



BETTATHERM™

MINI SIZE BETTA BOWL HEATER

INSTRUCTIONS: ITEM# BH-10

Congratulations on your purchase of Zoo Med's **BETTATHERM™ Mini Size Beta Bowl Heater!** The following instructions will assist you with the proper set-up and operation of your new heater. Please read the following instructions carefully. If you have any questions regarding these instructions or the proper use of this item, please contact our customer service department at: zoomed@zoomed.com or by calling (888) 496-6633 (US and Canada only). Customers in other countries, please call (805) 542-9988.

FEATURES:

- 7.5 watt heater for 1 to 3 gallon sizes of fish bowls or tanks.
- Convenient round shape fits in the bottom of traditional fish bowls and other Beta tanks.
- Right-angle cord attachment allows for easy heater placement in the bottom of the tank without straining the power cord.
- Can be used in glass or acrylic tanks and bowls.
- Increases water temperature by approximately 5 to 10°F (2.7 to 5.4°C) over ambient room temperature.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE!

To reduce the risk of fire, injury, or electric shock, read and follow these instructions prior to installing or operating this heater. Save these instructions for future reference.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS:

- Carefully examine the heater and the power cord for signs of damage or defect. DO NOT use a damaged or defective heater. If the heater appears to be damaged or defective, contact Zoo Med's customer service department for replacement within the specified period according to the terms of the warranty.

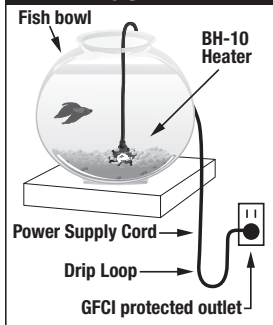
- Carefully inspect the power cord insulation and plug to be sure that there are no cuts, burns, or exposed wires. DO NOT splice, repair, or modify the power cord in any way. Inspect the power cord, plug, and heater periodically for damage.
- This heater gets hot when plugged in. To avoid injury, DO NOT touch the heater when it is plugged in. Allow the heater to completely cool before handling it or performing aquarium maintenance.
- Caution must be taken when using electrical appliances near water. To reduce the risk of electric shock, be sure that the heater is unplugged during any of the following situations:

- Unplug when the heater is dry and is not submerged in water.
- Unplug when installing the heater in your fish bowl or tank.
- Unplug when performing aquarium maintenance.
- Unplug before placing your hand(s) in the water of the fish bowl or tank. Be sure that your hands are completely dry before plugging the heater into an appropriate GFCI outlet.
- Unplug when not in use.

- When unplugging the heater, grasp the plug to prevent damage to the power cord. Never pull on the power cord to unplug the heater.
- For indoor use only.
- For use with aquariums only (including fish bowls and fish tanks).
- Closely supervise children and pets (other than your aquarium inhabitants) when they are near this heater.
- DO NOT alter or modify this product.
- Contact an electrician if you are unsure about the electrical connection.
- This unit has no user-serviceable parts. Do not attempt to repair this product yourself. Return to Zoo Med for inspection and repair.

DRIP LOOP:

This heater must be plugged into a grounded GFCI (Ground Fault Interrupted Circuit) receptacle with a "drip loop" (see Figure 1). The drip loop will prevent water from running along the power cord and getting the plug or wall receptacle wet. To create a drip loop, be sure that a portion of the power cord is lower than the level of the wall receptacle as shown in Figure 1. If you are unsure about the electrical supply and connection, contact a qualified licensed electrician. If for any reason the plug or wall receptacle gets wet, do not grasp or unplug the power cord until after the power has been switched off at the main fuse or circuit breaker.

FIGURE 1

DO NOT allow this heater to operate dry. Special care should be taken to be sure that the heater remains submerged in water when in use. If the heater comes out of the water, unplug immediately and allow to completely cool before handling.

HEATER INSTALLATION:

- **Note:** This heater will raise the temperature in your fish bowl or tank by approximately 5 to 10°F (2.7 to 5.4°C) over ambient room temperature. An aquarium thermometer must be used to be sure that the temperature is appropriate for your Betta or other aquarium fish. In the event that the ambient room temperature is warmer than the desired temperature in your aquarium, be sure to unplug the heater to prevent overheating the water and your aquarium fish. Do not place your bowl or tank near a window, in direct sunlight, or any other heat source to prevent overheating your aquarium.

CAUTION:

1. Do not plug in the heater until after completing the following steps.
2. Place the heater near the floor of the bowl or tank as shown in Figure 2.
3. Before filling the bowl or tank with water, add aquarium gravel or sand to the floor of your aquarium.

FIGURE 2

4. The heater is to be placed under a thin layer of sand or gravel (up to 1 inch or 2.54 cm).
5. Secure the heater's power cord to the side wall of the bowl or tank with the clip and suction cup provided.
6. Fill the bowl or tank with dechlorinated water to the desired level. We recommend using **Zoo Med's Betta H2O Conditioner**.
7. Plug in the heater and allow the water temperature to stabilize. This may take several hours depending on the initial water temperature and the ambient room temperature.
8. Check the temperature shown on the aquarium thermometer to be sure that the temperature is correct for your Betta or other aquarium fish. Bettas do best when the temperature is between 76 and 80°F (24.5 to 26.7°C). Temperatures required for spawning are slightly higher at 80 to 85°F (26.7 to 29.4°C).

If the temperature shown on your aquarium thermometer exceeds the desired temperature in your bowl or tank, unplug the heater to avoid overheating your fish.

WARRANTY:

Zoo Med Laboratories, Inc. (Zoo Med) warrants each **BETTATHERM™ Mini Size Betta Bowl Heater** to be free of defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for one year from the date of purchase. The obligation under this warranty is limited to the repair or replacement, at Zoo Med's discretion, of the product or any part thereof, when the product is returned to Zoo Med, freight prepaid. No claim shall be allowed under this warranty if, in the opinion of Zoo Med, the **BETTATHERM™ Mini Size Betta Bowl Heater** has been subject to accident or improper usage, including but not limited to: water damage, improper storage, accidental dropping, etc. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties and representations express or implied. Please include your receipt, full name, address, phone number, and email address along with a note explaining failure when sending any product back to Zoo Med. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for repair or replacement.



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