

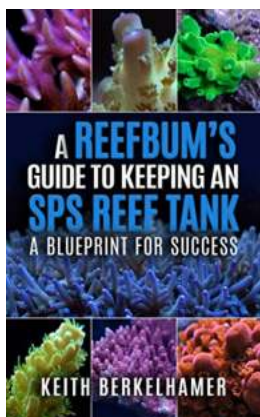
Reefbum Guide To Keeping An SPS Reef Tank



Welcome to the Reefbum Guide To Keeping An SPS Reef Tank, where we will unravel the secrets of maintaining a thriving and visually stunning SPS (Small Polyped Stony) coral reef tank. SPS corals, with their mesmerizing colors and intricate growth patterns, have become increasingly popular among reef tank enthusiasts. However, successfully caring for these delicate and challenging corals requires knowledge, patience, and attention to detail. In this guide, we will cover various aspects, including water parameters, lighting, filtration, and coral placement, to help you create a thriving SPS reef tank that will awe your guests and provide a spectacular habitat for these beautiful creatures.

Water Parameters

One of the most crucial factors for SPS coral health is maintaining stable and optimal water parameters. SPS corals demand pristine water quality, including maintaining proper levels of salinity, temperature, alkalinity, calcium, magnesium, and nitrate. Invest in reliable test kits and regularly monitor these parameters to make necessary adjustments as needed. Consistency is key to ensure the well-being and growth of your SPS corals.



A ReefBum's Guide To Keeping an SPS Reef Tank: A Blueprint For Success by Jacky Hyams (Kindle Edition)

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Lighting

When it comes to lighting an SPS reef tank, it's all about finding the perfect balance between intensity and spectrum. These corals require strong lighting to photosynthesize, but excessive intensity can lead to coral bleaching. LED lights with customizable settings are ideal for SPS tanks, allowing you to tailor the spectrum and intensity to match the specific needs of your corals.

Filtration

An efficient filtration system is crucial for maintaining water quality in an SPS reef tank. A combination of mechanical, chemical, and biological filtration is recommended. Protein skimmers are highly effective in removing organic waste,

while activated carbon and phosphate removers help to control nutrient levels. Additionally, regular water changes are necessary to replenish trace elements and export excess nutrients.

Coral Placement

The placement of your SPS corals within the tank is essential for their growth and survival. Ensure that corals have adequate space to expand and grow without encroaching upon each other. Consider their lighting and flow requirements when deciding on their placement. SPS corals generally prefer higher flow areas, but some species might have specific flow preferences. Maintaining good water flow is crucial for delivering nutrients and removing waste.

Feeding

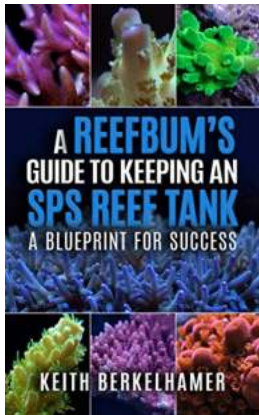
While SPS corals primarily obtain their energy through photosynthesis, they can also benefit from supplemental feeding. Target feeding with high-quality coral foods, such as amino acids and zooplankton, can help enhance the coloration and growth rate of your corals. However, it is essential to strike the right balance, as overfeeding can lead to water quality issues.

Pest Control

Keeping pests away from your SPS corals is vital for their overall health and longevity. Common pests such as red bugs, flatworms, and nudibranchs can wreak havoc on your corals if left unchecked. Regularly inspect your corals for any signs of pests and quarantine new additions to prevent introducing unwanted hitchhikers into your tank. Additionally, consider investing in beneficial organisms like peppermint shrimps, which can assist in controlling common tank pests.

Keeping an SPS reef tank is a rewarding and challenging endeavor that requires dedication and knowledge. By maintaining optimal water parameters, providing

appropriate lighting and filtration, placing corals strategically, and implementing effective pest control measures, you can create a flourishing ecosystem for your SPS corals. Remember, successful reefkeeping comes with time and patience, so observe and adjust as needed to ensure the best possible environment for your beautiful SPS reef tank.



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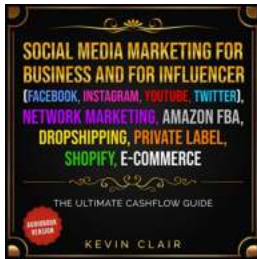


Do you want to learn how to achieve optimal growth rates and amazing colors with SPS (small polyp stony coral)? A ReefBum's Guide To Keeping an SPS Reef Tank – A Blueprint For Success, relates insights from an award winning reef keeper who's earned tank of the month honors once from Reef2Reef, and twice from Reef Central (one of the few to do so on RC).

This reef aquarium book covers a number of topics including equipment, aquascaping, optimal parameters, husbandry and pest/nuisance algae control, interspersed with a sprinkling of (hopefully;) amusing personal anecdotes. Much of the subject matter focuses on SPS reefs, but there will also be info applying to all types of captive reefs. The book also delves into a principle called "reefology", the science behind the science of reef keeping. Specifically, it refers to practicing

the basic principles of doing your homework, being patient, and keeping things simple.

In a nutshell, this easy-to-read book provides basic guidelines and advice on how to keep a kick ass SPS reef tank!



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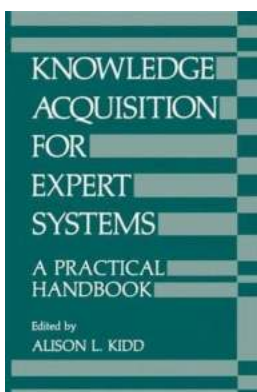
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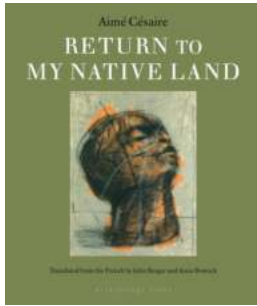
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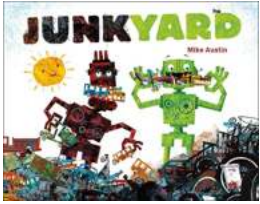
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