



# Tetra 5-10 Whisper Internal Power Filter Instruction Manual

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## Product Information

### Internal Power Filter

The Internal Power Filter is a device used in aquariums to maintain clean and clear water. It is designed to remove debris, impurities, and harmful substances from the water, ensuring a healthy environment for the aquatic life. The filter operates by drawing water through a cartridge system that contains filter media, such as activated carbon and a bio-foam, which effectively trap and remove particles and toxins.

### Main Features

- Internal power filter suitable for aquariums with a capacity of 5-30 gallons
- Easy installation and maintenance
- Adjustable flow rate for customized filtration
- Replaceable cartridge system for efficient filtration
- Durable construction ensuring long-lasting performance

### Safety Instructions

When using the Internal Power Filter, it is important to follow these safety instructions:

1. Always unplug the appliance before installing, repositioning, cleaning, or removing it.
2. If the appliance shows any sign of abnormal water leakage, immediately unplug it from the power source.
3. Ensure that the appliance is not plugged in if there is water on parts not intended to get wet.
4. Do not operate the appliance if it has a damaged cord or plug, or if it is malfunctioning or has been dropped or damaged in any manner.
5. Position the aquarium stand and tank to one side of a wall-mounted receptacle to prevent water from dripping onto the receptacle or plug. Use a drip loop for each cord connecting an aquarium appliance to a receptacle.
6. Keep the appliance away from children and avoid contact with moving or hot parts.
7. Always unplug the appliance when not in use, before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning. Never yank the cord to pull the plug from the outlet.
8. Use the appliance only for its intended purpose and avoid using attachments not recommended by the manufacturer.
9. Avoid exposing the appliance to extreme weather conditions or temperatures below freezing.
10. Ensure secure installation of the appliance on the aquarium tank before operating it.
11. Read and observe all the important notices on the appliance.
12. If an extension cord is necessary, use one with a proper rating to avoid overheating.
13. This appliance has a polarized plug. If it does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug or consult a qualified electrician.

## **Product Usage Instructions**

To use the Internal Power Filter effectively, follow these steps

1. Choose a suitable location inside the aquarium to install the filter. It should be submerged in water but easily accessible for maintenance.
2. Connect the power cord of the filter to a properly grounded electrical outlet.
3. Adjust the flow rate of the filter according to your aquarium's needs. This can usually be done by turning a knob or switch on the filter.
4. Regularly monitor the filter cartridge for excessive buildup. If necessary, rinse it gently with room temperature, dechlorinated water to remove debris and prolong its lifespan.
5. Replace the filter cartridge when it becomes clogged or after the recommended period mentioned in the user manual. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cartridge replacement.
6. Maintain proper water levels in the aquarium to ensure optimal functioning of the filter.
7. Periodically clean the exterior of the filter to remove any dirt or algae buildup.
8. If you encounter any issues or notice abnormal operation of the filter, refer to the troubleshooting section in the user manual or contact the manufacturer's authorized service facility for assistance.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

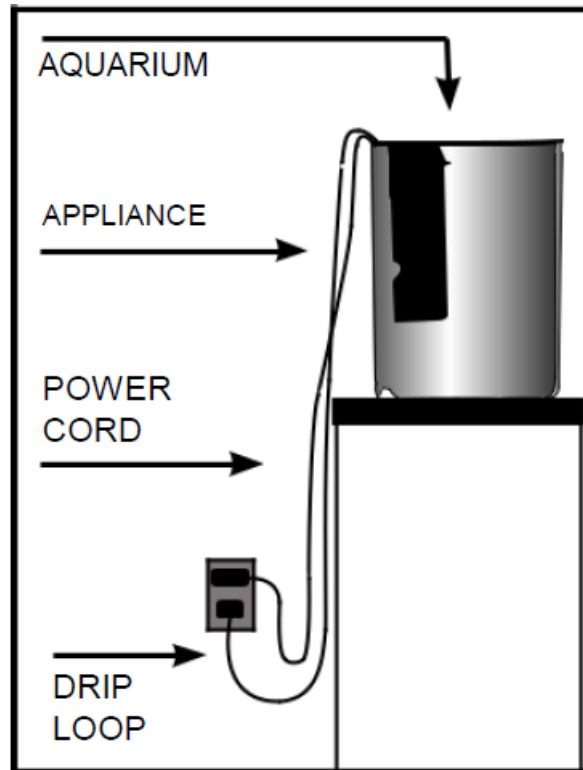
### **WARNING**

- 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 since water is employed in the use of aquarium equipment. For each of the following situations, DO NOT attempt repairs by yourself; return the appliance to an authorized service facility for service or discard the appliance:



1. Unplug the appliance before installing, repositioning, cleaning or removing the appliance.
2. If the appliance shows any sign of abnormal water leakage, immediately unplug it from the power source.
3. Carefully examine the appliance after installation. It should not be plugged in if there is water on parts not intended to get wet.
4. DO NOT operate any appliance if it has a damaged cord or plug, or if it is malfunctioning or has been dropped or damaged in any manner.
5. 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 in the figure at right, should be arranged by the user for each cord connecting an aquarium appliance to a receptacle. The drip loop is the part of the cord below the level of the receptacle, or the connector if an extension cord is used, to prevent water traveling along the cord and coming in contact with the receptacle. If the plug or receptacle does get wet, DO NOT 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.
6. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
7. To avoid injury, DO NOT contact moving parts or hot parts such as heaters, reflectors, lamp bulbs and the like.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. DO NOT install or store the appliance where it will be exposed to the weather or to temperatures below freezing.
11. Make sure an appliance mounted on a tank is securely installed before operating it.
12. Read and observe all the important notices on the appliance.
13. 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.
14. 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.

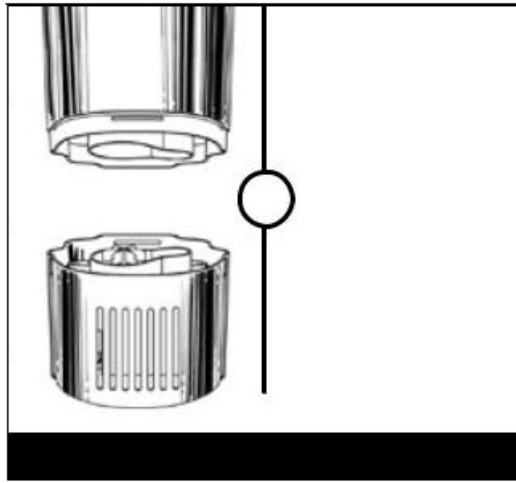
## **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

### **• TWO-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY:**

Spectrum Brands Pet LLC (SBP) warrants this Internal Filter against defects in material or workmanship for two years from the date of original purchase, subject to the conditions and exceptions stated below. Your sales receipt is your Proof-of-Date-of-Purchase. If the Internal Filter exhibits such a defect, SBP will repair or replace it, our option, without cost for parts or labor. The Internal Filter must be shipped postage paid to SBP. Proof-of-Date-of-Purchase is required. You are responsible for proper shipping. Call customer service at 1-800-526-0650 for return authorization and shipping address. This warranty does not cover damage caused by accident, misuse, abuse or failure to follow the instructions accompanying this Internal Filter. All implied warranties, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for any purpose are limited to two years. Fish and plant loss, personal injury, property loss or damage (direct, incidental or consequential) resulting from the use of the Internal Filter are not covered by this warranty. Because some states/provinces do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, the above limitations or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights which vary from state/province to state/province.

## **Troubleshooting Guidelines**

- Avoid placing sand in the aquarium when using this filter.
- Unplug the unit to clean the filter with a clean wet cloth. If needed, add white distilled vinegar to the cloth and rinse thoroughly.
- If the Bio-Foam® pad is clogged, gently wash with room temperature water treated with AquaSafe® water conditioner to protect beneficial bacteria.
- When medicating fish, remove the carbon from the Bio-Bag®, as Filtro eléctrico interno carbon adsorbs most medications. Model 5-10i Models 10-30i, 20-40i
- To service the impeller yearly, or if the motor is noisy, unplug the filter and remove it from the aquarium. Remove the motor (see Illustration A), open its cover, and flush debris with clean water. Soak the impeller in distilled white vinegar using a cotton swab to wipe debris, and rinse. Replace the motor in the filter and install it in the aquarium using the instructions in this manual.
- It takes a few weeks for new aquarium water to cycle. "Cycling" a fish tank means growing healthy bacteria on a new filtration system so it filters out dangerous toxins. Tetra® SafeStart™ aquarium bacteria cycles your aquarium immediately so you can add fish right away.



## Setup

1. Attach the filter hanger to the track on the back of the filter by aligning the water drops as shown (Fig. 1).
2. Clip the filter to the back wall of your aquarium frame (Fig. 2). If the hanger doesn't fit, you may need to order separate suction cups (see spare parts list on back panel to order).
3. Insert the filter cartridge and Bio-Foam® as shown (Fig. 3). (Note: The front of the Bio-Foam® is marked "front" and should face the front of the internal filter.)
4. See diagram for positioning and max and min water levels (Fig. 4). To adjust the height of your filter, simply slide the filter up or down along the hanger track. If you can't position the filter to your desired water level, you may set the filter on a sand-free aquarium bottom or you may need to order suction cups (see spare parts list to order) and set up as shown in Fig. 5.
5. Once the filter and water level is within the recommended parameters, plug in the filter. Avoid using sand in the aquarium, as this clogs the filter.

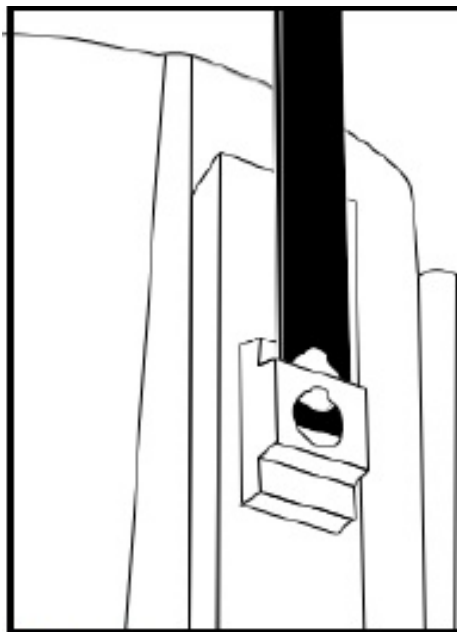


Fig. 1

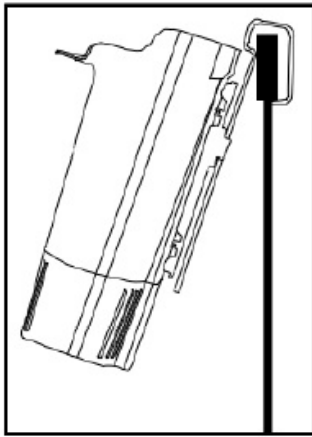


Fig. 2

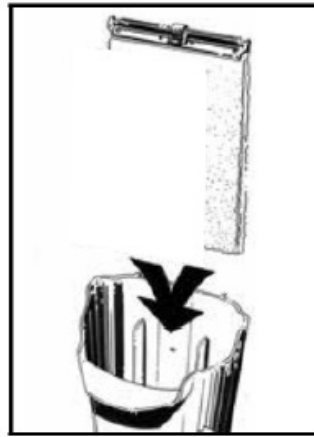


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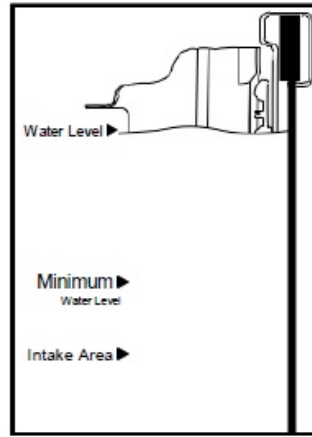


Fig. 4

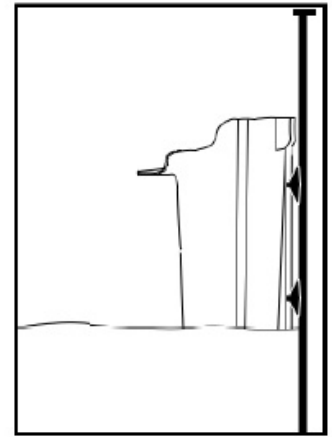


Fig. 5

| 5-10i | 10-30i | 20-40i |
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| Replacement Parts List |                  |              |        |       |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| KEY                    | ITEM DESCRIPTION | MODEL NUMBER |        |       |
|                        | 5-10i            | 10-30i       | 20-40i |       |
| 1                      | Bio-Foam®        | 25996        | 25997  | 25997 |
| 2                      | Suction Cups     | 19613        | 19613  | 19613 |
| 3                      | Impeller         | 19609        | 19610  | 19611 |
| 4                      | Hanger Assembly  | 19631        | 19632  | 19632 |

### Questions or Missing Parts?

- Call Customer Service at
- 1-800-526-0650

- Monday through Friday
- 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM ET

## Documents / Resources

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|  | <p><a href="#">Tetra 5-10 Whisper Internal Power Filter</a> [pdf] Instruction Manual</p> <p>5-10, 20-40, 10-30, 5-10 Whisper Internal Power Filter, 5-10, Whisper Internal Power Filter, Internal Power Filter, Power Filter, Filter</p> |
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## References

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