



# REPTI HEAT CABLE

ITEM# RHC-15, 25, 50, 100

## INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations on your purchase of Zoo Med's REPTI HEAT CABLE. The following instructions will assist you with the proper use of this item. 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](mailto:zoomed@zoomed.com) or by calling (888) 496-6633 (US and Canada only). Customers in other countries, please call (805) 542-9988.

### FEATURES:

- Optimum heat source for creating a temperature gradient inside the terrarium.
- Multiple applications: Use inside terrarium to wrap around wood branches, or install under terrarium(s).
- Easy to install, water resistant. NOTE: Can be used in high-humidity terrariums. DO NOT submerge in water! See complete safety instructions below.

### SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS:

**IMPORTANT:** In order to reduce the risk of fires, electric shock, or personal injury, read and save these instructions prior to operation.

- DO NOT cut or alter the Repti Heat Cable in any way.
- DO NOT expose the plug to water. DO NOT submerge the cable in water. Not for use with aquariums or aquatic habitats.
- DO NOT allow cable to cross over other strands of cable. DO NOT allow cable runs to be closer together than 1 ¼" (3cm).
- DO NOT plug this product in with the cables coiled together as extreme overheating and possible fire can occur.
- DO NOT operate the unit with a damaged

cord, plug, or other component. If the cable shows any signs of damage, discontinue use immediately.

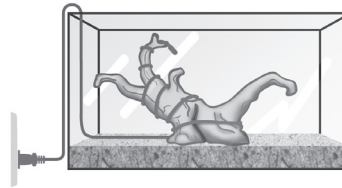
- DO NOT alter or modify this product. Contact an electrician if you are unsure about the electrical connection.
- DO NOT encapsulate the cable or bury in terrarium substrate.
- Only for use with glass terrariums. Do not use with terrariums made of plastic, wood, or other material.
- For indoor use only.
- Keep out of reach of children.

**POLARIZED:** The product has a POLARIZED plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug is intended to fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not modify the plug in any way.

### REPTI HEAT CABLE INSTRUCTIONS: (all applications)

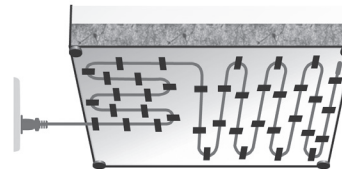
- Remove the Repti Heat Cable from package and inspect for any damage to the cable or plug. If any damage is noticed, return the product to place of purchase. This product can be used **inside** or **outside** of terrariums.
- NOTE: The first 6' of cable from the plug end is not heated to allow only the heated portion to be used in or on the terrarium. **DO NOT allow the cable to cross itself as overheating could occur. Always maintain the minimum safe distance of 1 ¼" (3cm) between loops or runs of cable to avoid overheating and possible fire!**
- Use a thermometer to monitor the temperature inside the terrarium. Be sure that the temperature is within the appropriate range for your species. Zoo Med's ReptiTemp® Digital Infrared Thermometer (Item RT-1) is a good tool for measuring temperatures in different locations throughout the terrarium.
- If ambient temperatures outside the terrarium reach 80° F (26 C) or higher, then the heat cable should be used with an appropriate thermostat (like Zoo Med's Hygrotherm (Item HT-10) or ReptiTemp 500R Thermostat (Item RT-500R)).

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### INSIDE THE TERRARIUM INSTRUCTIONS:

- Starting from the far end of the cable (the end opposite the plug), evenly wrap the cable around wood or resin decorative branches inside the terrarium as shown. **IMPORTANT:** Always maintain a minimum distance of 1 ¼" (3cm) between the loops/strands of Repti Heat Cable.
- The first 6' of Repti Heat Cable is unheated. The electrical connection must always be outside the terrarium. Plug the cable into an electrical receptacle.
- Carefully monitor the temperatures in your terrarium to be sure that they are safe and appropriate for the species you are keeping.



### OUTSIDE THE TERRARIUM INSTRUCTIONS:

- Repti Heat Cable is great for use underneath a single glass terrarium, or on the outside back wall of glass terrariums.
- Attach the Repti Heat Cable to the terrarium using small pieces of electrical tape as shown, taking care to **maintain a minimum safe distance of 1 ¼" between runs of heat cable.** NOTE: If the cable strands are closer than 1 ¼" (3cm), overheating can occur (see complete safety instructions)! Avoid sharp bends of less than ½" (1.3cm) radius.
- The first 6' of Repti Heat Cable is unheated. The electrical connection must always be outside the terrarium. Plug the cable into an electrical receptacle.
- Check the electrical tape regularly to confirm

that the cable is still securely taped to the glass of the terrarium. Check at each cleaning, or at least monthly and apply new tape as needed.

- DO NOT allow the edge of the terrarium to "sit" or rest on the Repti Heat Cable! Always elevate the terrarium using adhesive feet (eg. "bump-on" feet) available at hardware stores. This allows excess heat to escape and prevents damage to the heat cable, terrarium, animals, household furniture, etc.

### 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 12 months 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, etc. This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties and representations express 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.

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