## **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### ITEM# TF-10

Congratulations on your purchase of **Zoo Med's TURTLEMATIC®** Automatic Daily Turtle Feeder! The following instructions will assist you with the proper set-up and operation of this automatic feeder. Please read the following instructions carefully. If you have any questions regarding these instructions or the proper use of this item, please contact our customer service department at **zoomed@zoomed.com** or by calling **(888) 496-6633 (US and Canada only).** Customers in other countries, please call **(805) 542-9988.** 

# IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE! PROGRAMMING THE FEEDER:

- DO NOT allow the TURTLEMATIC® Automatic Turtle Feeder to get wet or to fall into the water of your pet's tank.
- If the feeder does get wet, allow it to dry completely before handling. If the feeder accidentally
  falls into the water, unplug all lamps, heaters, and other electrical devices immediately.
   DO NOT place your hands into the water of the tank. The TURTLEMATIC® Automatic
  Turtle Feeder should be removed using appropriately sized fish net or plastic tongs.

#### **FEATURES:**

- · Automatically feeds your turtle daily
- Can be used to feed your turtle while you are away, or to feed them on a routine schedule each day
- . Mounts directly to the side of your turtle's tank
- Uses three AA batteries
- Use with Zoo Med's Aquatic Turtle Hatchling, Sinking, Growth, or Maintenance pellet formula
- Available side mounted port to attach an air pump to provide positive pressure to feeding chamber, reducing humidity and prolonging freshness

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**NOTE:** This feeder works with small, medium, and large sized pellets only (like Zoo Med's Aquatic Turtle pellet formulas). It is not for use with irregular sized treats, sticks, or canned foods that cannot fit through the hole at the end of the feeder.

#### **INSERT BATTERIES:**

Remove all components from the package and inspect for damage. If any damage is present, please contact Zoo Med's customer service department at the number listed below. Open the battery door and insert the three AA batteries making sure that the positive (+) and negative (-) ends have the correct orientation.

#### **FILL THE FOOD RESERVOIR:**

Open the lid of the feeder and fill the clear hopper with pellets, or if using Zoo Med's Aquatic Turtle pelleted formula, the food container can be threaded into the top of your auto feeder.



OPTIONAL: If you want to connect an airline tube from an existing air pump to the port on the right side of the feeder to provide positive pressure to the feeding chamber to inhibit mold/mildew, you may do so at this time.

#### Press the power



button and confirm that the power light comes on. Choose how many times during the day you would like your turtle fed within a 12 hour period (1, 2, 3, or 4 times) by pressing the 'Feeding Frequency' button (see figure 1).



Next choose the amount of time you would like the feeder to run at each feeding (3, 5, 10, 20, or 30 seconds) by pressing the 'Feeding Duration' button (see figure 2).

(figure 1)





After you have programmed the amount of feedings and the duration, press 'Start' to save those settings; the first feeding will dispense once 'Start' is selected (see figure 3).



You can press the 'Manual' button to dispense an additional feeding, or to prime the dispenser with pellets when food is loaded into the feeder for the first time (see figure 4).

(figure 3)

(figure 4)

(NOTE: the TURTLEMATIC® has a 12 hour sleep function to prevent it from dispensing food at night while your pet is asleep. The 12 hour feeding window begins once you program your feeder and press 'Start'; after 12 hours, it will enter into its sleep function. Please take this into account when setting up your TURTLEMATIC®).

#### **MOUNTING THE FEEDER:**

The **TURTLEMATIC®** Automatic Turtle Feeder can be clamped directly onto the wall of the tank, using the screw clamps to firmly secure the feeder base to your tank (see figure 5).





(figure 5)

(figure 6)

After the base has been secured, depress the thumb catch and slide the feeder into position (see figure 6). The feeder can be positioned at different locations depending on where you would like the food to fall into the water.

YOUR NEW TURTLEMATIC® AUTOMATIC TURTLE FEEDER IS NOW READY FOR USE!

### WARRANTY:

Zoo Med Laboratories, Inc. (Zoo Med) warrants this product to be free of defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for one year from the date of purchase. The obligation under this warranty is limited to the repair or replacement, at Zoo Med's discretion, of the product or any part thereof, when the product is returned to Zoo Med, freight prepaid. No claim shall be allowed under this warranty, if, in the opinion of Zoo Med, this product has been subject to accident or improper usage, including but not limited to: water damage, improper storage, accidental dropping, modification, etc. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties and representations expressed or implied. Please include your receipt, full name, address, phone number, and email address along with a note explaining failure when sending any product back to Zoo Med. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for repair or replacement.