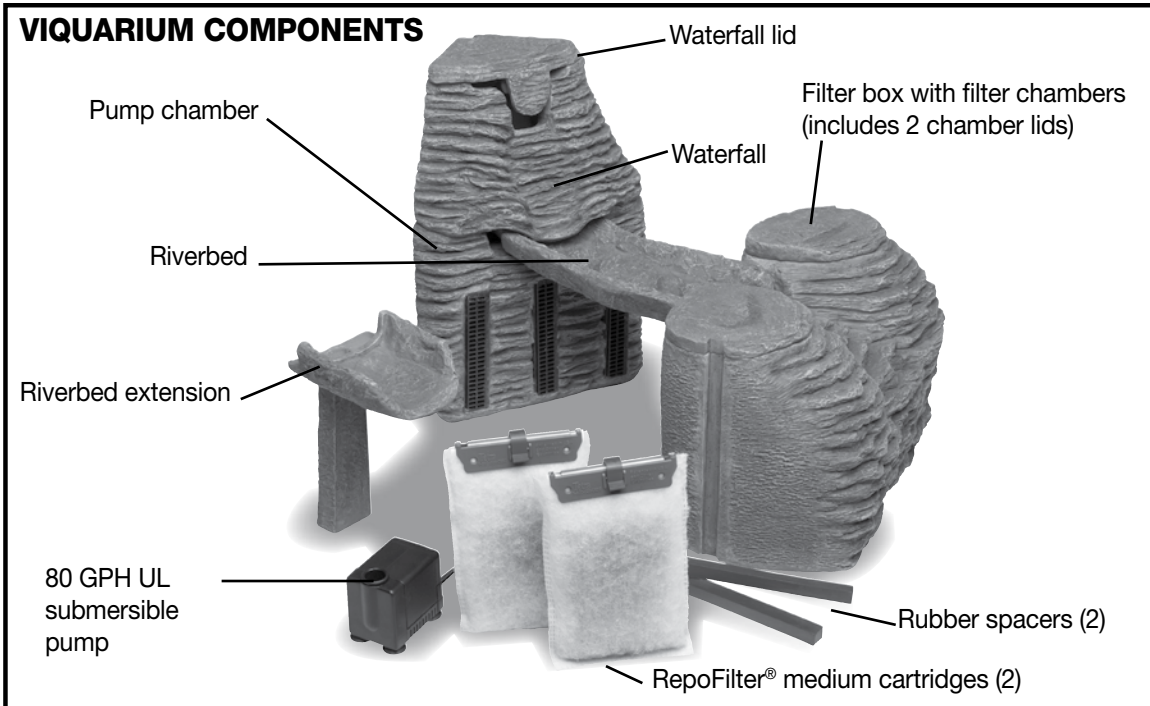


# Viquarium™

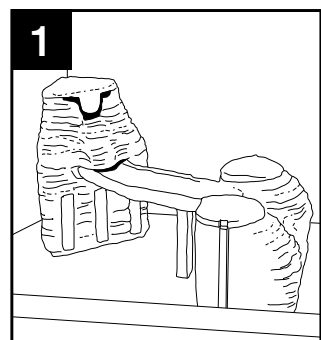
The Tetrafauna® Viquarium™ will convert an ordinary aquarium into an aqua-terrarium, a combination of an aquarium and terrarium, which has a dry land part for terrestrial animals, a water section for aquatic reptiles, amphibians and fish, and a divider part which allows amphibian animals to easily move from one section to the other.

A diverse group of animals can be maintained in Tetrafauna's Viquarium. In the water section, fish and aquatic animals, such as African Clawed Frogs, will be at home. On the land part, animals which normally live near water or those that require a high degree of humidity can be kept. Anoles and some species of geckos will do fine here, as will many tree frogs and poison dart frogs. But the most interesting group of animals that can be kept in the Viquarium are those amphibians which divide their time between life in the water and life on land. (i.e. aquatic turtles, newts, etc.)

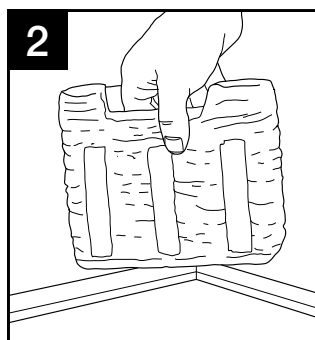
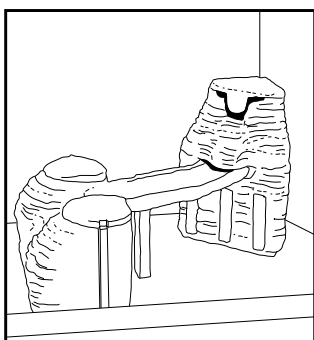
Tetrafauna's Viquarium will fit most aquariums that are at least 24" long, have a width of 12"-13", and a height of 16" or more. Most standard-sized 20 gal high, 29 gal, 40 gal and 55 gal tanks can be used.



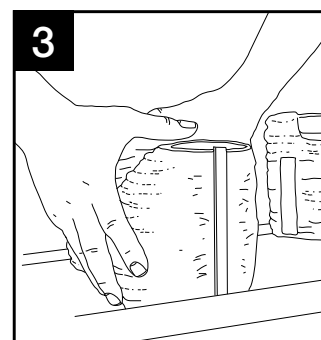
## HOW TO ASSEMBLE TETRAFAUNA'S VIQUARIUM



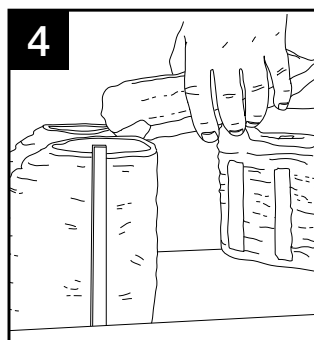
**1** Decide whether the land portion of the Viquarium should be on the right or left side of the aquarium as seen from the front. The Viquarium can be assembled either way.



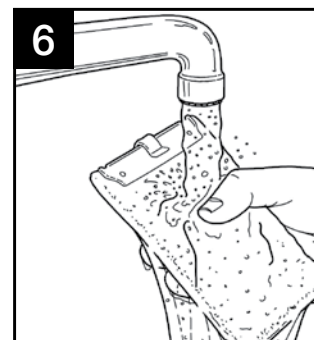
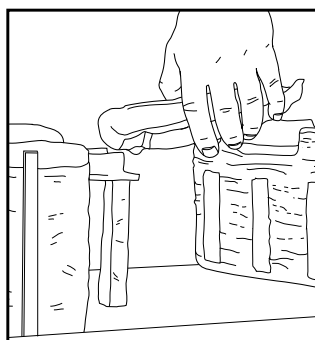
**2** Place the pump chamber snugly in the selected corner.



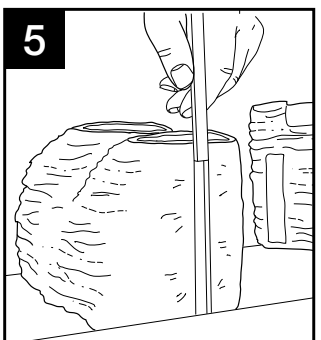
**3** Place the filtration box into the tank (inserting sideways) and place at the bottom of the tank (or Viquarium) with the rock facing the water section.



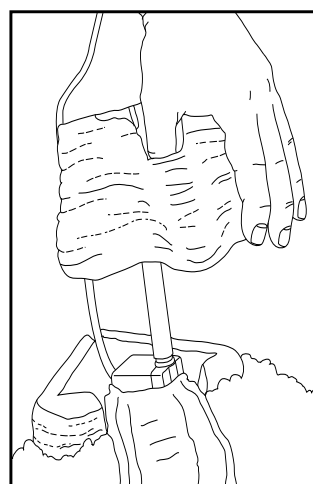
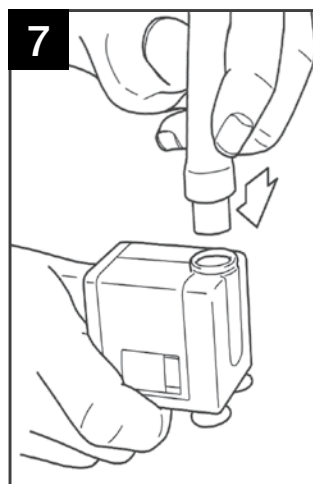
**4** Using the alignment posts, position the riverbed section between the pump chamber and the filtration box. Then turn the filtration box to correctly position it in the tank. **Note**—If you decide to have a larger land area, add the riverbed extension. Align holes and posts on both ends. Assemble the river section as shown.



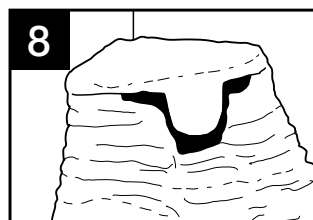
**6** Remove the filter cartridges from the packaging. Rinse them under cold tap water to remove carbon dust, and place them into the slot of each chamber. Push the cartridge until it hits the bottom and place lids to close chambers.



**5** There may be small gaps on each end of the filtration box and the tank. Aquariums differ in width depending on the manufacturer. To bridge that gap, use the appropriate spacer(s) to seal and lock the filtration box in place.



Place the outlet on pump and then attach it to the waterfall unit. **Tip**—Lubricate the pump outlet with water to ease assembly. Place the waterfall unit on top of the pump chamber. **Note**—Make sure the pump lies in vertically in the chamber. **Note**—The waterfall has a built-in fogger platform if you want to use a fogger unit (fogger not included). Follow fogger manufacturer instructions.

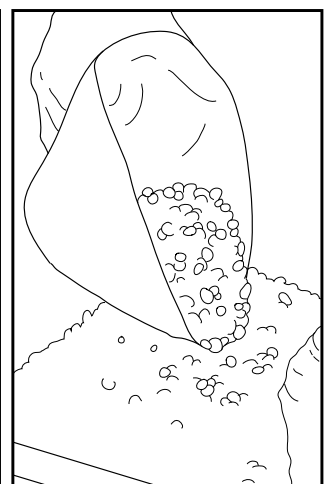


Place waterfall lid.



**LAND SECTION**

1. Verify that the Viquarium assembly has not shifted position within the tank. Then carefully fill the land portion with washed, coarse gravel (not included), with a pebble size of about 3/8"-1/2", up to about 1/4" from the top of the filtration box and the top of the walls of the riverbed. Depending upon the size of the land area, between 45 to 65 lbs are needed.
2. The gravel can be covered with dried moss (available at most dealers). If desired, you can collect some patches of live moss. Piece together to form a continuous carpet on top of the gravel; it gives a more natural appearance.
3. For decorating the land area, many species are available in garden shops and flower centers. Obviously only plants that thrive in a very humid environment should be considered. Most ferns, many types of ivy, pothos and philodendron are fine plants for the Viquarium. Shake off most of the soil and plant directly into the gravel. For other decorations, rocks, small pieces of driftwood and tree branches (cut to the appropriate size) can be used. Another option is to use artificial plants. With little imagination, very striking set-ups can be achieved.



**WATER SECTION**

4. As in an aquarium, the bottom of the Viquarium's water section should be covered with a layer of gravel. Use fine or medium gravel. **Note**—Do not use the coarse gravel used in the land area, as it will trap too many food particles.
5. Fill the aquatic section with tap water. As the water section is filled, water will also seep through the openings in the wall and into the gravel of the land area. This is normal. During the operation, the water will be drawn through the filter cartridge in the filter chamber. If there is a small amount of water bypassing the filter chamber, it will still be filtered through the gravel in the land area and will help prevent stagnant areas in the gravel. Fill the water section using the min and max water level lines marked on the outer sides of the pump chamber as a guideline.
6. Now you can plug in the water pump.
7. Aquatic and bog plants (available in most dealers) can be planted here. In addition, any decoration which is safe for an aquarium may be used.

\*Replace filter cartridges every four weeks or sooner for optimal performance.



## ACCESSORIES

### Covers for the Viquarium

Cover the Viquarium with a well-fitting screen (available at your pet dealer). Some models come with cut-outs for routing electrical cords through – a most convenient feature. Screens provide ventilation, but also cause heat loss. Instead, experiment by partially covering the screen with solid glass or plastic sheet. Solid or hinged pieces of may be used to cover the Viquarium, but other means of ventilation must be provided. Purchase a small Whisper® air pump with the appropriated tubing length. Run the air line into the Viquarium and plug in the pump. Even the smallest air pump can provide enough renewed air in a tank every 1-2 hours.

### Lighting

Lighting is important for your Viquarium. A light fixture with the adequate light spectrum is required for keeping most amphibians, as well as for growing plants and mosses. Many turtles and other reptiles require a heat radiating light source. A combination of UV and incandescent light is ideal. Ask your dealer to recommend the best lighting that suits your needs.

### Heating

The temperature to be maintained in the Viquarium depends entirely upon the species of fish and other animals to be kept. If a heat radiating incandescent light is used, it is not always necessary to install a separate heater for the aquatic portion of the Viquarium. However, if suitable temperature is not achieved with a heat lamp, a submersible heater like Tetrafauna's Aquatic Reptile Heater may be used. Ask your dealer.

## MAINTENANCE

### Land Section

As in any enclosure where animals are kept, cleanliness is an important part of your maintenance. Droppings and uneaten food must be removed on a regular basis. Climbing animals like tree frogs frequently defecate on leaves and stems of plants, as well as on the Viquarium glass walls. A wet sponge and/or paper towel can be used to clean up. If live plants are used, there may be an occasional dead leaf that should be removed, and vigorously growing plants may have to be pruned or replaced with smaller ones.

### Water Section

The water section should be maintained much like an aquarium. The filter cartridges should be changed once every month or sooner if the filter is clogged or the animal population is high. Also, be sure to keep the front slots of the filter chamber clear of debris. This can cause the gravel portion of the land section to dry out, affecting the efficiency of the water pump. If debris builds up, it can easily be removed. Simply pull the cartridge out of the chamber and push a butter knife through the intake slots.

Avoid overfeeding. Any food that is not consumed quickly by the fish or other animals will rot and cause pollution. Remove uneaten food promptly and feed less next time.

Partial water changes of 25%-50% are highly recommended and should be made weekly, even though the water tends to be very clear in the Viquarium. Dissolved pollutants, resulting from the metabolism of fish and other animals, plus the increasing concentrations of minerals and salts in mineral salts in the water due to evaporation, will create unsuitable conditions for the animals in the long run. This can be prevented with regular partial water changes.

\***Tip**—Use Tetrafauna's AquaSafe® for Reptiles and Amphibians every time water is added to the tank.

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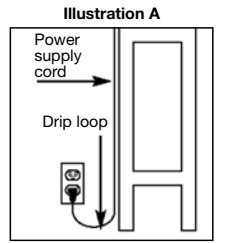
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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

### READ AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING**- To guard against injury, basic safety precautions should be observed, including the following.

- Read and follow all of the following safety instructions, as well as all notices on the appliance.
- DANGER** - Since water is employed in the use of aquarium equipment, special care should be taken to avoid electric shock. For each of the following situations, do not attempt to repair the appliance yourself. Return it to an authorized service facility for service, or discard it.
  - If the appliance shows any signs of abnormal water leakage, unplug it immediately.**
  - Carefully examine the appliance after installation. It should not be plugged in if there is water on parts not intended to get wet.**
  - Do not operate any appliance if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is malfunctioning, or if it has been dropped or damaged in any manner.**
- To avoid the possibility of water dripping onto the appliance plug or outlet, position aquarium stand and tank to one side of a wall-mounted outlet. A "drip loop" (see illustration A) should be arranged for each cord connecting an aquarium appliance to an outlet. The "drip loop" is the part of the cord below the level of the outlet (or extension cord connector) that prevents water from traveling along the cord to the outlet. If the plug or outlet gets wet, do not unplug the cord. Disconnect the fuse or circuit breaker that supplies power to the appliance. Then unplug the appliance and examine the outlet for presence of water.
- If an extension cord is necessary, a cord with a proper rating should be used. A cord rated for fewer 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.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- To avoid injury, do not touch moving parts, or hot parts such as heaters, reflectors, lamp bulbs, etc.
- Always unplug an appliance from an outlet when it is not in use, before putting on or taking off its parts, and before cleaning it. Never yank cord to pull plug from outlet. Grasp the plug and pull to disconnect.
- Do not use an appliance for other than its intended use. The use of attachments not recommended or sold by the appliance manufacturer may cause an unsafe condition.
- Do not install or store the appliance where it will be exposed to the weather or to temperatures below freezing.
- Make sure the appliance is securely installed before operating it.
- If this appliance is equipped with a polarized plug, one of the plug's blades will be wider than the other. A polarized plug fits into a polarized outlet only one way. If plug does not fit fully into 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.



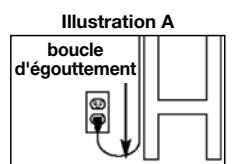
## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## MESURES DE PROTECTION IMPORTANTES

### LIRE ET SE CONFORMER À TOUTES LES INSTRUCTIONS DE SÉCURITÉ

**AVERTISSEMENT**- Pour éviter des blessures, respecter les précautions de base sur la sécurité, qui incluent ce qui suit :

- Lire et suivre toutes les instructions de sécurité ci-dessous, de même que tous les avis apposés sur l'appareil.
- DANGER** - Comme de l'eau est utilisée pour l'équipement de l'aquarium, faire particulièrement attention pour éviter un choc électrique. Dans chacun des cas suivants, ne pas tenter de réparer vous-même l'appareil. Le retourner à un centre de service autorisé pour le faire réparer, ou encore jeter l'appareil.
  - Si l'appareil montre un quelconque signe de fuite d'eau anormale, le débrancher immédiatement.**
  - Examiner soigneusement l'appareil après son installation. Il ne doit pas être branché si de l'eau est présente sur des pièces non conçues pour entrer en contact avec de l'eau.**
  - N'utiliser aucun appareil dont le cordon ou la prise est endommagé, qui fonctionne mal ou qui a subi une chute ou un dommage quelconque.**
- Pour éviter que de l'eau ne dégoûte sur la fiche de l'appareil ou sur la prise, placer le support de l'aquarium et le réservoir sur un côté de la prise murale. Former une « boucle d'égouttement » (voir l'illustration A) pour chaque cordon électrique connecté d'un appareil de l'aquarium à une prise. La « boucle d'égouttement » est la portion du cordon située plus bas que la prise (ou du connecteur du cordon prolongateur), et empêche l'eau de couler le long du cordon et d'entrer en contact avec la prise. Si la fiche ou la prise entre en contact avec de l'eau, ne pas débrancher le cordon. Débrancher le fusible ou le disjoncteur qui alimente l'appareil en électricité. Débrancher ensuite l'appareil et examiner la prise pour y détecter de l'eau.
- Si un cordon prolongateur s'avère nécessaire, en utiliser un dont les caractéristiques nominales conviennent à l'appareil. Un cordon conçu pour moins d'ampères ou de watts que ceux requis par l'appareil peut surchauffer. Veiller à placer le cordon de manière à ce qu'il ne puisse faire trébucher ou être tiré.
- Une surveillance attentive est requise lorsque tout appareil est utilisé par des enfants ou à proximité de ceux-ci.
- Pour éviter des blessures, ne pas toucher des pièces en mouvement ou chaudes, comme des radiateurs, des réflecteurs, des ampoules électriques, etc.
- Toujours débrancher un appareil d'une prise lorsqu'il n'est pas utilisé, avant d'y ajouter ou d'en enlever des pièces et avant de le nettoyer. Ne jamais tirer d'un coup sec sur le cordon pour le débrancher d'une prise. Saisir la fiche et la tirer pour débrancher.
- N'utiliser un appareil que pour l'usage pour lequel il a été conçu. L'utilisation d'accessoires non recommandés ou vendus par le fabricant de l'appareil pourrait créer une situation à risque.
- Ne pas installer ou entreposer l'appareil dans un endroit où il sera exposé à des conditions climatiques ou à des températures inférieures au point de congélation.
- S'assurer que l'appareil est installé de façon sécuritaire avant de l'utiliser.
- Si cet appareil est muni d'une fiche polarisée, une de ses lames est plus large que l'autre. Une fiche polarisée s'insère d'une seule façon dans une prise. Si la fiche n'entre pas dans la prise, inverser la fiche. Si elle n'entre toujours pas, contacter un électricien qualifié. Ne jamais utiliser un cordon prolongateur dont la fiche ne peut pas être insérée complètement. Ne pas tenter de contourner le dispositif de sécurité.



## CONSERVER CES INSTRUCTIONS

### Questions? Problems? Missing Parts?

Before returning the product, please call our Customer Care Department at 800-423-6458, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Eastern USA Time or email us at [consumer@tetra-fish.com](mailto:consumer@tetra-fish.com). Our Customer Care Department is here to provide assistance to help you solve your problem.