JBL

CO₂ fertilization

5 START PLUS

Step 5 of the JBL 7 step success concept for perfect aquarium plants







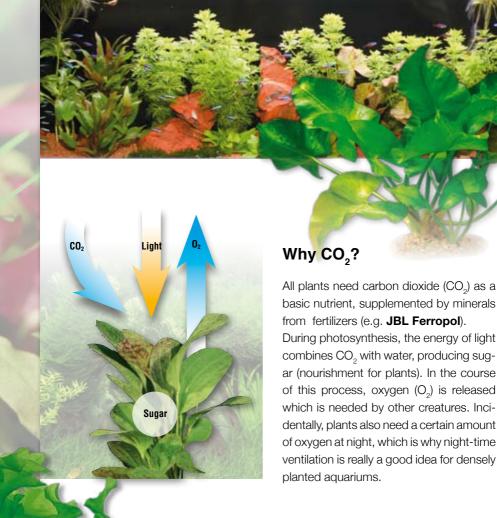
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Can an aquarium run without CO₂?

In an aquarium there is not sufficient CO, available for plants; that's why aquarium-keepers have to lend a helping hand by installing a CO, fertilization system. Some aquarium-keepers find that their aguarium can function without a CO₂ system. However, it needs to be said that there are only a few species of plants which can survive in the longterm without additional CO₂ fertilization. Any sensitive plant, and in particular red plants, will waste away without additional CO₂ fertilization. And even "hardy" plants will grow noticeably faster and stronger with CO_a!

Why does CO. help combat algae?

Plants and algae compete for food in an aquarium. If plants flourish, there is not enough nutrition left for algae and they waste away. CO₂ fertilization encourages plant growth, leaving no chance for algae to grow. Even in aquariums which usually have few plants, for example Lake Malawi-Tanganyika aquariums, these few plants should be particularly well-nourished to actively combat the growth of algae. By the way, in comparison to the availability of nutrients, light plays a very minor role!

Does CO, fertilization mean less oxygen in the water?

Many people believe that CO₂ reduces oxygen levels in the water. This is not correct! However, the link needs to be explained in more detail. If, despite adding CO₂, the surface of the water is strongly agitated by air stones or the spray bar from a filter, the oxygen level in the water will increase, but the CO₂ will be expelled at the same time (like shaking a bottle of Coca Cola). The calmer the surface of the water, the more CO2 will remain in the water. Both gases (CO₂ and O₂) can be present together in high concentrations in the water.



How much CO, is needed?

The right amount of CO₂ depends on the carbonate hardness (KH) and the pH level. The harder the water (the higher the KH), the more CO, is required to reduce the pH level. However, CO₂ cannot be arbitrarily dissolved in the water to reduce the pH level. The proportions are shown in the table. The green sector shows the optimum CO₂ levels.

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The right CO, level in the aquarium

The optimum CO2 level is colour-coded in the table. It can be seen that each level of water hardness is linked to a certain CO₂ level which in turn determines the pH level. So although even at high degrees of hardness (e.g. 14 KH) a pH level of 6.3 can be attained by adding CO2, the amount of CO₂ (223 mg/l) this would require is lethal for the inhabitants of an aquarium. If an aquarium-keeper wants to attain a low

pH level of 6.3, for example, he must first reduce the carbonate hardness to 2. Conversely, the table also shows when too little CO₂ is available. If an aquarium has a KH of 5 and a pH level of 7.5, the CO₂ content is only 5 mg/l. By adding CO₂, a CO₂ level of 16 – 32 mg/l should be aimed for, which will then reduce the pH level to 7.0 - 6.7.

First steps in CO, fertilization: JBL ProFlora BioCO,

The JBL ProFlora BioCO₂ system is ideally suited to aquariums up to 120 litres. Reasonably priced and simple to install, it gives everyone the opportunity to see for themselves the advantages of CO₂fertilization. Then you have a choice: either to continue with JBL ProFlora BioCO, and only buy refills or to change to the gas cylinders of the JBL ProFlora u or m systems. In the JBL BioCO₂ system two com-

ponents are combined in a reaction flask (nutrient-micro organism system), which then produce CO2 for 45 days, which is then simply dissolved into the water via an air stone or a short JBL ProFlora Taifun (reactor).



A comparison with our own diet explains the situation well: ${\rm CO_2}$ forms the basic nutrient (like carbohydrates for animals), but it is vital that this is supplemented. We humans need vitamins, minerals and fibre; plants "only" need minerals and light to grow.

1 START Ground fertilizer

The basis for plant roots with **JBL AquaBasis plus** (ready-mixed) or **JBL Florapol** (concentrate to mix yourself). This gives the plant roots all the vital nutrients over the long-term.

2 START Basic fertilizer

JBL Ferropol provides aquarium plants with all the essential nutrients which can be given on a weekly basis. JBL Ferropol is thus the liquid basic fertilizer.

3 START Supplementary daily fertilizer

JBL Ferropol 24 contains all the sensitive trace elements which have to be added daily and cannot be given as a dose to be held in stock.

4 START PLUS The right light

Light with similar properties to sunlight from JBL full-spectrum tubes (rated excellent by the scientific IFM Geomar Institute and specialist aquatic magazines). **JBL SOLAR Tropic** for warm colours and **JBL SOLAR Natur** for bright light.

5 START PLUS CO,- fertilizing

Provides plants with the main nutrient, carbon dioxide (CO₂), dissolved in the water. Promotes plant growth, combating algae!

6 PROFESSIONELL Ground heating

Warm feet for the plants with **JBL ProTemp Basis**, ensuring good current flow through the ground material. Nutrients reach the plant roots more quickly and the ground-covering material is always actively rinsed.

7 RESTART Re-fertilizing the roots

JBL The 7 Balls re-charges the ground fertilizer with nutrients, minerals and trace elements after several months, so that plant growth is boosted further.





Why select the JBL CO₂ fertilizer system?

Many of the advantages are in the small, but fine, details, whilst some of the advantages are obvious:

- The reactor (JBL ProFlora Taifun), which dissolves the CO2 in the water, can be extended. If more plants are added or the pH level reduced, the JBL Reactor can be extended by simply adding modules.
- No separate pump is needed for the JBL ProFlora Taifun and it can be positioned anywhere in the aquarium (in the water current or not), as it produces its own micro-currents through the microslits between the modules.
- The JBL ProFlora u001/m001 (pressure regulator) can be used with refillable as well as disposable cylinders (fitting or

removing adapter (accessory)). This means that for holiday periods (as a precaution) the system can simply be changed to disposable cylinders with reserve cylinders.

- The 500 g refillable cylinder (JBL Pro-Flora m500) does not require any complicated holder screwed or drilled into the cupboard, instead it is simply placed on the JBL Cylinder Base.
- The JBL CO₂/pH Permanent Test takes the water hardness (KH) into account! As described above, the optimum CO₂ amount varies depending on the carbonate harness of the water. Therefore the optimum CO, level is colour-coded according to the hardness of the water. That means a CO₂ overdose cannot happen!





JBL CO, Plant Care: **Product Range**



JBL ProFlora BioCO, 100

Complete set for newly set up aquariums

- Provides sufficient CO₂ for aquariums of up to 100 litres (26 US gal.) for approx. 45 days.
- Simple to install in only a few minutes.
- . No gas bottle.
- · Each component available individually.





JBL ProFlora BioCO, vario

Complete and professional BioCO2 system for aquariums of up to 120 litres.

- Contains 5 diffusor modules for the effective and loss-free CO₂
- enrichment of aquarium water.

 Supplies aquariums holding up to some 120 litres, with CO₂ over about 45 days.
- · No compressed gas bottle
- Each component is available individually.
 The vario diffusor of the system does not require a separate





JBL ProFlora BioCO, 100

Component 1

· Reaction flask with nutrients for micro-organisms.





JBL ProFlora BioCO, 100

Component 2

Micro-organismus, sufficient for a minimum of 5 applications.





JBL ProFlora u401

CO₂-fertilizer system with 500 g disposable cylinder

- Complete system with: 500 g CO₂ cylinder, pressure regulator, CO₂ diffusion reactor JBL Taifun 190 mm, 2 meter CO, special hose, CO, non-return valve, CO./pH Permanent Test.
- Professional pressure regulator with pre-set working pressure (= no adjustment required, but possible if required) and 2 pressure gauges displaying the residual pressure in the cylinder and the working pressure set (can be adapted to multiple
- The system is ready to use and designed for aguariums from 50 to 400 litres.
- · With JBL Ferropol (liquid fertilizer) and JBL Ferropol 24 (daily fertilizer).





JBL ProFlora u402

CO.-fertilizer system with 500 a disposable cylinder and night switch-off

- Complete system with: 500 g CO₂ cylinder, pressure regulator, night switch-off, CO₂ diffusion reactor JBL Taifun 190 mm, 2 meter CO₂ special hose, CO₂ non-return valve, CO_/pH Permanent Test.
- With night switch-off which interrupts the CO₂-supply by means of a time-switch (not included) as plants do not need CO₂ in the darkness (halves CO₂ consump-
- Professional pressure regulator with pre-set working pressure (= no adjustment required, but possible if required) and 2 pressure gauges displaying the residual pressure in the cylinder and the working pressure set (can be adapted to multiple use system).
- The system is ready to use and designed for aquariums from 50 to 400 litres.
- With JBL Ferropol (liquid fertilizer) and JBL Ferropol 24 (daily fertilizer).





JBL ProFlora u403

CO.-fertilizer system with 500 g disposable cylinder and pH control

- . Complete system with: 500 g CO, cylinder, pressure regulator, pH control instrument, CO₂ diffusion reactor JBL Taifun 190 mm, 2 meter CO₂ special hose. CO, non-return valve, CH Test
- . With pH control instrument (JBL pH Control), which automatically regulates CO supply and adjusts to the pH level selected (incl. calibration solution but without nH electrodel)
- Professional pressure regulator with pre-set working pressure (= no adjustment required, but possible if required) and 2 pressure gauges displaying the residual pressure in the cylinder and the working pressure set (can be adapted to multiple
- The system is ready to use and designed for aquariums from 50 to 400 litres.
- With JBL Ferropol (liquid fertilizer) and JBL Ferropol 24 (daily fertilizer).



JBL ProFlora u001

Pressure regulator for disposable CO, cylinders

- Precision pressure regulator, regulates cylinder pressure from 60 to 1.5 bar. The correct bubble count (amount of CO₂) is then adjusted on the fine needle valve.
- . Preset working pressure (1.5 bar) means no need for complicated re-adjusting (adjustment possible, if required)
- 2 pressure gauges display working pressure and cylinder pressure.
- Can be converted to refillable cylinder system using adapter.





JBL ProFlora Adapt u-m

Converts pressure regulator from disposable to refillable system

- For simple, problem-free conversion of the JBL CO₂ pressure regulator u001 to refillable cylinders (such as the JBL m-System).
- Conversion can be reversed at any time.
 Using a 6 Allen key (not included), the adapter is screwed in to the JBL u pressure regulator. Time taken: 20 seconds.





JBL ProFlora m601

CO2-fertilizer system with 500 g refillable cylinder

- Complete system with: 500 g CO₂ cylinder with stand, pressure regulator, CO₂ diffusion reactor JBL Taifun 270 mm, 2 meter CO₂ special hose, CO₂ non-return valve, CO₂/pH Permanent Test.
- Professional pressure regulator with pre-set working pressure (= no adjustment required, but possible if required) and 2 pressure gauges displaying the residual pressure in the cylinder and the working pressure set (can be adapted to disposable system).
- The system is ready to use and designed for aquariums from 100 to 600 litres.
- With JBL Ferropol (liquid fertilizer) and JBL Ferropol 24 (daily fertilizer).





JBL ProFlora m602

CO, fertilizer system with 500 g refillable cylinder and night switch-off

- Complete system with: 500 g CO₂ cylinder with stand, pressure regulator, night switch-off, CO₂ diffusion reactor JBL Taifun 270 mm, 2 meter CO₂ special hose, CO₂ non-return valve, CO₂/pH Permanent Test.
- Wift night switch-off which interrupts the CO₂-supply by means of a time-switch (not included) as plants do not need CO₂ in the darkness (halves CO₂-consumption)
- Professional pressure regulator with pre-set working pressure (= no adjustment required, but possible if required) and 2 pressure gauges displaying the residual pressure in the cylinder and the working pressure set (can be adapted to disposable system).
- The system is ready to use and designed for aquariums from 100 to 600 litres.
- With JBL Ferropol (liquid fertilizer) and JBL Ferropol 24 (daily fertilizer).





JBL ProFlora m603

\mathbf{CO}_2 -fertilizer system with 500 g refillable cylinder and pH control instrument

- Complete system with: 500 g CO₂ cylinder with stand, pressure regulator, pH control instrument, CO₂ diffusion reactor JBL Taifun 270 mm, 2 meter CO₂ special hose, CO, non-return valve, CH Test.
- With pH control instrument (JBL pH-Control), which automatically regulates CO, supply and adjusts to the pH level selected (incl. Calibration solution but without pH electrodel).
- Professional pressure regulator with pre-set working pressure (= no adjustment required, but possible if required) and 2 pressure gauges displaying the residual pressure in the cylinder and the working pressure set (can be adapted to disposable system).
- The system is ready to use and designed for aquariums from 100 to 600 litres.
- With JBL Ferropol (liquid fertilizer) and JBL Ferropol 24 (daily fertilizer).



JBL ProFlora m1003

CO₂-fertilizer system with 2 kg refillable cylinder and pH control instrument

- Complete system with: 2 kg CO₂ cylinder with stand, pressure regulator, pH control instrument, CO₂ diffusion reactor JBL Taifun 430 mm, 2 meter CO₂ special hose, CO₂ non-return valve, CH Test.
- With pH control instrument (JBL pH-Control), which automatically regulates CO, supply and adjusts to the pH level selected (incl. calibration solution but without pH clostrode).
- Professional pressure regulator with pre-set working pressure (= no adjustment required, but possible if required) and 2 pressure gauges displaying the residual pressure in the cylinder and the working pressure set (can be adapted to disposable system).
- The system is ready to use and designed for aquariums from 300 to 1000 litres.
- With JBL Ferropol (liquid fertilizer) and JBL Ferropol 24 (daily fertilizer).





JBL ProFlora m001

Pressure regulator for refillable CO, cylinders

- Precision pressure regulator, regulates cylinder pressure from 60 to 1.5 bar. The correct bubble count (amount of CO₂) is then adjusted on the fine needle valve.
- Preset working pressure (1.5 bar) means no need for complicated re-adjusting (adjustment possible, if required).
- 2 pressure gauges display working pressure and cylinder pressure.
- Can be simply converted to disposable cylinder system.





JBL ProFlora Taifun

CO, High-diffusion reactor

- Dissolves CO, gas in aquarium water without loss.
 Suitable for aquariums from 30 cm high to max. 400 litres with 4° CH (to 200 I for 10° CH).
- · Can be extended for higher hardness levels or larger aquariums.
- · Operates without additional pumps.
- No separate bubble counter required.
- · Can be completely dismantled, easy to clean (with JBL PowerClean).





JBL ProFlora Taifun extend

Extension module for JBL Taifun CO, Reactor

- If the capacity of the JBL Taifun is no longer sufficient (changed to larger aquarium or higher water hardness levels), JBL Taifun can be extended by adding this module.
- Increases capacity by 100 litres at 10° GCH or 200 litres at 4° GCH.
- Extends the diffusion length of CO₂ by 50 cm.





JBL ProFlora u500

CO. disposable 500 a storage cylinder

- Ready-filled with 500 g CO,
- Height: 29 cm, diameter: 7.5 cm.
- · With integrated stand
- . High safety, tested to 165 bar.
- Thread connection: M 10 x 1

JBL ProFlora m500

CO, refillable 500 g storage cylinder

- Ready-filled with 500 g CO₂.
- Overall dimensions: 43 x 11 cm (with stand: 45 x 16 cm).
- With external international valve (W 21.8 x 1/14).
- · Safety valve protection (cage).

JBL ProFlora m2000

CO, refillable 2000 g storage cylinder

- Ready-filled with 2 kg CO₂.
 Overall dimensions: 46 x 11.5 cm.
- With external international valve (W 21.8 x 1/14).
- Safety valve protection (cage)...
- Free-standing, no stand required.



JBL CO₂-fertilizing system - The

JBL ProFlora m001 JBL ProFlora u001

CO₂ pressure regulator

Reduces the high pressure of the gas bottle from approx. 50 bar to a lower working pressure of 1 bar. The working pressure is pre-set and displayed on the pressure gauge on the right. The amount of $\rm CO_2$ required can be adjusted using the small handwheel.

Art. No. 63332 Art. No. 63333

JBL ProFlora m2000 2 kg Filled Gas Bottle

With cage and safety release panel. Large refillable gas storage bottle with 2000 g CO₂. CE (TÜV) approved.

Art. No. 63202

JBL ProFlora m500 500g Gas Bottle

This CE ($T\ddot{U}V$) approved bottle contains 500 g carbon dioxide (CO_2). The valve is protected by a safety bar (cage). The bottle can be refilled at a specialist pet shop.

Art. No. 63172

JBL ProFlora v002 Solenoid valve

The solenoid valve is designed to interrupt the ${\rm CO}_2$ supply. This is useful at night as plants only require ${\rm CO}_2$ during the lighting phase.



JBL ProFlora u500 500 g CO₂ storage bottle

This disposable bottle cannot be refilled. It contains 500 g $\rm CO_2$ gas. CE (TÜV) approved.

Art. No. 63174

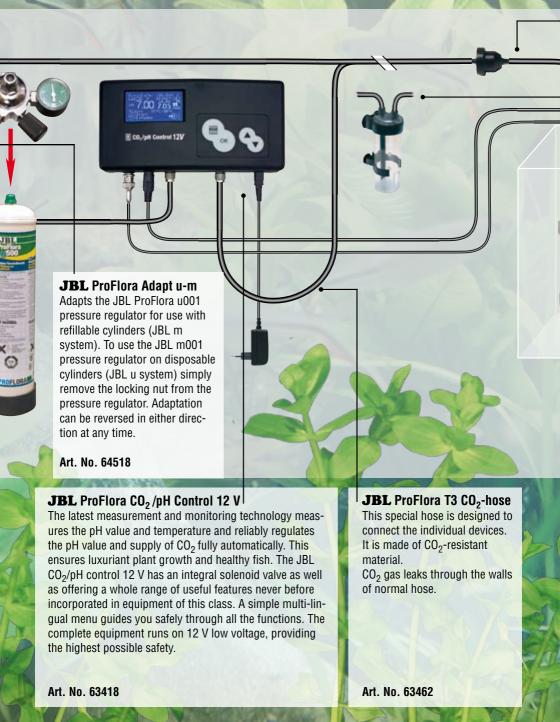
JBL Stand for JBL ProFlora m500

Provides a firm base for a 500 g gas bottle. CO₂ bottles should always be placed in an upright position when in use.

Art. No. 63176

Art. No. 63413

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JBL ProFlora SafeStop Non-return valve

Prevents a flowback of aquarium water into the gas bottle, solenoid valve and pressure reducer It should be installed directly before the diffusor (JBL ProFlora $\mathrm{CO_2}$ vario). Check the direction of installation.

Art. No. 64515

JBL ProFlora Count

Bubble counter. Using the bubble counter, the amount of CO₂ gas added can be precisely counted. The bubble counter is only required if the vario-Reactor is hidden behind decorative objects and cannot be seen. **Art. No. 63483**

JBL Permanent Test CO₂ plus pH

This device displays the CO₂ content and the pH level of the aquarium water. In the case of too high or too low CO₂ content, re-adjust the CO₂ supply on the pressure reducer.

Art. No. 25388

JBL ProFlora Taifun CO₂ diffusor

This dissolves the CO_2 gas in water. The CO_2 bubbles slowly rise inside the 1 meter long coil, dissolving in the water. The diffusor is sufficient for aquariums of up to 400 litres, given a carbonate hardness of max. 4° dCH.

JBL ProFlora Taifun extend diffusor extension set

This set extends your JBL Taifun reactor for an aquarium of over 400 litres. The extension set is simply to install between the two modules of your JBL Taifun diffusor, extending the contact area to the aquarium by 50 cm.

Art. No. 63474

JBL ProFlora pH Sensor

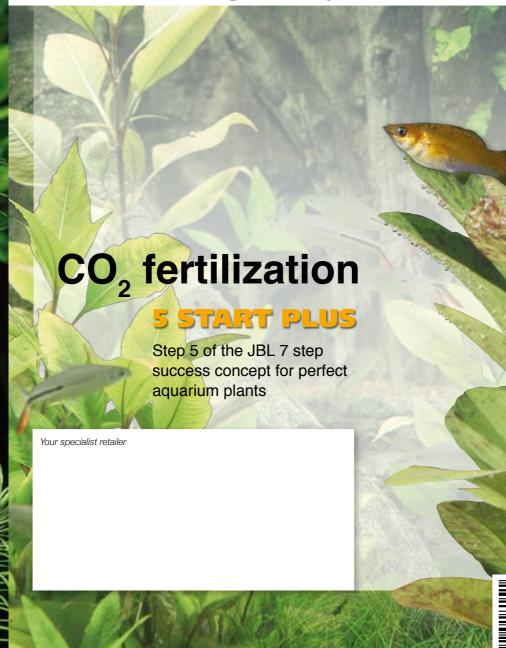
Gel electrode to measure the pH level. The temperature influence on the pH level is automatically compensated for.

The electrode should be checked every 3 months using a calibrating liquid, and adjusted as necessary.

Art. No. 63414

Art. No. 63473

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