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History of the Refrigerator

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1748

William Cullen is the first person to observe and demonstrate artificial refrigeration via evaporative cooling

1834

Jacob Perkins invents the first vapor compression system for refrigerators

1876

Carl von Linde patents a new process for liquefying gases used in artificial refrigeration

1913

Fred W. Wolf invents the first home electric refrigerator

1918

William C. Durant begins mass producing the first home refrigerator with a self-contained compressor

1927

The home refrigerator starts to see widespread popularity across the U.S.

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