

AccliMate

Original

User Guide



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"Saving reefs one fish at-a-time."



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Parts of The AccliMate

Outer Box — The outer box is the what brings all of the pieces of the AccliMate together. It provides a water-tight vessel in which to transport, trap and acclimate your aquarium pets.



Outer Box

Inner Box — The inner box acts like a strainer and is used primarily to remove livestock from the AccliMate and release it into your quarantine or display tank without contaminating your tank with water from an external source.



Inner Box

Drip Tube and Clamp — The drip tube is used for drip acclimation and the clamp provides a convenient way to control the rate of the drip.



Drip Tube

Cover — The cover serves multiple purposes. First it allows you to transport livestock from place-to-place by keeping a semi-tight lid on the outer box. Keep in mind that the cover is not perfectly water tight so care must be taken to keep the AccliMate secure and upright when using it to transport livestock. We recommend placing a towel under the AccliMate when transporting in your car.



Cover

The cover is also the primary trapping mechanism when using your AccliMate to trap fish. The hole in the cover allows you to attach the included fishing line with which you will actuate your trap.

Universal Hanger — The Universal Hanger was designed to allow you to hang your AccliMate on the **outside** of your aquarium while acclimating your livestock. The hanger accommodates a wide range of tank style including straight-sided, bow front and Euro-braced aquariums.



Main Hanger

Hanger Strap — Along with the universal hanger comes a hook-and-loop style strap. This strap is used exclusively to hold your AccliMate securely in the hanger.



Hanger Strap

Hanger Adapter — The adapter is used in various configurations to allow your hanger to be hung on different tank styles.



Hanger Adapter

Note: If you would like to purchase a universal hanger please visit us at: www.reefgently.com.

Functions Of Your AccliMate

Transportation

1. Place the strainer box into the outer container. Take the AccliMate with you to the fish or pet store.
2. Ask the attendant to place your purchased fish into the AccliMate instead of a plastic bag. This reduces the carbon footprint of our hobby.
3. Slide the cover into place and secure it with the hook-and-loop fastener.

A note of caution: The AccliMate's cover is NOT guaranteed to be water tight. It will do a good job of keeping water from leaking but it will not keep water off of your car seat if it falls over. Make sure you secure your AccliMate well in your car or place it on the floor and we recommend placing your AccliMate on a towel.

Acclimation

1. After arriving at your destination you can set your AccliMate on a table top, the floor or use the universal hanger to hang it on the **outside** of your aquarium.
2. Remove the cover.
3. The AccliMate was designed to accommodate just about any method of acclimation. The enclosed tube can be used for drip acclimation and the provided clamp does a good job of controlling the drip rate.
4. After completing the acclimation process simply lift the strainer box up using the finger holes and let all of the water drain back into the outer container.
5. Use the strainer to release your fish into the aquarium.

Fish Trap

The AccliMate makes an effective fish trap and can be used in a "guillotine" configuration when placed on its side in your tank.

1. Remove the cover and place the strainer into the outer box so you can use it when you reach your destination.
2. Tie a long length of fishing line to the small hole in the cover.
3. Place the fish trap on its side in your aquarium with the appropriate bait inside.
4. Insert the cover into the cover slots so the hole with the fishing line is at the top.
5. Raise the cover and hold it up with the fishing line until your quarry has entered the trap...then let it go.

Bristle Worm Trap

1. Remove the cover and inner box.
2. Place your favorite bristle worm bait into the outer box.
3. Turn the inner box upside down so that the holes are facing upward and replace it into the outer box.
4. Place the AccliMate into you aquarium near the place where you most frequently notice bristle worms.
5. Come back later and empty your trap.

Universal Hanger

Straight Sided/Bow Front Tanks — To configure your universal hanger for use on straight sided tanks with lips up to 1 1/4" in width turn the hanger adapter to match the bend at the top of the main hanger. The adapter should be positioned **below** the top bend in the main hanger.



Euro-Braced Tanks — To configure your universal hanger for use with Euro-Bracing turn the hanger adapter so that the long flat side rests on top of the top bend in the main hanger. The hood of the adapter should point down. The adapter can be adjusted to fit the width of your particular bracing up to 5".



Universal Hanger Cont.

In each configuration pass the binding bolt from the back side of the main hanger through the 1/4" hole that lines up with the slot in the hanger adapter. The bolt should pass through the hole and then through the slot in the adapter.

Place the washer onto the bolt and then secure the adapter to the main hanger with the wing nut provided.



Next, thread the hanger strap through the slots in the back of the main hanger so that the Velcro side of the strap faces toward the back.

Place your AccliMate into the hanger and wrap the strap around it.

Loop the free end of the strap through the D ring and pull it back over itself to stick both sides of the Velcro together. Make sure it is nice and tight.

Care Of Your AccliMate

Cleaning

Your AccliMate should be cleaned well before its first use and again after every use. You can **wash** your AccliMate with a mild detergent and warm water. Be sure to **rinse completely** to avoid injury to your livestock from harsh chemicals. **Dry** your AccliMate thoroughly with a soft cloth before using again.

Cleaning your AccliMate in a dishwasher is discouraged.

Care In Handling Your AccliMate

Your AccliMate is made entirely of high grade acrylic. Acrylic is often clearer than glass and many times lighter. With these advantages come trade-offs. Your AccliMate will shatter if dropped and crack or chip if banged roughly against other objects.

It is important to handle your AccliMate with care and watch for sharp edges that may cut you.

If your AccliMate breaks or cracks we highly recommend that you discard the AccliMate. Acrylic can be VERY sharp and extremely dangerous when broken. Please handle broken AccliMates with the utmost caution.

Scratches

If your AccliMate becomes scratched you can typically buff out the scratches with an after market acrylic polish or acrylic scratch removal kit. These can be found at your local hardware store and on line at many aquarium supply web sites.

Getting Help

If you need assistance with any of the parts or functions of your AccliMate please visit Reef Gently, Inc. on-line at

<http://www.reefgently.com>.

Click on "Customer Assistance" to be directed to our support forum.

