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Model: 26401

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Zoo Med ReptiSun T5 HO Terrarium Hood is a high-output lighting fixture designed to provide essential UVB, UVA, and visible light for reptiles in terrarium environments. This low-profile unit features an energy-efficient T5 HO electronic ballast for rapid start and maximum lamp performance, along with a highly polished curved reflector to increase lamp efficiency. It includes a ReptiSun T5 HO 5.0 UVB Lamp.



Image 1.1: Packaging for the Zoo Med ReptiSun T5 HO Terrarium Hood, showing the fixture and included UVB lamp.



Image 1.2: Diagram illustrating key features: ReptiSun T5 HO lamp, T5 HO Electronic Ballast, and highly polished curved reflector.

2. IMPORTANCE OF UVB FOR REPTILES

UVB radiation is crucial for the health of many reptile species. It enables them to synthesize Vitamin D3, which is essential for calcium absorption and metabolism. Without adequate UVB, reptiles can develop metabolic bone disease (MBD) and other health issues.

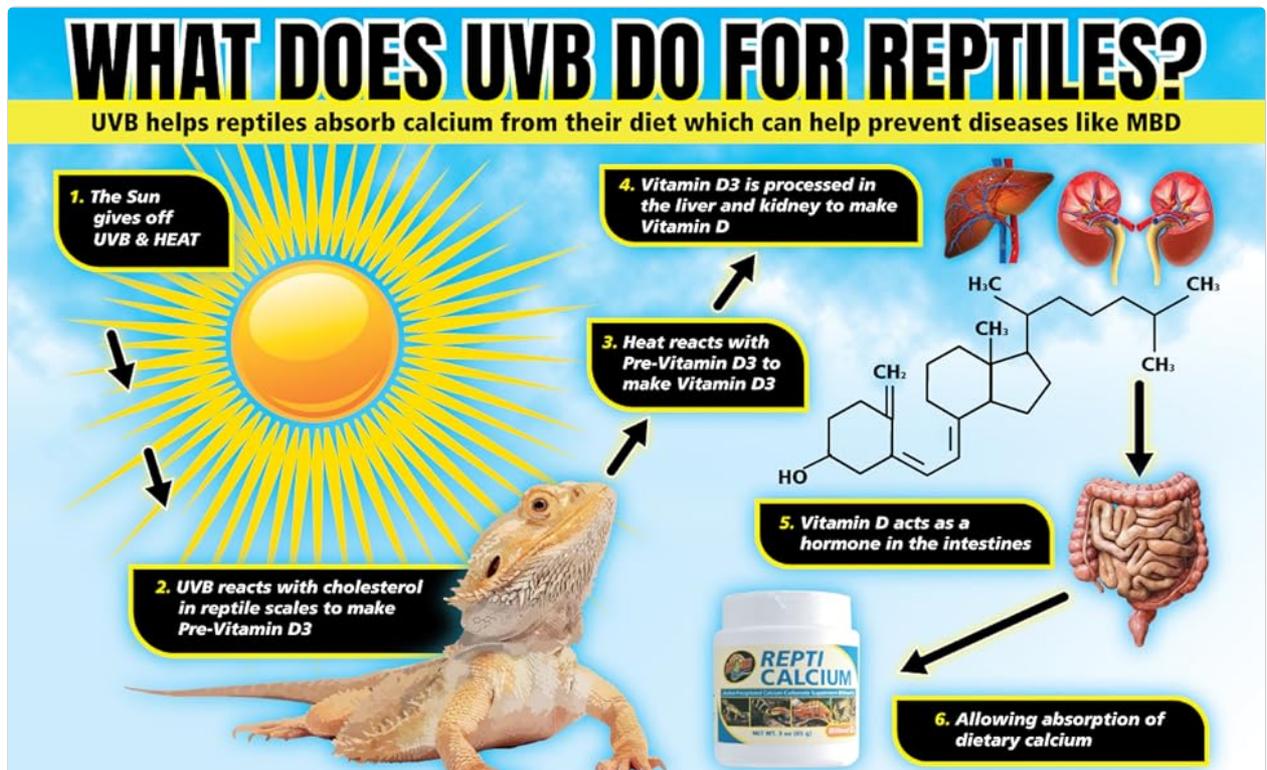


Image 2.1: Visual explanation of the UVB-Vitamin D3-Calcium absorption pathway in reptiles.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the terrarium hood and included lamp from its packaging. Inspect for any damage.
2. **Lamp Installation:** Ensure the power cord is unplugged. Gently insert the ReptiSun T5 HO 5.0 UVB Lamp into the fixture's sockets. Ensure the lamp is seated correctly and securely.
3. **Placement:** Position the terrarium hood securely on top of your reptile's terrarium screen cover. Ensure it is stable and cannot be easily dislodged by the animal.
4. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a suitable electrical outlet.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once installed and plugged in, the ReptiSun T5 HO Terrarium Hood is ready for operation. Use the integrated power switch to turn the lamp on and off. It is recommended to operate the UVB lamp for 10-12 hours per day, mimicking a natural daylight cycle. Consult specific care sheets for your reptile species to determine the optimal photoperiod and distance from the animal.

5. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Periodically rinse the fixture with warm water to remove dust or debris. Ensure the unit is unplugged and completely dry before reconnecting to power.
- **Lamp Replacement:** UVB lamps lose their UVB output over time, even if they still emit visible light. It is recommended to replace the ReptiSun T5 HO 5.0 UVB Lamp every 12 months to ensure adequate UVB provision for your reptile. Always replace with a genuine Zoo Med ReptiSun T5 HO lamp of the appropriate wattage and spectrum.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Lamp Not Lighting:**
 - Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a functional outlet.
 - Check that the lamp is correctly seated in the fixture's sockets. Sometimes, lamps may be inserted backward or not fully engaged.
 - If the lamp is old, it may have reached the end of its lifespan. Replace the lamp with a new one.
 - If a new lamp also fails to light, the fixture's ballast may be faulty. Contact customer support.
- **Lamp Flickering:**
 - Flickering can indicate a loose connection. Ensure the lamp is firmly seated.
 - An aging lamp may flicker before failing completely. Consider replacing the lamp.
 - Inconsistent power supply or a failing ballast can also cause flickering.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	26401
Material	Plastic
Item Weight	1.43 pounds (0.65 Kilograms)
Product Dimensions (LxWxH)	16.3 x 5.9 x 1.1 inches
Voltage	120 Volts
Wattage	15 watts
Light Source Type	Fluorescent (T5 HO)
Mounting Type	Built-In Mount
Special Feature	Energy Efficient
UPC	097612320701

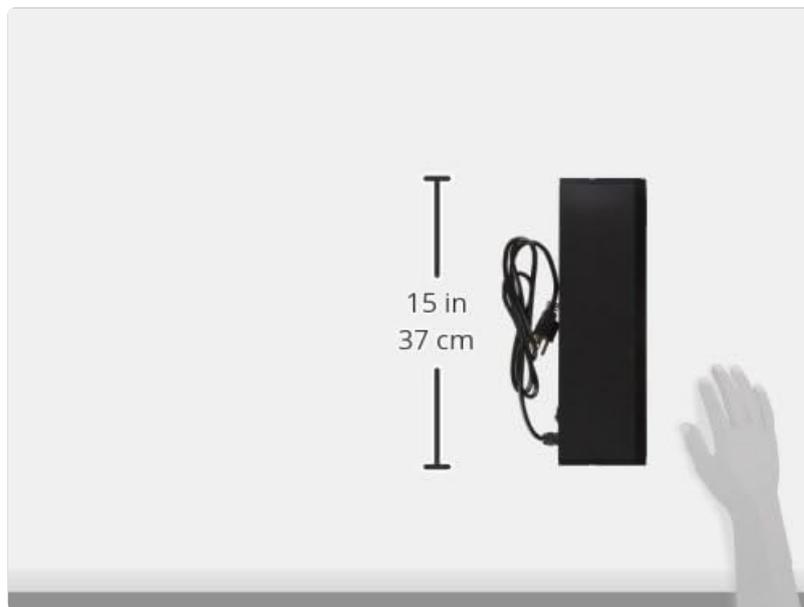


Image 7.1: Side view of the terrarium hood with approximate dimensions (15 inches / 37 cm length) shown.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Zoo Med ReptiSun T5 HO Terrarium Hood comes with a **1-Year Warranty** from the date of purchase. For warranty claims, technical support, or replacement parts, please contact Zoo Med customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty validation.

Contact Information: Please refer to the official Zoo Med website or product packaging for the most current customer support contact details.

