

How to Clean Your Acrylic Aquarium Without Scratching

Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff



The Carefree Aquarium

[Acrylic aquariums](#) are a perfect choice for both the seasoned and beginner aquarist. Their distinct advantages are the ease of care and the unique benefits they offer the hobbyist.

The Acrylic Advantage

- *No worrying about leaks.* Molecularly bonded (melted together) seams make them less likely to leak.
- *Virtually child and accident proof.* Acrylic is 6-17 times stronger than glass and much more flexible.
- *A clearer view.* Acrylic aquariums are clearer than glass and allow up to 92% of light to pass through. You'll see better color and brighter fish.
- *Easier on the back.* Acrylic is approximately 48% lighter than glass, so they are much easier to transport and set up.

Acrylic aquariums can scratch, but unlike glass, the scratches can be easily [buffed out](#). The easiest way to avoid scratches is to keep your acrylic-safe [algae scraper](#) or [magnetically-coupled aquarium pane cleaner](#) away from [sand or substrate](#) and to use [acrylic-safe products](#) when doing any type of cleaning or maintenance.

QUESTION

Can I use any cleaning product on my acrylic aquarium?

ANSWER

Always use aquarium products that are designed specifically for acrylic use to prevent scratches. **DO NOT** use gritty cloths, scouring pads, household cleaners, or abrasive compounds.

ESSENTIALS: MAKE IT SIMPLE

[Acrylic-safe Mag-Floats](#) scrub away algae without ever getting your hands wet, thanks to the clever magnet-on-magnet design.

Our [Aquarium Cleaner & Polisher](#) cleans the exterior of your acrylic tank to a radiant glow.