



## Create a Stunning Reef Display to Enhance Your Aquarium

Own an aquarium environment that doesn't require the delicate water conditions and care that are entailed with maintaining a live reef. Tenecor's coral reef inserts are comprised of stunning coral specimens that have been cast from actual corals residing in prominent public and private collections. These reefs are completely fabricated in Tenecor facilities here in the U.S.

While Tenecor can not reveal its proprietary materials and methods, be assured that these are the most structurally integral, easiest to maintain, and longest lasting reef insert on the market...we guarantee it. These decorations are not mass produced – each reef is made to order and the process involves extensive customer/artist collaboration.



## The Collaborative Artistic Process

We start the process by asking as many questions as possible: Where will the tank be located?...Home, Hotel, Nature Center, or Public Aquarium, etc. What are their thoughts and feelings as far as the overall look of their Aquarium. What colors do they like, and which would they prefer we avoid? Do we need to match/coordinate textiles or room features in the tank viewing area?

Next, we mock up the interior tank plumbing parts-intakes and returns, placing them at their proper locations to replicate the actual one in the real tank, and mark any locations to be aware of- skimmer teeth, returns, etc.



We start with a mesh, to get the basic shape of the reef. Once we're comfortable with the shape, we hard coat the reef and to give it structural strength. We will then use our hand mixed sculpting material to texture the reef, creating the actual "reef" substrate, using different tools and texture pads molded from hand selected reef rocks and coral skeletons. This helps to give our reef its natural look.



Next, we place the corals on the reef. At this point we will take photos for the client to review. We then make any changes before permanently attaching the corals. Once hardened, we unmask the corals, touch up the bases, look over the individual pieces, and then apply our encrusting sponge/coralline algae texture. Our last step is to give the entire reef one more specialized clear coat, to ensure a long lasting and durable finish. Your custom reef is now ready to be installed in the aquarium.



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