

Aquatic Life Mini Skimmer Tips

Mounting the skimmer

- It is very important to mount the Mini Skimmer in a location that has a fixed water level. Changes in water height will cause the skimmer's performance to change.
- The mini skimmer can use either of the two mounting brackets (included) or the suction cups (included). You can also use a mounting bracket and the suction cups together.

Note: When the skimmer is first installed you may find that you need to adjust the skimmers height in the water to prevent over production of bubbles collected in the collection cup.

Water level

- The location the Mini Skimmer is very important in the operation of the skimmer. The water level for the skimmer should remain stable and not change. If there are water level changes you will notice that the skimmer's bubble level will change too. A stable, fixed water line is crucial.
- The initial water level for the Mini Skimmer should be somewhere between the middle to bottom of the return grate. If the skimmer is submerged further you may find that the skimmer is not as easy to control.

Microbubbles

- There are typically a few culprits that allow skimmers to release microbubbles outside of the skimmer.
 1. Is this the first skimmer used on the aquarium? Most newly installed skimmer need a break in period (typically 4-5 days, possibly up to 2 weeks). Raising the skimmer about an inch out of the aquarium will help slow the bubble rise in the collection cup of the skimmer. As the skimmate (material collected in the skimmer cup) is concentrated and the bubbles in the skimmer lessen, you can lower the skimmer to the proper installation height suggested above.
 2. Some types of fish food can cause the skimmers to overproduce and start to overflow the collection cup. First, take note of what food is causing this reaction in the skimmer. Second, raise the skimmer out of the water about an inch, until the skimmate collection returns to normal.
 3. Aquarium additives will sometimes make the skimmer overproduce too. Raise the skimmer out of the water about an inch, until the skimmate collection returns to normal.

Note: When the collection cup fills up with any liquids, do NOT return any collected liquids to the aquarium - discard the liquid.