



FISH^{POD} MOON

AQUARIUMS MADE BEAUTIFUL & SIMPLE

Thank you for purchasing this FISH^{POD} MOON Complete Aquarium. In doing so you have selected a product designed by Interpet, the UK's leading aquatic specialists.

We sincerely hope this aquarium enables you to fully enjoy the benefits of owning and looking after aquarium fish. In order to ensure their welfare the FISH^{POD} MOON aquarium is supplied with a water treatment filter. If used as instructed this filter will provide all the necessary filtration to keep the aquarium water healthy for your fish and keeping it clear of debris so you can enjoy a sparkling clean aquarium.

Your aquarium also contains an Easy Start Aquarium Kit in the form of an essential Interpet water care treatment. Bioactive TapSAFE makes tap water safe for use in aquariums and helps establishes essential biological cycles in the filter which eliminate harmful fish waste.

EASY START AQUARIUM KIT

Bioactive TapSAFE
– makes tap water suitable for fishkeeping.



LIGHTING

A high output 15w fluorescent energy saver lamp.



CLEAR AND HEALTHY WATER

Easy access filtration life support system quietly and effectively keep the aquarium aerated, clean and healthy.

Setting up your FISH^{POD} MOON aquarium

Ensure the aquarium is placed on a level surface suitable for bearing the weight of a full aquarium. (The FISH^{POD} MOON 39 litre will weight over 40kg when full). Ideally the aquarium should be placed out of direct sunlight. This will help prevent unwanted algae build up, and will also allow the FISH^{POD} MOON lighting to display your aquarium in its best light.

Step 1 – Adding substrate to your FISH^{POD} MOON aquarium

Ensure you wash your aquarium substrate if necessary before adding it to the aquarium. Most gravels contain high quantities of dust which will cloud your aquariums, so washing in cold water before adding it to the aquarium will save time waiting for the aquarium to clear.

Step 2 – Setting up your filter

The Unique design of the FISH^{POD} MOON filter, ensures the filter is easy to use as is manufactured as part of the tank. The pump and intake and outtake will require assembling – the large tube with strainer – needs to be connected, simple push fit, to the bottom of the pump – ensure the intake strainer is about 2cm above the substrate surface, this will ensure maximum circulation of water in the aquarium. The pump is then fitted to its support cradle and clips in place.

The outlet of the pump needs connecting to deliver the water into the filter tray as shown (A). *Note: FPM19 utilises a spray bar for water distribution. Any packaging should be removed from the filter media (black carbon sponge, white filter pad and ceramic media). Rinse the ceramic media in tap water to remove any dust – this is the ONLY time you should ever clean this media with tap water. The media can then be placed in the filter tray as shown (B).



Step 3 – Filling your FISH^{POD} MOON aquarium

Once you have installed your pump and filter media, you can fill your aquarium with water. When using tap water it is essential that chlorine is removed, as this is harmful to fish. Your FISH^{POD} MOON is supplied with Interpret's Bioactive Tapsafe which removes chlorine

and harmful heavy metals (e.g. Copper) from tap water. Tapsafe also adds Aloe Vera which protects delicate fish membranes and essential bacteria to boost essential aquarium cycles. Tapsafe should be used whenever you use tap water to carry out water changes or top up water evaporation. Once the aquarium is full of water you can turn the filter on, this should remain operational at all times.

Step 4 – Using your FISH^{POD} MOON aquarium lights

Your FISH^{POD} MOON is supplied with a 15watt fluorescent lamp – a Bright Daylight white lamp. The lamp is individually switched for easy control. However, if you have live plants they will need approximately 10-12 hours of Bright Day Light to thrive, to achieve this you can plug the lights into a household timer for convenience. Each lamp has an "effective life" of 12 months, after this time the quality and intensity of light diminishes and may either prevent plant growth or start to encourage algae. It is therefore good practice to replace the lamp annually.

To replace the lamp, **turn off the power supply**, then simply unscrew the 8 screws holding the lamp casing in place (C). The lamp (D) unscrews and should only be replaced with a genuine Interpret 15w energy saver replacement lamp.



(D) Bright Day Light Lamp

(C) Lamp casing screws.

Step 5 – Adding plants and fish to your FISH^{POD} MOON aquarium

Your new aquarium should be allowed to stand **without** fish for 3-4 days. This will allow the temperature to stabilise, and will allow the filter to start operating efficiently. You can add plants and décor during this time.

Seek the advice of your specialist aquatic retailer when purchasing fish. Ensure your retailer knows you have a new aquarium, as it is not advisable to instantly fill the aquarium with its full complement of fish. Instead, fish should be added over a period of weeks.

Guideline Stocking Levels

Total maximum length of fish (excluding tail) which can be safely stocked.

	Tropical fish	Coldwater fish
FISH ^{POD} MOON FPM19 19 litre	23cm	11cm
FISH ^{POD} MOON FPM39 39 litre	47cm	22cm

e.g. In a 39 litre FISH^{POD} MOON you could stock 2 x goldfish that will grow up to be 11cm each or 2 x 4cm Corydoras catfish, 4 x 5cm guppies, and 2 x 8cm Gouramis.

As soon as you introduce the first few fish, the addition of Interpret Filter Start will help to establish biological processes in the filter for removing harmful fish waste. Ask your aquatic retailer about the benefits of using Interpret Filter Start.

Caring for your FISH^{POD} MOON

Daily

- Feed fish – ideally two or three times per day as much as they will eat in a couple of minutes (remove any excess food) – more fish die of overfeeding than underfeeding so take it easy and make sure only one person in the house is feeding them!
- Check fish health – look for differences in appearance or behaviour that may indicate they are unwell – seek advice from your retailer if you spot any problems.
- Check filter flow – if it has dropped significantly it needs cleaning.
- Clean algae off the front glass – the easiest way to do this is to use a magnetic glass cleaner.

Weekly

- Top up any water evaporation – ensure you treat tap water with Tapsafe.
- If you have live plants, add a plant food and trim back excess plant growth.
- Clean the condensation cover under the hood with a soft cloth.

Monthly

- Carry out a 25% water change (FISH^{POD} MOON 19L = 4.75 litres, FISH^{POD} MOON 39L = 9.75 litres) remove water from the aquarium (do not remove fish plants or décor) and clean the substrate at the same time by using an Interpret Gravel cleaner. Ensure the replacement tap water is treated with Tapsafe and mix in a little hot water to ensure it is roughly the same temperature as the aquarium water.

- Clean the filter pad and foam in the old aquarium water you have just removed from the aquarium – **NEVER** wash any filter media in tap water as the Chlorine will kill your beneficial bacteria and harm your fish. Replace the white filter pad when dirty – replace the carbon foam pad every 8 weeks – the ceramic media should never need changing.

Annually – put a reminder in your diary to help you remember.

- Replace fluorescent lamps (see page 1).
- Replace the FISH^{POD} MOON pump impeller to maintain optimum performance.

To replace the impeller:

- 1 Remove the pump from the tank and remove the intake pipe work.
- 2 Simply pull out the impeller and replace with a new one available from your aquatic retailer.



Guarantee

All Fish Pod Moon aquariums are guaranteed for two years from the date of purchase providing the following conditions are met.

NEVER place polystyrene under the bottom frame of this aquarium.

Your aquarium must be sited on a surface that is flat and level and able to withstand the weight of the aquarium when filled with water, gravel etc. (Note: 1 litre of water weighs 1kg) Wrought iron and angle iron stands, together with video, HiFi, TV cabinets, articles of furniture and self assembly furniture are NOT suitable for use with Fish Pod Moon aquariums, doing so will automatically invalidate this guarantee. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to ensure that when using an aquarium stand it has been designed for use with a Fish Pod Moon Aquarium i.e. The top support of the stand should be in contact with the entire bottom frame of the aquarium. All aquarium stand locations should take into account the position of floor boards/joints etc., bearing in mind the weight to be supported. You must use the correct Fish Pod Moon stand so as not to invalidate your guarantee.

The sealant on the aquarium must not come into contact with any chemicals (i.e. Household bleach etc) or sharp objects such as rocks and razor edged algae scrapers. Normal aquarium treatments and fish medications used for the purpose of fish keeping do not affect the aquarium silicone.

Fill the aquarium so the water level reaches the bottom edge of the canopy when the canopy is in position (About 2cms below the top edge of the glass). Do not overfill. Prior to and after filling ensure your aquarium is perfectly level.

Care should be taken to inspect your aquarium for any damage whatsoever either to the bracing system (where fitted), or to any other part of the aquarium, to avoid injury.

IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVICE: Never site your aquarium over electrical appliances and never lift the aquarium by the top frame (if fitted) or by any part of the bracing system. DO not try to lift or move the aquarium when it contains water. This guarantee covers leakages arising from either faulty materials or workmanship. Interpet Ltd cannot be responsible for breakages of glass.

This guarantee does not apply to any unauthorised modifications or misuse, improper or inadequate maintenance, or operations outside the product specifications. In case of defect within the stated guarantee period, the products should be returned, with proof of purchase, to the point of purchase.

This guarantee does not effect your statutory rights. Guarantee service includes repair or replacement of the aquarium at Interpet Ltd's discretion. Neither Interpet nor the manufacturer are liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages, including loss of livestock, arising from a defect in this product.



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INSTRUCTION LEAFLET for
FPM19 & FPM39

19 LITRE CAPACITY

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