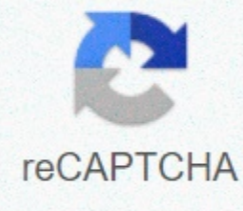




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Fluval 406 problems

5Likes This is a discussion on Fluval 406 Issues within the Device Discussion Section forum, part of the Aquarium Related Chat category; I'm really starting to hate Fluval products. I cleaned my canister today and got it to the top. However, once I connect it no water moves. Now I know its primed because when I pump that bubble they are gone and I see it pushing the water through. I checked all the things they say to check. AGGGGGHHHHH! Anyone have any experience with this filter? Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all. Aristotle Problem solved . Is there a better canister macro filter? How big is your tank? Maybe the HOB version will work better for you. I've got Marina Slim. It works like magic. Easy to assemble/disassemble, as needed, for cleaning. Simple cassette system. Quiet as a mouse. Adjustable flow rate (i.e. speed, not direction). Chrystal-clear water. Compact. You could easily put two for larger tanks - on opposite sides. UPDATE: These models are self-priming. Last edited by Mick 2016; 03-28-2017 at 14:56. Reason: product name correction I use both HOB filters and canisters on tanks 30 g plus. Each of them has its advantages and disadvantages. Pre-filter mushrooms have improved my HOB efficiency. Add Biohome & Hydroton media into my canisters as they really improved. I agree priming canister filters was a pain until I started using this method to make sure the canister at least a few feet below the tank. 1) Turn off in-take and out-flow 2) Unplug the filter 3) Unplug the in-take and out-flow tube set 4) To maintain the canister, including the film around the impeller 5) Re-assemble the impeller assembly, check that it is running freely 6) Reconnect in-take & out-flow tube set, lock them in place 7) Open in-take & out-flow the pipe, so the canister slowly fills with water tank pushing out all the air 8) Give the canister a bob by releasing trap bubbles 9) Plug the pump in it may sound tiring, but once you get into the pattern it becomes automatic. I've done it so many times, it's become a habit. I find that the basic pistons are not useful at all. I hope this reduces your canister of frustration. My best experience with fluval canisters was selling them and buying Eheim, IMO Eheim are at the top of the food chain never had any problems with them at all. I'm also a big fan of Aquaclear hob, although I'll try Seachem Tidal 55 on my 45 gallon Osaka when it gets set up along with the Eheim 2236 canister. Last edited by Guy; 03-27-2017 at 21:45. Back in the hobby, 1-20 gallon shrimp tanks and 42 gallon community corner tanks are annoying prime, but if it's full and not pumping, there's probably an engine problem. I want to exchange mine for and he'll do just that when I get the chance. Depending on how far the canister is under the aquarium, there is a huge difference in how easy it is to restart. Water in the hoses is what starts suction back into the canister as soon as you hang it again after cleaning. I found that if your canister is sitting down with an aquarium, I fill the canister with breathless water on top , then put the top motor unit back on. It seems to help with airlocks and it is easier to use a small primer piston on the side to work properly. Canister filters are designed to sit substantially lower in the cabinet than above next to the tank. Just imagine how much easier it is to suck water when there is a bucket on the floor than to take it more level with the aquarium. When the canister filters are hooked back up , you should hear that the water is flowing , filling the canister back upwards, which again forces the air out. I don't know if I could tolerate a canister filter that wasn't in the plumbing tank. That sounds like too much pain. That being said, I never liked my fluval canister I think it was 204, nowhere near their top line, but it was more than sufficient for my 33g. Worked great but it was plumbed by member letters to member and one below it in member and locker My problem with it is more price associated with their products . I expect it to work. I expect it won't leak. It is 100% set up as part of the recommendation. It's a 406 to 60gallon cube (overkill maybe), but it's definitely within range . I watched solid gold aquatics and she uses Aquatop – I think imma go for it. 525gph canister filter with built-in UV~& price tag of \$118.19US that's a damn good price. Fluval everything is definitely overrated. Hagen made a fabulous marketing decision when he pushed that line so hard for quality and massive brand recognition. Ask 100 people in a big box pet store to identify the brands and I bet 99 of them say Fluval. Then there's that one guy who knows better and says Eheim... I wasn't that one guy, which is why I now run a 10 gallon sink and my fluval canister filter is in my shed waiting for my next project. HI everyone, I recently set up my very tank with its very first filter, but it seems to have a few problemsFirst, it's noise, I'll attach a video to see if anyone knows the noise experience. Does it sound like the impeller rattles? Also everyone now, and it makes a swooshing sound and air bubbles and white particles come out of the ride. The tank is in the lounge so it's a bit of a problem, I can start to hear it as I come down the stairs so I know it's not ok! I took many steps to see if it was something I did wrong-Let it run for a couple of days, shaking it a little here and there to release all the trapped air-slowly turning upside-down running without media to see if the noise is same - Running without polishing the pad-Check the impeller and cover and clean inside (seems to sit a little loosely in your slot, is it normal?) - Run the drawer into the bucket at the same level of the canister- Check the air locks at the top of the tank as it comes to the tankThink that maybe it's time to go back to the store and get a replacement? Its brand new but just wanted to check that I wasn't missing anything. My other problem is that as I have a lot of tiny white particles blown around and around coming out of the filter outake. The filter doesn't seem to clean any of it, it just keeps coming. I thought it was just an air bubble, but it seems to blend both. When the filter first got going it seemed to throw a lot of these things right into the water on the first day, but I can't be sure if it was just an air bubble or not. I've tried research on it, but all I can find about it is that bacteria are blooming. I'm assuming this isn't possible for me as I haven't added any ammonia source or bacteria yet and its only been running for a few days. It was there as soon as the filter ran so it must have been something else. After waiting a few days for it clear I did a 50% water change and gave all my media an extra rinse just in case I didn't wash properly, but it's the same today. My media setting is foam bottom tray, then biomax for two medium trays and purigen on top. Sorry for the long post, I tried research on my own but can't find the answer! I may also have asked some noobie questions because this is my first try! Thanks for reading! had a similar noise with my 306. I found out I didn't completely break the impeller. It looked like it was here, but it wasn't. I suggest you take her back out and get her back in. It's going to be a definite sound. This should help with the noise hopefully. There's not much to help with the particle situation. There seems to be some floating around too, but I assumed it was from my fish. Thanks in a lot for your reply, unfortunately I definitely remember to make a snap sound with it, trying to fix it earlier. I wish it was that simple with my lol still appreciate your answer though! Hopefully I can get it sorted or I'll try to replace it. I wish my first filter experience was smooth! Hopefully it will all work soon! I think the impeller is the most stressful part of the filter. I have to take mine out and clean the mineral build up on it because it will make the impeller noisy again. Oh! I just remembered something! Did you add sand? If the filter sucks in sand that can cause impeller damage, and it does make it noisy too. Maybe someone else will be able to give some advice about what's going on. I have sand yes, but not a really good type. As far as I know it's not suing any sand as I tried to be very careful but its possible! I have an income quite high in the tank as I was a bit paranoid about it lol. He also seemed to have problems from the first moment, so it shouldn't be! Thanks again for your time though Unlimited sounds like your impeller.... check it again and check the red piece that is above it. Make sure that they are all installed incorrectly. When I first got the 306 metal pin on the impeller it didn't go smoothly into the hole on the red door, which caused it to sit funny and make a similar noise. DO NOT use any lubricant. I have quite a few tools. I used a very thin file and sometimes so gently went around the red hole time or two. It may or may not help you. As for those particles floating around..... remove the white rubber pieces from the suction and output (first turn off the filter) clean them very well. I had a scheming build up (white paint) come shooting out after turning the filter off and turn on..... I hope I could help@Shortfuuze, thanks a lot for your reply, I just went to check it all though and it all seems to fit right, and clicks nicely etc. As for the particles, I just set up the tank on Friday so I didn't have a buildup. I also took off the parts for now when I deal with these issues and just have the pipes go into the tank. I wish there was an answer lol! I'm not starting my cycle when I have these problems as I may need to make big water changes or switch my fluval out so its frustrating! I think maybe tomorrow they'll do a 100% water exchange to see if they can get rid of the particles. Maybe I wash my media properly when I first set it up, and now they're stuck there on a bike around? Thanks again for trying to help though, I appreciate itNo it's the other day, all exactly the same I was wondering if I would mark you as I saw you about the forums and know that you own many many canisters! I was wondering if you had any tips for me? The filter still makes a swooshing sound every now and then as if the air has been trapped somewhere, but it certainly needs to clear now. Maybe the white particles are micro bubbles from the new tank and both of my problems are linked? I'm kind of clutching straws now, I'll probably ring customer service later! Any other tips from someone

who are very welcome, thank I have fluval 406. I just tried to find in the box I put it when I retired that after using it 2 months. And it was replaced by a sussun 403B. I found fluval to be picky and have a lot of problems. I've sold #1 lot of Fluval canisters over the years (I've been a fluval canister dealer at NOR CAL for 6 straight years) and found that the new design is overpriced and so overpriced. Back to your problem, don't worry about white stuff until you get the filter working properly. Sounds like an impeller. The rod that goes tossed impeller can be lubed with silicone oil, make sure that the rubber sleeve at the bottom of the shaft is seated. A well suited and you don't have to force any parts in place. Another mistake we've all made is reversing the suction and exit tube. If you check that stuff, and the filter still doesn't work, you may have a faulty filter. If you can give it back, i'm sure you can. Heya fissh. Thanks in a lot for getting back to me. I went to Fluval to be safe for my first try and get a bigger brand one, didn't turn out so well lol. Sunsun filters don't seem to be available here in the UK, unlike the random overpriced one eBay here and there. I've tried all the list that you've put me there already, so it really looks like a faulty unit. What a shame to have on the first try hah. I called Hagen today and they gave me a few steps to try, try them out and they didn't have results. I'll ring again tomorrow and try to make a refund. I think I should just stick with Fluval for now and give it a second try because there's not a whole possibility here. Thanks so much for coming back to me though! Hopefully I can change it tomorrow... Tomorrow...

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