

Eheim Ecco 2236

When we sent out the invite to Eheim I have to say that I was expecting an all-singing all-dancing Professional filter, but instead I received what I thought was the more basic Ecco model. We did check with them that this was the model that they wanted to be included and they

confirmed that it was, so I got on with the job in hand.

The Ecco is a round canister with simple fittings and a clever lever on the canister that primes, locks the head unit down, and enables carrying of the unit. The model that we received also came

with three boxes of Eheim Ehfisubstrat pro, a ceramic biological media. The Ecco doesn't come with a spray bar or any other outlet, and instead comes with a simple 'shepherd's crook' rigid pipe that bends over the tank wall and into the tank. Sponge, a carbon pad and a floss pad are also included.

Setting up was an absolute doddle and I reckon I got it going in about a minute. I cut the hoses, connected them to the fittings and the filter, pulled the handle to the required position to prime and fill the canister, closed the handle and plugged it in. The head unit is silent and despite my trying to block the inlet with leaves and detritus, full output was maintained.

The output is only 600 lph but it delivers it for just 8W of energy. That means our tank was only turned over 2.5 times per hour, but the unit is rated by Eheim for aquaria up to 300 l/66 gal. making the filter particularly good for those who require a large media capacity in relation to output. Minus the carbon pad it would be particularly good for planted tanks.

RRP £97.06.

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