fully tighten the door hinge bolts at this time.**



Hinged Side



Non-Hinged Side



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Slide the Frame Clamps over the free ends of the aluminum mounting frame. **Press firmly** (towards the center of the refrigerator) to secure the clamps on the free ends of the bars.



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Fully secure the Fridge Fixer Frame hinge mounting bolts on both sides of the frame.







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The Fridge Fixer® frame will “bow” when the refrigerator door hinge bolts are tightened. This bowing is normal and helps the Fridge Fixer® to have the maximum holding force on the refrigerator doors.



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If the door hinge bolts are centered in the refrigerator door gap your Fridge Fixer® Frame should be in-line with the bolts in order to center the platform in the door gap.



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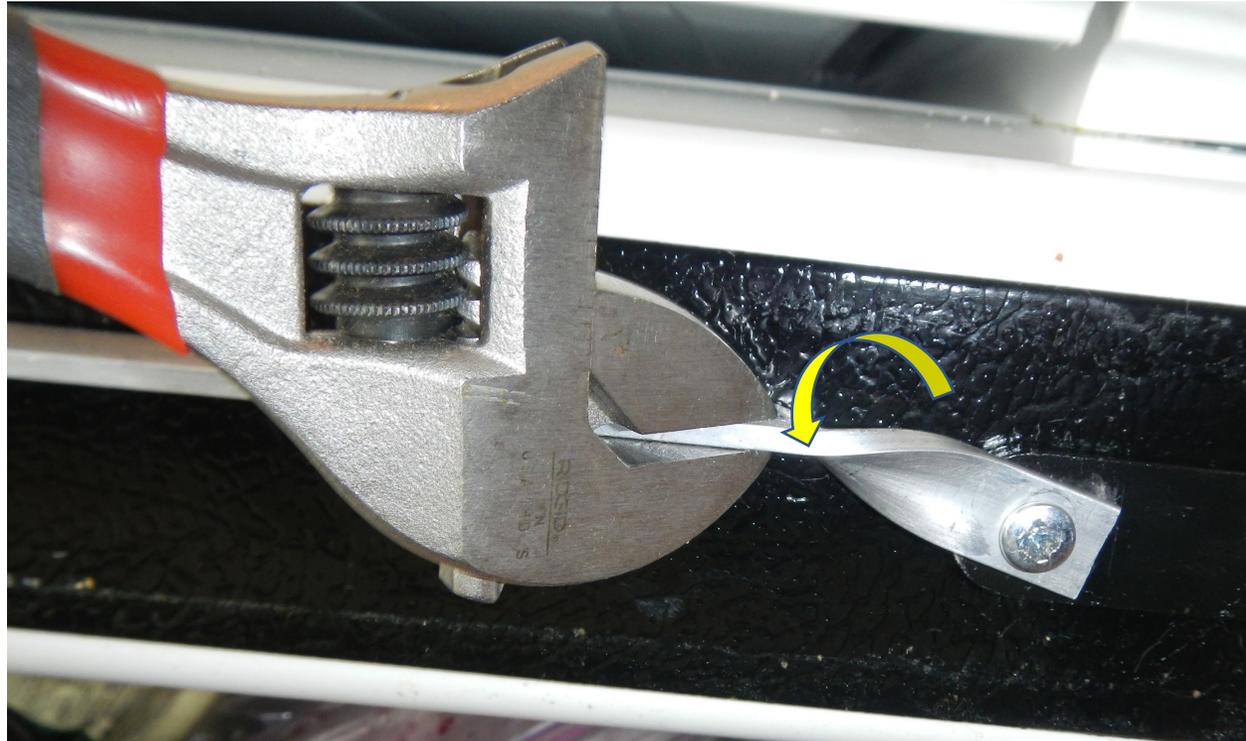
If the door hinge bolts are not centered in the refrigerator door gap your Fridge Fixer® Frame should be bent to correct for the offset, and center the platform in the door gap.



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If the Fridge Fixer® is not sitting level in the refrigerator door gap, or if the fixer is not centered in the door gap, use pliers or a wrench as shown to bend frame so the fixer sits level and centered.



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Close refrigerator doors.

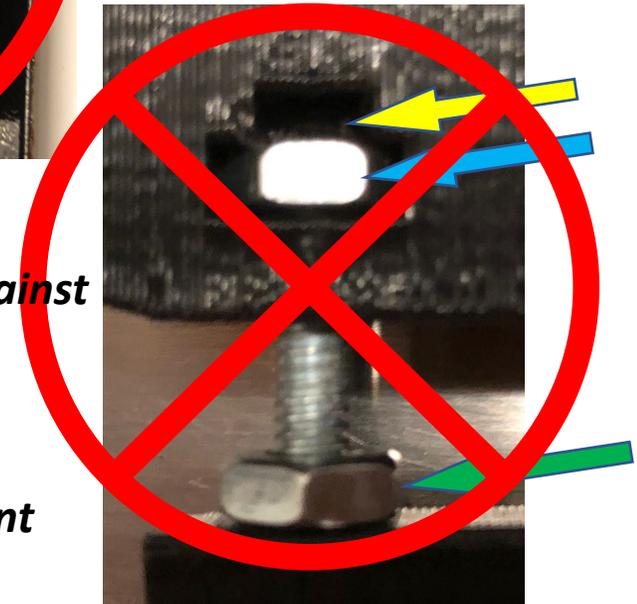
Use screwdriver to loosen Door Depth Bolts so that the back of the door block hole is fully extended beyond refrigerator doors. Loosen each side in small increments so that the front platform remains relatively parallel to the rear platform. Keep the **Depth Locking Nut** off of front platform for easier depth adjustment.

Do not extend platform so far that **end of the Depth Adjustment Bolt** is not visible past the **Rear Platform Nut**.



*Keep Front and Rear Platforms Parallel when adjusting.*

*Don't Adjust bolt with Depth Locking Nut against either Front or Rear Platform.*



*Keep Depth Adjustment Bolt visible past Rear Platform Nut.*



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Center the Platform on the refrigerator doors.



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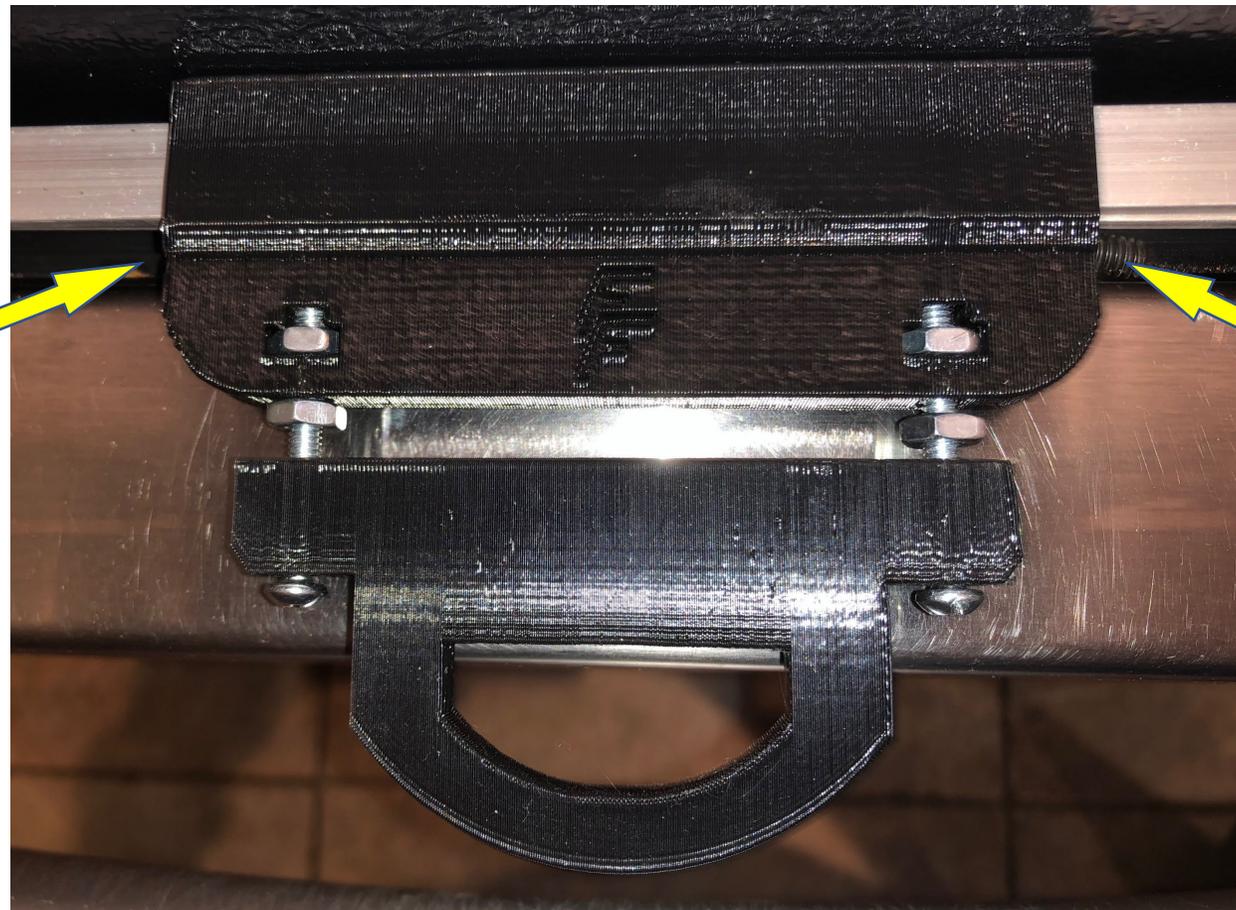
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Open refrigerator and freezer doors and tighten the **Base Set Screws** firmly (both sides) using the Hex Wrench.

### **IMPORTANT**

The design of the Platform will securely hold the aluminum bars in place with only a firm pressure from the setscrews. Do not overtighten the setscrews or the platform will fracture.

If your Platform does fracture, please contact us for a replacement.



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Close refrigerator doors and insert Door Block into Frame.

Use screwdriver to tighten Door Depth Adjustment Bolts so Door Block sits gently on refrigerator door. Door Block should be easily removable yet hold doors closed. Do not allow the **Depth Locking Nut** to hit the Rear Platform for easier adjustment.

It is normal for doors to move slightly when pulled. Frame should return doors to fully closed when door is released.





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Open refrigerator doors and tighten the **Depth Locking Nuts** against the Front Platform to lock in the depth setting. Tighten the nut firmly, but do not over-tighten.

