



GloFish<sup>®</sup>

**7 GALLON**  
Aquarium Kit  
SETUP AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE

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Please read all instructions carefully prior to setting up your aquarium.

If any parts are damaged or missing, contact us at 1-800-GLOFISH (1-800-456-3474).  
If the glass aquarium is broken or damaged, please return it to the retail store for an exchange.

# SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

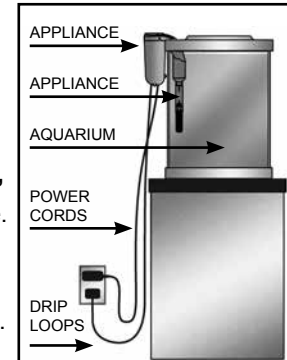
## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING:** To guard against injury, basic safety precautions should be observed, including the following:

# READ AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**DANGER:** To avoid possible electric shock, special care should be taken in the use of aquarium equipment. For each of the following situations, do not attempt repairs yourself. Return the appliance to an authorized service facility for service or discard the appliance.

1. A. If the appliance falls into the water, **DON'T** reach for it. First unplug it and then retrieve it. If electrical components of the appliance get wet, unplug it immediately.
- B. If the appliance shows any sign of abnormal water leakage, immediately unplug from the power source.
- C. Carefully examine the appliance after installation. It should not be plugged in if there is water on parts not intended to be wet.
- D. Do not operate any appliance if it has a damaged cord or plug, or if it is malfunctioning or if it is dropped or damaged in any manner.
- E. To avoid the possibility of the appliance plug or receptacle getting wet, position aquarium stand and tank to one side of a wall-mounted receptacle to prevent water from dripping onto the receptacle or plug. A "**drip loop,**" shown at right, should be arranged by the user for each cord connecting an aquarium appliance to a receptacle. The drip loop is that part of the cord below the level of the receptacle or the connector, if an extension cord is used, to prevent water from traveling along the cord and coming in contact with the receptacle. If the plug or receptacle does get wet, **DON'T** unplug the cord. Disconnect the fuse or circuit breaker that supplies power to the appliance. Then unplug and examine for presence of water in the receptacle.



# SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

2. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
3. To avoid injury, do not contact moving parts or hot parts such as heaters, reflectors, lamp bulbs, etc.
4. Always unplug an appliance from an outlet when not in use, before putting on or taking off parts and before cleaning. Never yank cord to pull plug from outlet. Grasp the plug and pull to disconnect.
5. Do not use an appliance for other than intended use. The use of attachments not recommended or sold by the appliance manufacturer may cause an unsafe condition.
6. Do not install or store the appliance where it will be exposed to the weather or to temperatures below freezing.
7. Make sure an appliance mounted on a tank is securely installed before operating it.
8. Read and observe all the important notices on the appliance.
9. If an extension cord is necessary, a cord with a proper rating should be used. A cord rated for less amperes or watts than the appliance rating may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the cord so that it will not be tripped over or pulled.
10. This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). As a safety feature, this plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Never use with an extension cord unless plug can be fully inserted. Do not attempt to defeat this safety feature.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

# PARTS DIAGRAM

1. 7 Gallon Glass Aquarium
2. Aquarium Hood
3. LED Light
4. Tetra® Micro Filter
5. Medium Tetra® Whisper® Bio-Bag® Filter Cartridge
6. Power Adapter
7. Digital Thermometer
8. GloFish® Special Flake Food Sample
9. Tetra® AquaSafe® Sample
10. Setup and Maintenance Guide



# AQUARIUM SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

## 1 Parts Check

Check to make sure all parts are included per the Parts Diagram on Page 5.

## 2 Find a Location

- First, clean the aquarium with clean water and paper towels. Do not use chemicals not intended for aquarium use.
- Place the aquarium base on a flat surface in your desired location away from direct sunlight and air vents, then place the aquarium on top.



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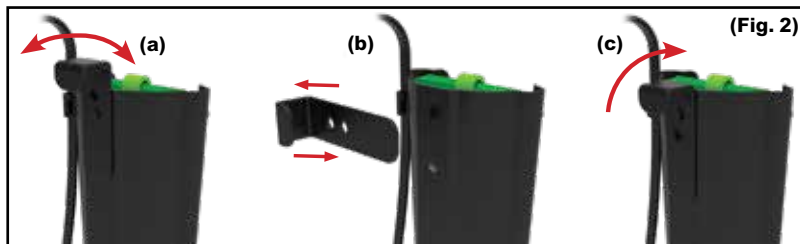
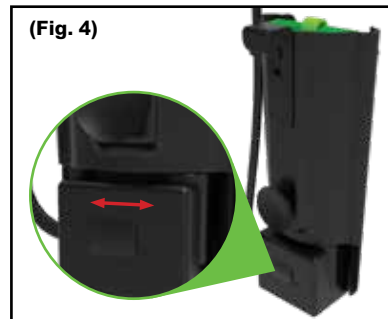
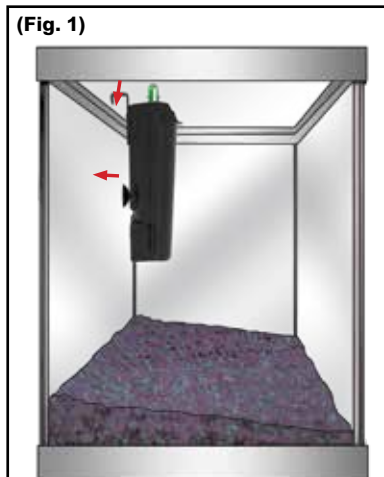
## 3 Filter Setup

- Remove the packaging from the Whisper® Filter Cartridge and reinsert it into the filter housing.
- Hang the filter inside the aquarium with the filter hanger on the aquarium frame and press the filter housing firmly against the aquarium wall to attach the suction cup (Fig. 1).
- The filter hanger can be adjusted to lower the position of the filter in the aquarium if necessary.
- To adjust the hanger: (Fig. 2):
  - Rotate it 90 degrees to the left or right.
  - Remove it from the attachment post on the filter housing.
  - Replace the filter hanger on the attachment post using the second alignment hold.
- DO NOT plug appliance in until the aquarium is filled.

**NOTE:** The water level in the aquarium should be maintained below the lip of the filter (Fig. 3).

### How to Use the Flow Control:

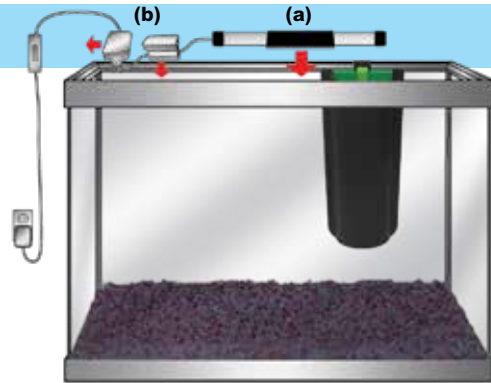
- The filter has a built-in flow control to adapt the flow rate. (GloFish® Bettas require a low flow rate.)
- For a low flow rate, simply slide the flow control on the motor to the right (Fig. 4).



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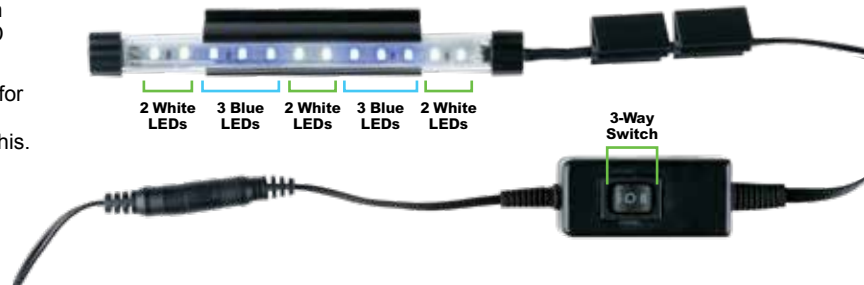
## 4 Light Setup

- a. Clip the LED light into the front of the aquarium frame.
- b. Hide wires using the cord-routing clips.



## 5 Light Modes

- a. Your GloFish® aquarium comes with an LED light that includes 6 white LEDs and 6 blue LEDs. Use the push button switch to choose: 1) White LED on 2) Blue LED on 3) All LEDs off.
- b. On average, you should leave your aquarium light on for 8-12 hours a day. If algae growth becomes a problem, reduce that length of time. Light timers can help with this.



# AQUARIUM SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

## 6 Add an Aquarium Heater

If adding a heater, place heater before adding plants and decorations.

**DO NOT PLUG APPLIANCES IN UNTIL THE AQUARIUM IS FILLED.**

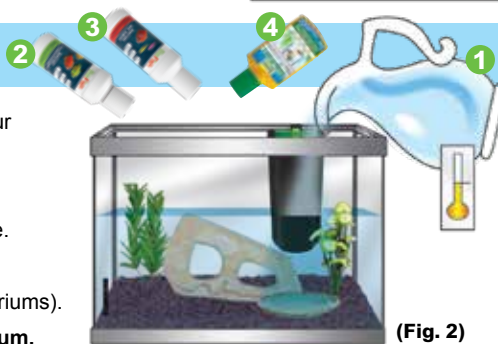


## 7 Aquarium Setup

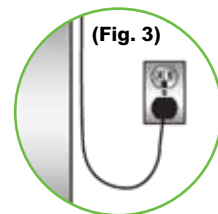
- After rinsing your gravel and décor thoroughly, decorate your aquarium before adding water to avoid overfilling. Use 1 lb of gravel per gallon of water (Fig. 1).
- Fill the aquarium with room temperature tap water.
- Treat with GloFish® Water Conditioner to remove chlorine.
- Wait 5 minutes, then add GloFish® Water Balance (reduces fluctuations in pH and lowers nitrates).
- Add Tetra® SafeStart® (establishes bio-filter for new aquariums).

**TIP:** To avoid disturbing the gravel when filling the aquarium, place a small, clean dish on top of the gravel and pour water onto the dish (Fig. 2).

- Place the hood on the aquarium.
- Plug filter, LED light and heater into outlet, making drip loops for safety (Fig. 3).



(Fig. 2)



(Fig. 3)



(Fig. 1)

# AQUARIUM SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

## 8 Final Setup

The water temperature should be allowed to stabilize before adding fish.

**Ideal Water Temperature:** 76°F – 82°F

**STOP** – Before Adding Fish:

**Be sure to add Tetra® SafeStart® solution in Step 7 to cycle your new aquarium.**

When adding your fish, it is important to create a healthy, biologically active environment. Tetra® SafeStart® solution contains a bacteria blend that is proven to reduce fish loss due to ammonia and nitrite toxicity.

**Test aquarium water with Tetra® EasyStrips™ test strips to ensure adequate water quality, and use with our Tetra My Aquarium™ Connected app for suggestions on what to do if your water parameters are off.**

If all water parameters test in the safe range, the aquarium is then ready for fish.



# AQUARIUM SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

## 9 Adding Fish

a. Submerge the transport bag with new fish in the aquarium for 15 to 30 minutes (Fig. 1). This will equalize the water temperature and allow the fish to adjust to any temperature changes.

**TIP: When adding fish, do not pour the water from the transport bag into the aquarium.**

b. Gently pour the fish into a fish net, using a bucket to catch the water from the bag (Fig. 2).

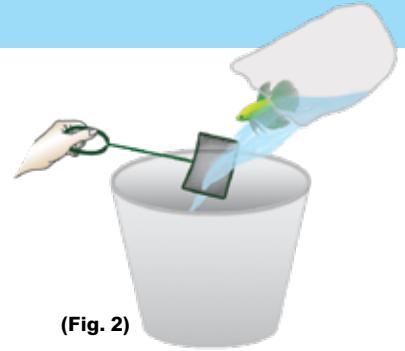
c. Quickly place the fish from the net into the aquarium (Fig. 3).

d. Discard the bag water.

**Enjoy Your New Aquarium!**



(Fig. 1)



(Fig. 2)



(Fig. 3)



# TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Replace the filter cartridge every 30 days.
- Top off water to maintain the water level as needed (always treat water with GloFish® Water Conditioner to remove chlorine).
- Use GloFish® Water Balance monthly to maintain optimal aquarium chemistry.
- Perform water changes monthly or as often as needed.

# MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

## SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

- Bucket
- Siphon
- Clean Cartridge
- GloFish® Water Conditioner
- GloFish® Water Balance
- Tetra® SafeStart®

1

Unplug all aquarium equipment before beginning maintenance

2

Use a siphon to clean your gravel and remove 30% of your water

(APPROXIMATELY 2 GALLONS OF WATER FOR A 7 GALLON AQUARIUM)

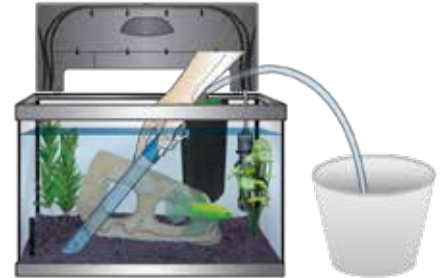
3

Dump the water into a toilet or flower garden

**NOTE: NEVER DUMP AQUARIUM WATER INTO A SINK USED FOR FOOD PREPARATION OR INTO A STORM DRAIN OR NATURAL WATERWAY**

4

Rinse plants and décor and return to aquarium



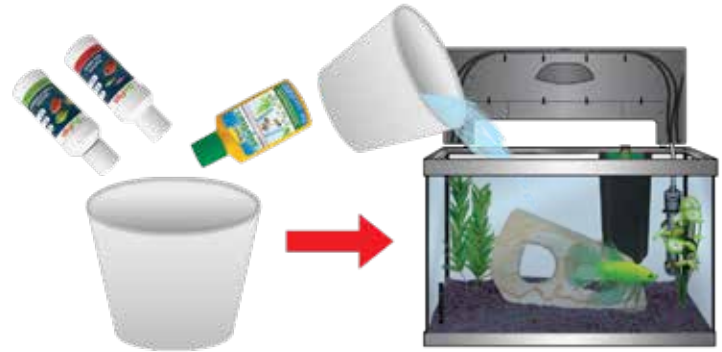
IT TAKES **30** MINUTES

EVERY **30** DAYS

TO REPLACE **30%** OF YOUR WATER

5

Fill your bucket up again with room temperature tap water and treat with GloFish® Water Conditioner to remove chlorine. Wait 5 minutes, then add GloFish® Water Balance and Tetra® SafeStart® before adding water back into the aquarium



6

Change filter media  
(MEDIUM TETRA® WHISPER® BIO-BAG® FOR 7 GALLON)



7

Turn equipment back on

# TROUBLESHOOTING

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Solution</b>
<p>If your filter fails to pump water, flow has reduced or the motor is making noise...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lift the cartridge out of the filter body to see if water flow is restored. If so, your cartridge is clogged and must be replaced.</li><li>• Make sure the water level is adequate.</li><li>• Check the impeller to ensure it is working properly by following these steps:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unplug the filter.</li><li>• Remove the filter from the aquarium, then remove the motor from the filter housing.</li><li>• Slide the impeller cover off the motor.</li><li>• Remove the impeller and rinse it in cold water (do not use a cleaning agent of any kind).</li><li>• Rinse out the impeller well with cold water and make sure there are no obstructions (gravel, plant leaves, carbon, etc.) Replace the impeller, the impeller housing, and then place the motor back on the filter housing.</li><li>• Place the filter into the aquarium and plug back in.</li></ul></li></ul>

# TROUBLESHOOTING

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Solution</b>
If a fish appears sick...	Isolate fish if disease occurs to prevent other fish in your tank from becoming infected. When medicating your tank, use a Tetra® Whisper® Bio-Bag® without carbon, as carbon adsorbs most medications.
If water is flowing over the filter housing...	Change the cartridge.
If your water appears cloudy...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• About one to two weeks after setting up your aquarium, the water may appear cloudy. This is your good bacteria blooming. Do not perform a water change at this time. The water should clear up in about a week as the bacteria colonize the aquarium.</li><li>• If not a bacteria bloom, replace the cartridge.</li><li>• Test your water to detect any water issues.</li></ul>

# CONSUMER SUPPORT

We're with you every step of the way

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Questions about tank maintenance or how to use this product? Call our U.S.-based customer care team or visit us at [www.glofish.com](http://www.glofish.com)



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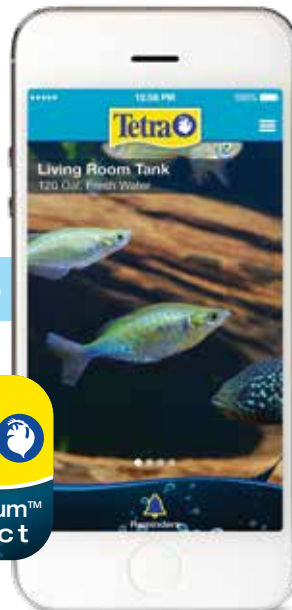
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## **GLOFISH LIMITED WARRANTY**

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