

# Instructions for installation of Aquadecor slim backgrounds

Thank you for purchasing an Aquadecor slim background.

**Please read the instructions carefully. It is very important to follow all steps in order to achieve the best results.**

In case you have any questions, feel free to contact us anytime via our email address [office@aquadecorbackgrounds.com](mailto:office@aquadecorbackgrounds.com)

When you unpack the background, carefully remove the protective foil from it.

You can start the installation immediately. The background does not need to be soaked prior to installation. It is completely neutral and does not leek any harmful or non-harmful chemicals or colors into the water. However, as particles of dust and dirt can accumulate on the surface of the background during packaging and transport, please rinse it for a few minutes under the shower before you install it, to make sure it is clean. This is recommended especially if you plan to install it in an already set up aquarium. This should also be done with all items that came with the background (additional rocks and logs).

The installation is very simple- just place the background and additional items (rocks and logs) into the aquarium. If the background consists of several pieces, align them next to each other so the joints are not noticeable. Some slim backgrounds come in one piece, while others come in several pieces- this depends on the size of the background and the size of the opening space between the support braces. We always make sure to choose an ideal number of pieces and their size. Places where the seams are were carefully selected after testing the background. Sometimes these seams cannot be completely unnoticeable due to their location. If you are having trouble assembling the pieces, we suggest using small pieces of foam there, to stop smaller fish from going behind the background.

If the aquarium is empty, install the background, add water and allow the water to cycle for a few days until it becomes crystal clear. Only when the water is clear, it is safe to add fish. It is better to add a few fish the first day, then some more a few days later, than to put them all in the aquarium immediately.

If you are installing the background in an empty aquarium, you can choose to glue it to the aquarium with silicone. For that purpose, we marked the spots on the back of the background where the silicone can be placed. This step is optional. Only a small amount of silicone is needed. When you silicone the background, allow it for at least 48 hours to dry before adding water.

If you are installing the background in the aquarium with water and fish in it, please remove some water to make the installation easier and safer for the fish. Make sure not to harm the fish, as they might swim under or around the background during installation.

Install the background in a gentle manner, to avoid causing any harm to your fish, and to avoid causing damage to the glass and the aquarium.

Aquadecor is not responsible for any potential harm to the fish or damage to the aquarium caused by improper and/or rough installation and handling of the background and additional items (rocks and logs).

If you decide to place the filtration behind the background, you can drill a few smaller holes on the background (where you think is best), and cover them with mesh which we supply.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Our slim backgrounds come with a lifetime warranty. They are coated with special protective layers and can be cleaned with any kind of cleaning agent and with any kind of brush. Please remove the background from the aquarium prior to cleaning with potentially harmful chemicals, to avoid causing any harm to your fish.

**Aquadecor backgrounds need to be regularly cleaned and maintained. If you don't clean the background regularly, a heavy algae build up may occur. Cleaning such heavy algae build up can cause you to rip off an entire piece of the background. We do not accept claims regarding the damage if the background had been previously neglected and not maintained properly.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding. It is very important to follow these instructions if you want to have a beautiful and long-lasting background.

We hope you are satisfied with the appearance and the quality of your background. Please send us photos of the final setup if you want to be featured on our social media channels.

**Your Aquadecor Team**