

## Tetra AQ-26350

# Tetra Whisper Bio-Bag Medium Filter Cartridges User Manual

Model: AQ-26350

## INTRODUCTION

The Tetra Whisper Bio-Bag Medium Filter Cartridges are designed to maintain crystal clear and healthy aquarium water. These unassembled replacement cartridges effectively remove odors, discoloration, debris, and fish waste through their dense, dual-sided mesh and Ultra-Activated carbon. This manual provides instructions for the proper assembly, installation, and maintenance of your filter cartridges. These cartridges are compatible with Tetra Whisper IQ 10 and PF10 external power filters, and Tetra Whisper 10i Internal Power Filters.

## SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

The Tetra Whisper Bio-Bag filter cartridges are provided unassembled for convenience and cost-effectiveness. Follow these steps to prepare your filter cartridge for use:

1. **Prepare the Frame:** Detach the clip from the reusable Aerobic Frame.
2. **Insert Filter Bag:** Slide the filter bag over the frame.
3. **Add Carbon:** Open one packet of Ultra-Activated Carbon and carefully add it into the filter bag.
4. **Secure the Bag:** Press the Aerobic Frame flaps down over the top of the filter bag and press the clip down over the flaps to secure the bag.
5. **Rinse:** Rinse the assembled filter cartridge under cool tap water to remove any carbon dust.
6. **Install:** Insert the new filter cartridge into your Tetra Whisper power filter.



## FILTER CARTRIDGE SIZE GUIDE

|                     | Whisper®<br>Filter | Whisper®<br>Cartridge |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Internal<br>Filters | 1-4 Gallon         | SMALL                 |
|                     | 5-10 Gallon        | MEDIUM                |
|                     | 10-30 Gallon       | LARGE                 |
|                     | 20-40 Gallon       | LARGE                 |
| External<br>Filters | 5-15 Gallon        | MEDIUM                |
|                     | 10-20 Gallon       | LARGE                 |
|                     | 20-40 Gallon       | LARGE                 |
|                     | 30-60 Gallon       | LARGE                 |



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PF-10



IQ-10



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Image: Unassembled filter bag and Ultra-Activated Carbon packet.



Image: Step-by-step visual guide for assembling the filter cartridge.



Image: The filter bag with carbon inserted, before being fully secured in the frame.



Image: A complete Tetra Whisper Bio-Bag filter cartridge, ready for installation.

## OPERATION

Once assembled and installed, the Tetra Whisper Bio-Bag filter cartridge will begin filtering your aquarium water. The Ultra-Activated carbon works to remove impurities, odors, and discoloration, while the dense, dual-sided mesh traps debris and fish waste, contributing to a clean and healthy aquatic environment.



Image: The product packaging for Tetra Whisper Bio-Bag Medium Filter Cartridges, showing the unassembled components.

### Filter Cartridge Size Guide

Ensure you select the correct size cartridge for your filter. Tetra Whisper cartridges are color-coded for easy identification:



Image: A detailed size guide for Tetra Whisper filters and compatible cartridges.

### Tetra Whisper Filter Compatibility

| Filter Type      | Gallon Capacity | Whisper® Cartridge Size |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Internal Filters | 1-4 Gallon      | SMALL                   |
| Internal Filters | 5-10 Gallon     | MEDIUM                  |
| Internal Filters | 10-30 Gallon    | LARGE                   |
| Internal Filters | 20-40 Gallon    | LARGE                   |
| External Filters | 5-15 Gallon     | MEDIUM                  |
| External Filters | 10-20 Gallon    | LARGE                   |
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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| External Filters | 30-60 Gallon    | LARGE                   |

## MAINTENANCE

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For optimal water quality and filter performance, it is recommended to change your filter cartridge monthly. The Ultra-Activated carbon begins to lose effectiveness after approximately 30 days. You may need to replace the cartridge sooner if you observe reduced water flow from the filter, indicating a clogged Bio-Bag.



## CLEAR WATER MADE SIMPLE

- Ultra-Activated® Carbon removes odors and discoloration.
- Dense, dual-sided mesh catches debris and fish waste.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Detach clip from Aerobic Frame and slide the filter bag over the frame.
2. Add one packet of Ultra-Activated Carbon.
3. Press the Aerobic Frame flaps down over the top of the filter bag and press the clip down over the flaps.
4. Rinse filter cartridge under cool tap water to remove carbon dust.
5. Insert new filter cartridge into filter.
6. Replace monthly or more often if there is reduced water flow.



*For best results, change filter cartridge monthly. After 30 days, the carbon begins to lose effectiveness.*

Image: The back of the Tetra Whisper Bio-Bag Filter Cartridges box, detailing assembly and usage instructions.

### Maintaining Water Quality with Stay Clean Technology

For enhanced water clarity and health, consider Tetra Whisper cartridges with Stay Clean Technology. This technology helps maintain healthier levels of pH, alkalinity, and nitrate over a longer period, contributing to cleaner glass and a more stable aquatic environment.

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Video: This video demonstrates the benefits of Tetra Stay Clean Technology in maintaining aquarium water quality and reducing maintenance.

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Video: Learn about the '30-30-30' rule for aquarium care, emphasizing regular water changes for a healthy fish environment.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you notice a decrease in water flow from your filter, it is likely that the Bio-Bag filter cartridge is becoming clogged with debris. This is a normal occurrence and indicates that the filter is effectively doing its job. Simply replace the clogged cartridge with a new, freshly assembled one following the setup instructions.

For persistent water clarity issues or unusual odors, ensure that the filter cartridge is being replaced regularly (monthly is recommended) and that the correct size cartridge is being used for your specific filter model.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- **Product Dimensions:** 4.5 x 3.5 x 5.75 inches
- **Item Weight:** 4.66 ounces
- **Item Model Number:** AQ-26350
- **UPC:** 046798263500
- **Unit Count:** 6 Count
- **Filter Type:** Unassembled Replacement Cartridge
- **Filtration Media:** Dense, dual-sided mesh and Ultra-Activated Carbon
- **Compatibility:** Tetra Whisper IQ 10, PF10 external power filters, and Tetra Whisper 10i Internal Power Filters
- **Target Species:** Fish

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, please refer to the product label. For questions about tank maintenance, product usage, or any other inquiries, please contact TetraCare.

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