

Replacing a Top and Bottom Aquarium Frame

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NOTE

- Shown in the following guide are 2 methods to removing your old aquarium frame along with installing your new frame
- The following 2 methods can be used separately or you can use a combination of both methods
- Please read through this entire guide carefully before starting this process
- Remember, the key to a successful aquarium frame replacement is PATIENCE
- Disclaimer: We are not responsible for any damage that may occur to your tank or frame. This guide is designed for the sole purpose of assisting you in this process

Recommended Tools and Supplies



- All purpose scraping tool
- Hack Saw
- Household Kitchen Knife
- Box Cutter
- Piece of hard wood approximately 1-2 feet long
- Silicone
- Replacement Frame



Removing Bottom Frame

Method 1



- If replacing top and bottom, start with bottom frame
- Flip tank over so bottom of tank is facing upwards

Removing Bottom Frame Method 1



- Using piece of wood, hit frame upwards on each corner, breaking it loose from the tank
- Some frames may be more difficult to remove and may not come off as easily as shown here.
- Patience is the key to not breaking the tank

Removing Bottom Frame

Method 1

- After frame is broke loose from all corners, carefully remove the frame from the tank



Removing Bottom Frame

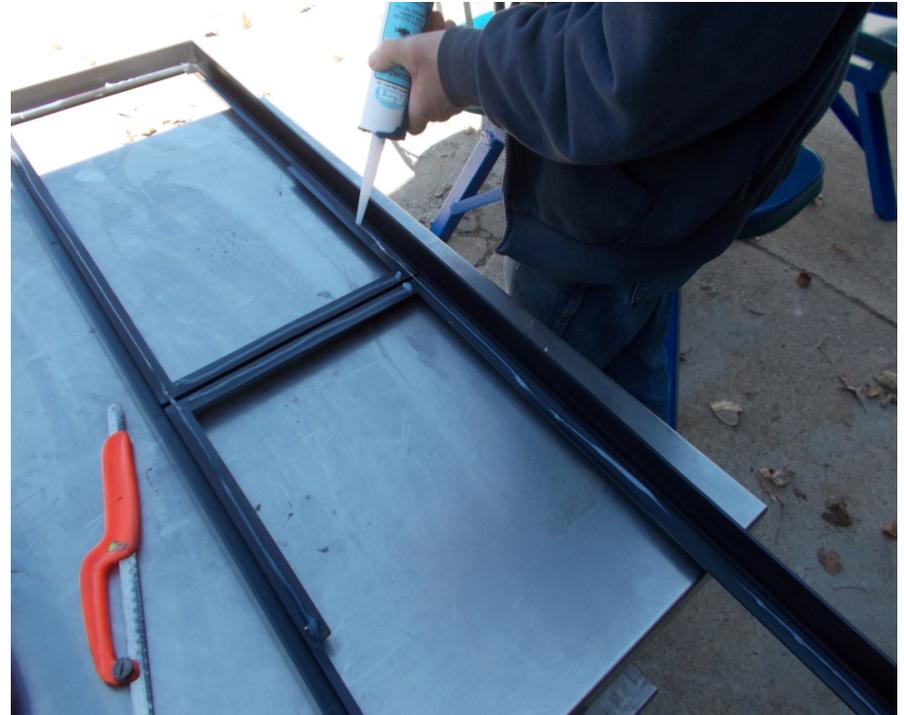
Method 1

- Remove any existing silicone left over from previous frame. It is important to remove as much silicone as possible as to make it easier to install new frame
- Be careful not to dig into any seams when removing the silicone



Installing Bottom Frame

- Note: Installing Frame is the same process for both method 1 and method 2
- When installing the new bottom frame, apply the silicone to the lip of the frame as shown in the pictures



Installing Bottom Frame

- Once silicone is applied to the frame, set the frame on the aquarium as shown here



Removing Top Frame Method 1

- When removing top frame, carefully hit corners of the frame upwards, breaking the frame loose from aquarium as shown for bottom frame.



Removing Top Frame

Method 1



- As with bottom frame, Remove as much silicone as possible. This will make the new frame installation much easier and less likely to crack the new frame when installing it
- Be careful to not cut into the seams when removing silicone



Installing Top Frame

- Note: This applies to method 1 and method 2
- When gluing the top frame, be sure to run a full silicone bead around the entire frame where the top of the glass meets the frame.
- This will ensure that no water seeps over the glass when tank is filled with water



Installing Top Frame

- Install the frame on the top of the aquarium.
- Place some kind of weight (piece of glass, or heavy books, etc) on the top of the frame after installing. This will hold the frame down onto the tank while the silicone cures.
- Allow recommended time for silicone to cure



Removing Bottom Frame Method 2

- If replacing top and bottom, start with bottom frame first
- Flip tank over so that bottom of the tank is facing upwards



Removing Bottom Frame Method 2

- With hacksaw, carefully cut notches in the frame, starting at all 4 corners as shown



Removing Bottom Frame

Method 2

- Cut notches approximately 3 inches apart on all sides of the aquarium as shown here
- Depending on how well frame is glued to tank, you may have to cut more notches in the frame than shown here



Removing Bottom Frame

Method 2

- Take knife or scraping tool and carefully cut silicone between the frame and glass to help break frame loose



Removing Bottom Frame

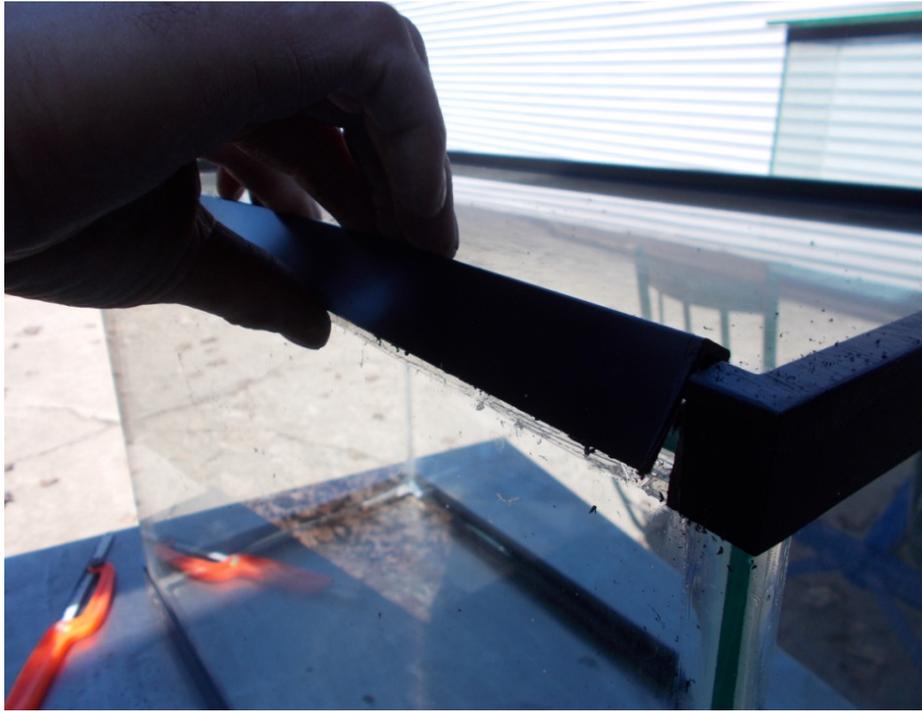
Method 2

- Start removing frame, either with your hand or carefully with scraping tool as shown
- Be careful not to chip or crack the tank when using scraping tool



Removing Bottom Frame Method 2

- Now you can start peeling the frame off the rest of the tank
- Be careful of any sharp edges



Removing Bottom Frame Method 2

- After removing frame, remove all silicone from the glass.
- Again be careful not cut into any seams



Installing Bottom Frame

- After removing the old bottom frame and silicone, you can now install new Bottom frame on the tank as shown on pages 8-9 of this guide

Removing Top Frame Method 2

- After installing bottom frame you can now remove the top frame
- Cut into all 4 corners as shown here
- Be careful not to cut into the seams



Removing Top Frame

Method 2

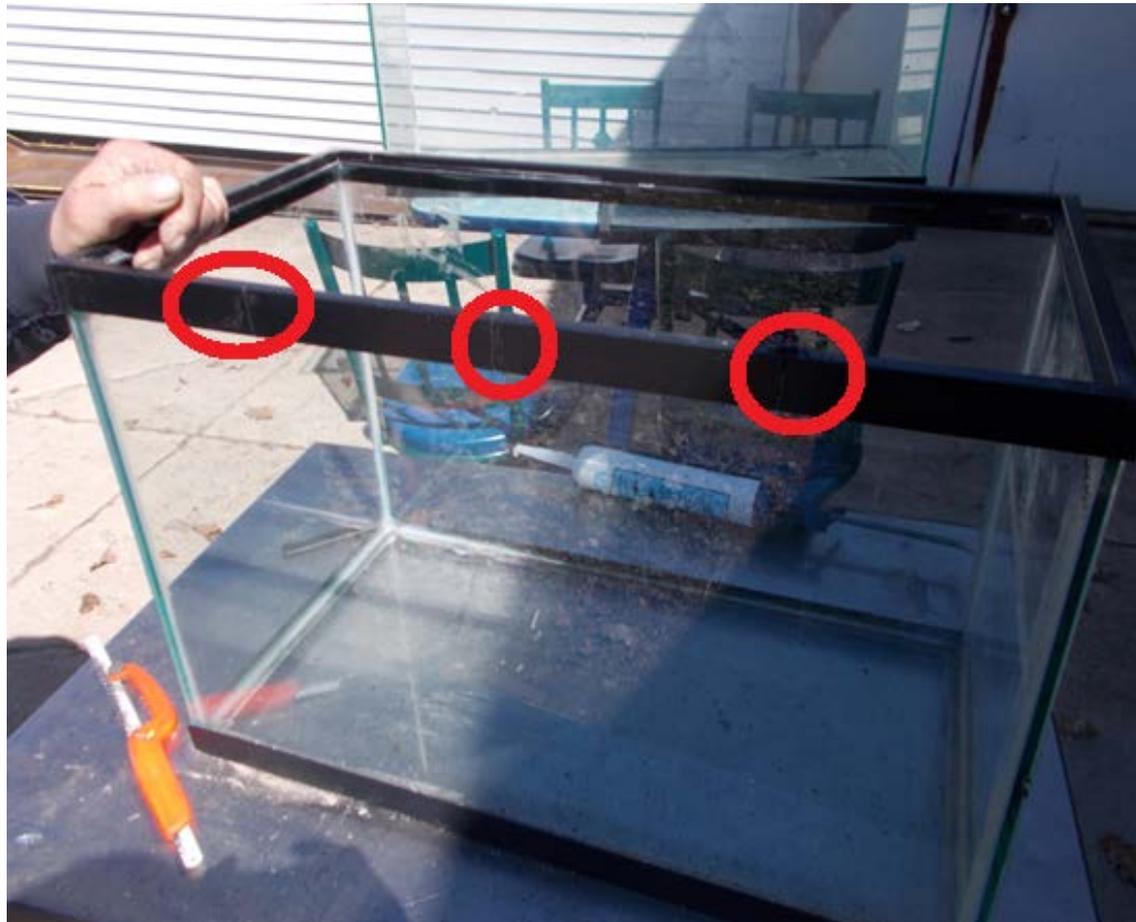
- Cut notches into the frame, inside, on top and outside of the tank as shown here



Removing Top Frame

Method 2

- Cut these notches approximately 3 inches apart, as shown here
- Depending on how well the frame is glued to the tank, you may need to cut more notches



Removing Top Frame

Method 2

- Use knife or scraper between the glass and frame on the inside and outside of the tank
- Cut any existing silicone



Removing Top Frame

Method 2

- Start peeling off the frame with your hands or scraper tool
- If using scraper tool be careful not to break the glass



Removing Top Frame Method 2

- During this process the trim may break off as shown here
- Carefully Use box cutter to cut existing frame pieces off the tank



Installing Top Frame

- After the frame is removed, clean off all existing silicone as shown in method 1
- Be careful to not cut into the seams
- Install the new Top frame as shown on pages 12-13 of this guide

That's it!

Your tank is good to go

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