

INSTALLING THE PUMP AND FILTER

1. Lift the filter cover. Rinse the cartridge with tap water and place in filter as shown (Fig. 1).
2. Install the filter inside the back of your aquarium using the clip provided.
3. Adjust the clip on the back of the filter to position between max and min water levels (Fig. 2)
4. If the hanger doesn't fit, or if you can't position the filter to your desired water level, you may need to order suction cups (see spare parts list on back panel to order). (Fig. 3).
5. Once the filter water level is within the recommended parameters, plug in the filter, adding a drip loop for safety (Fig 4). Avoid using sand in the aquarium as this clogs the filter.

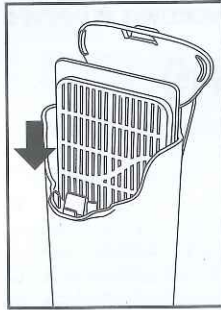


Fig. 1

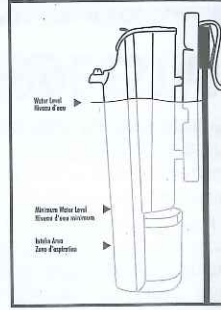


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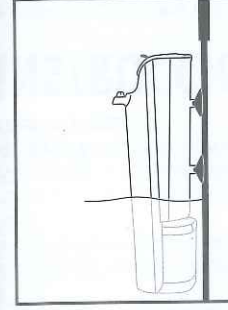


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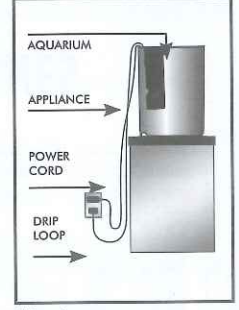


Fig. 4

MAINTAINING THE PUMP AND FILTER

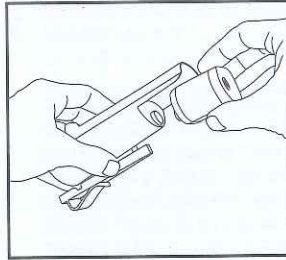


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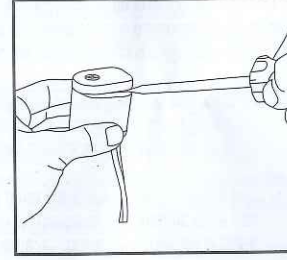


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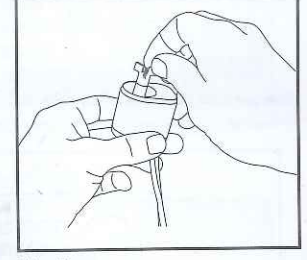


Fig. 7

1. The filter cartridge should be replaced monthly (or more often if needed). To change cartridge, unplug the filter to stop the water flow, remove the old cartridge, rinse a new cartridge in clean water, then re-plug the filter.
2. Remove the filter cartridge when medicating fish, as it absorbs most medications.
3. To clean the filter, unplug the unit and use a clean wet cloth. If needed, add white distilled vinegar to the cloth, then rinse the filter thoroughly.
4. To service the impeller monthly, or if the motor is noisy, unplug the filter and remove it from the aquarium. Pull the motor off the filter body (Fig. 5), pop open the cover by using a screwdriver (Fig. 6), remove impeller by pulling up on the blades (Fig. 7), and flush debris with clean water. Soak the impeller in distilled white vinegar using a cotton swab to wipe debris, and rinse. Replace the motor into the filter and install it in the aquarium reversing the instructions in this manual.
5. It takes a few weeks for new aquarium water to cycle. "Cycling" a fish tank means growing healthy bacteria on a new filtration system so it filters out dangerous toxins. Tetra SafeStart™ aquarium bacteria cycles your aquarium immediately, so you can add fish right away. As the aquarium cycles, you will notice cloudiness that will last a few days to a week as the bacteria settles. This is normal; do not perform water changes during this time.

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