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Model: EF S | Brand: Petco

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Top Fin EF-S Element Filter Cartridge is designed as a refill for Top Fin BF5 BettaFlo filters and various desktop aquariums that utilize element filters. These cartridges are essential for maintaining clean and healthy aquatic environments by filtering out impurities.



Image: Front view of the Top Fin EF-S Element Filter Cartridge packaging, showing the product name, "EF-S", and indicating a 3-month

supply.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Follow these steps to properly install your new Top Fin EF-S Element Filter Cartridge:

1. **Step 1: Remove Used Cartridge.** Carefully remove the old, used filter cartridge from your aquarium's filter chamber. Dispose of the old cartridge responsibly.
2. **Step 2: Rinse New Cartridge.** Before installation, rinse the new filter cartridge thoroughly under cool, running water. This helps to remove any carbon dust or loose particles that may be present from manufacturing.
3. **Step 3: Insert Cartridge.** Insert the rinsed new cartridge into the filter chamber. Ensure the cartridge fits completely and securely into its designated slot to allow for proper water flow and filtration.



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INSTRUCTIONS



Step 1:
Remove used
cartridge.



Step 2:
Rinse new cartridge
under cool water to
remove dust.



Step 3:
After rinsing, insert
cartridge into filter
chamber. Make sure
cartridge fits completely
into filter chamber.

CAUTION: Never use soap, detergents, or cleaning agents while cleaning the aquarium or equipment as they can harm your fish. This is not a toy. Keep out of reach of children.

ADVICE FOR USE: To help maintain a healthy aquarium, change filter cartridge every 3-4 weeks, or if water flow becomes obstructed. Remove cartridge when medicating water as carbon will absorb medications. It is recommended to change 25-30% of water weekly. Use a water conditioner and bacteria supplement(sold separately) every time you add fresh tap water to your aquarium.

*Depending on your aquarium's needs

rinsing the new one, and inserting it into the filter chamber.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Top Fin EF-S Element Filter Cartridge works continuously to filter your aquarium water. It contains activated carbon to help remove heavy metals, odors, pigments, and organic waste, contributing to a clear and healthy aquatic environment. For optimal performance and to maintain a healthy aquarium, it is recommended to change the filter cartridge every 3-4 weeks, or if water flow becomes obstructed. This product provides a 3-month supply, meaning one pack contains three cartridges.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

- **Regular Replacement:** Change the filter cartridge monthly to ensure continuous effective filtration.
- **Rinsing:** Always rinse new cartridges under cool water before placing them into the filter.
- **Water Changes:** If medicating your fish, it is recommended to change 25-30% of the water weekly, as carbon will absorb medication.
- **Water Conditioner:** Use a water conditioner and bacteria supplement (sold separately) every time you add fresh tap water to your aquarium.

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Image: Three individual Top Fin EF-S filter cartridges sealed in clear plastic packaging, ready for use.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with water clarity or filter performance, consider the following:

- **Obstructed Flow:** Check if the filter cartridge is properly seated in the filter chamber. Ensure there are no blockages preventing water from flowing through the cartridge.
- **Cartridge Lifespan:** If it has been more than 3-4 weeks since the last replacement, the cartridge may be saturated with waste and require immediate replacement.
- **Tank Overload:** Ensure your aquarium is not overstocked with fish, which can lead to excessive waste production and overwhelm the filter.
- **Partial Water Changes:** Regular partial water changes (e.g., 25% weekly) are crucial for overall water quality and can help the filter perform more effectively.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Petco
Model Number	EF S
Material	Carbon Fiber
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	1.5" x 2.6" x 4.1"
Product Benefits	Reduces Sediment, removes heavy metals, odors, pigments, and organic waste.
Unit Count	3.00 Count (3-month supply)
Item Weight	1.44 ounces

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For any questions regarding the Top Fin EF-S Element Filter Cartridge, or for support with your Top Fin aquarium products, please contact Petco customer service. Refer to your product packaging or the official Petco website for the most current contact information.

Please retain your proof of purchase for any warranty claims, though specific warranty details for this consumable item may vary.

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