

Fluval A226

Fluval Foam Filter Block A226 Instruction Manual

Replacement Filter Media for Fluval 404, 405, 406, and 407 Aquarium Filters

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Fluval Foam Filter Block A226 is designed to provide effective mechanical and biological filtration for Fluval 404, 405, 406, and 407 Aquarium Filters. This 2-pack replacement media efficiently traps large particles and debris, contributing to crystal clear and sparkling aquarium water. Its pore structure also supports beneficial biological activity, promoting a healthier aquatic environment.

- **Effective Mechanical Filtration:** Traps large particles and debris.
- **Biological Activity Support:** Pore structure allows for beneficial biological colonization.
- **Clearer Water:** Helps create crystal clear, sparkling aquarium water.
- **Custom Fit:** Designed for Fluval 404, 405, 406, and 407 filters to prevent bypass.
- **Quantity:** Includes two Fluval Foam Filter Blocks.



Image: Two Fluval Foam Filter Blocks, packaged as a 2-pack.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The Fluval Foam Filter Block is designed for easy installation into compatible Fluval canister filters. Ensure your filter is unplugged and disassembled according to its specific manual before proceeding.

1. Remove the protective plastic bag from the new foam filter block.
2. Thoroughly rinse the new pad under cool tap water to remove any manufacturing dust.
3. Install the foam pad into the designated mechanical filtration stage of your Fluval 404, 405, 406, or 407 filter. Refer to your specific filter's instruction manual for exact placement.
4. Ensure the foam block fits snugly to prevent water bypass, maximizing filtration efficiency.

SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO FIT WITH NO GAPS TO MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCY

ACTUAL SIZE

3" X 1" X 11"

7.6 cm x 2.5 cm x 28 cm



**CUSTOM FIT FOR
407
CANISTER FILTER**



**CUSTOM FIT FOR
406
CANISTER FILTER**

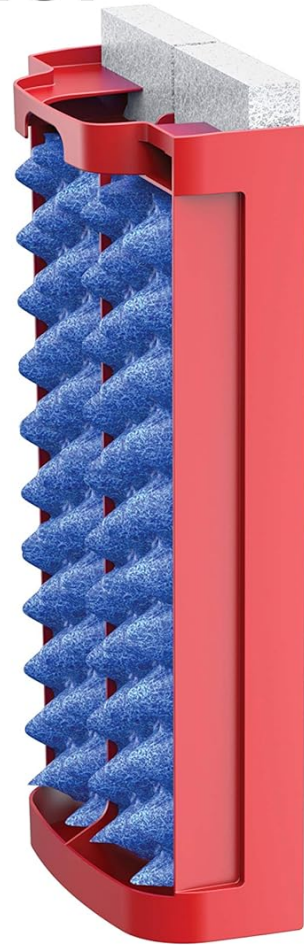


Image: Illustration demonstrating the custom fit of the Fluval Foam Filter Block for 406 and 407 canister filters, highlighting its precise dimensions.

Visual Guide: Foam Filter Media

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Video: A demonstration of the texture and flexibility of bio foam filter media, showing how it can be compressed and its porous structure.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

Once installed, the Fluval Foam Filter Block performs both mechanical and biological filtration. Water flows through the foam, where its dense structure physically traps suspended particles, debris, and excess food. Over time, beneficial bacteria colonize the foam's porous surface, establishing a biological filter that converts harmful ammonia and nitrites into less toxic nitrates, crucial for maintaining a healthy aquarium environment.

BIOLOGICAL & MECHANICAL FILTRATION

A yellow and black spotted pufferfish is swimming in an aquarium. The background is filled with green artificial plants. A circular graphic with a black border and a white inner ring is overlaid on the right side of the image. Inside the circle, the text "MAXIMIZES BIO ACTIVITY" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background of the circle features a green and yellow pattern resembling a honeycomb or a biological structure.

**MAXIMIZES
BIO
ACTIVITY**

Image: Visual representation of the dual mechanical and biological filtration provided by the foam, emphasizing its role in maximizing bio activity.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES



Image: Depiction of the foam's features, including its ability to trap waste and debris while ensuring consistent water flow.

MAINTENANCE

The Fluval Foam Filter Block is a consumable filter media that requires regular cleaning and eventual replacement to maintain optimal filtration performance. The frequency of maintenance depends on the bioload of your aquarium and the amount of debris present.

- **Regular Cleaning:** Periodically remove the foam block and rinse it gently in old aquarium water (from a water change) to dislodge trapped debris without destroying beneficial bacteria. Avoid using tap water directly as chlorine can harm bacteria.
- **Replacement:** Replace the foam filter block every 2-4 months, or sooner if it becomes heavily clogged and cannot be adequately cleaned. A 2-pack provides a convenient supply for multiple replacements.
- **Do Not Replace All Media Simultaneously:** To preserve beneficial bacteria, avoid replacing all filter media at the same time. Stagger replacements over several weeks if multiple media types are used.

Related Filter Media (for context)

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Video: A demonstration of a different type of filter foam cartridge, showing its texture and how it fits into a filter system. While not the exact product, it illustrates general filter media handling.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues such as reduced water flow, cloudy water, or poor water quality after installing or maintaining your Fluval Foam Filter Block, consider the following:

- **Reduced Flow:** The foam block may be clogged. Remove and rinse thoroughly. If flow does not improve, it may be time for replacement.
- **Cloudy Water:** Ensure the foam block is correctly seated and no water is bypassing it. Check other filter media stages for clogging or degradation.
- **Poor Water Quality (Ammonia/Nitrite Spikes):** This could indicate a disruption in biological filtration. Avoid over-cleaning or replacing too much biological media at once. Test water parameters regularly.

For persistent issues, consult your Fluval filter's comprehensive instruction manual or contact Fluval customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Item Package Dimensions L x W x H	12.47 x 3.19 x 1.96 inches
Package Weight	0.06 Kilograms
Item Dimensions LxWxH	13 x 3.3 x 2 inches
Item Weight	2.08 ounces
Brand Name	Fluval
Model Name	Fluval Foam Filter Block, Replacement Filter Media for Fluval 404, 405, 406 and 407 Aquarium Filters, 2-Pack, A226
Material	Plastic
Manufacturer	Rolf C. Hagen (USA) Corp.
Part Number	A226
Style	Bio-Foam
Included Components	Fluval Foam Filter Block, Replacement Filter Media for Fluval 404, 405, 406 and 407 Aquarium Filters, 2-Pack, A226
Size	307/407

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This product comes with a manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding warranty coverage, claims, or technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your Fluval filter system or visit the official Fluval website. You may also contact Rolf C. Hagen (USA) Corp. directly for assistance.

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