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PREVENT RUST ON YOUR APPLIANCE FINISHES

Proper care can control rusting and help lengthen the life of your appliances.

Appliance rusting can be most commonly found where there is a moist climate and salty air -- such as in the southeastern region of the United States, near the eastern and western coastlines, and around the Gulf of Mexico.

Once the rusting begins, halting it can be difficult. Sanding and painting, or replacement, may be the only solutions. To help keep rust from occurring, take the following preventive measures:

Keep your appliance in a dry place. If you live in a warm, humid climate, place your appliances in an air-conditioned room, not on a porch or in a breezeway;

Keep your appliance clean. Wipe it frequently with a clean, damp cloth, using a mild, non-abrasive cleaner. Consult the manufacturer's Use and Care manual for specific cleaning instructions;

Apply a coat of paste car wax to your appliance's finish. This will help protect against rust-encouraging moisture and dirt.

Keep rust from forming or spreading by applying touch-up paint immediately to scratches. Most manufacturers sell touch-up paint to match your appliance's color.