

## **Instructions for installation of Aquadecor backgrounds**

Thank you for purchasing an Aquadecor 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 will find numbers and arrows on the back of each background. Each part must be installed in the correct order, starting from number 1. We suggest that you first place the background in the aquarium without siliconing it, to see how it fits. Then you can proceed, siliconing piece by piece. Please make sure that you use silicone made for aquariums. The layer of silicone should be as thick as your pinkie finger. Labeled spots on the back of each piece of background should be slightly thicker.

Proceed by placing each piece of the background onto the glass of the aquarium and putting pressure on it. Slowly press with your hand, and move it from left to right, until the piece is completely attached to the glass.

When you silicone all parts of the background, let everything dry for at least 48 hours. When 48 hours have passed, you can proceed with filling the aquarium with water and starting the regular cycling (filtering) process which should last at least 10 days.

First cycle the empty aquarium for a few days, before you add fish. Make sure that water is crystal clear before you do that. Do not add a large number of fish to your aquarium. If water becomes white (which usually happens if the filter is new), we suggest using a water conditioner and activated carbon. The background is completely neutral and does not release any chemicals into the water.

The process of cycling must always be performed. Fish can be added only when the water is completely clear.

# **IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

## **NOTICE 1:**

Our backgrounds come with a 20 year warranty. They are coated with special protective layers and can be cleaned with any kind of brush. If installed properly, the background will stay in the aquarium for many years. Possible causes of improper installation may include using silicone not meant for use in aquariums; not using enough silicone; using expired silicone or another bonding product; not letting silicone dry; not pressing the background firmly enough against the glass, which may lead to creating air gaps between the background and glass; washing the background prior to installation. Aquadecor is not responsible if the background was installed in an improper way, as a properly installed background can last for years, even decades.

**Please do not wash the background prior to installation. Please use high quality silicone for aquariums.**

## **NOTICE 2:**

Some fish, such as Botia Makrakanta, have a strong bite and shouldn't be kept in a tank with a foam background. Please don't keep these and similar fish in your tank.

## **NOTICE 3:**

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.

## **NOTICE 4:**

If you ordered a background with a lot of caves, cracks and hiding spots, please don't keep small fish in the tank, as they can get stuck in those cracks and die. Please be responsible while choosing fish for your tank, and make sure to keep fish appropriate for the tank size and background you have.

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**