

Live Rock Comparison Chart

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LiveAquaria.com is pleased to offer a wide selection of beautiful Live Rock, beneficial for the success of any marine aquarium. Selecting the right Live Rock among so many great choices depends on aquarium conditions, equipment, care level, and the overall desired look of the aquarium display. Use the following chart as a guide to select the ideal Live Rock for your dream reef aquarium setup.

Please note: Different varieties of live rock require different curing and acclimation procedures. It is imperative to cure live rock before it is placed in the display aquarium that contains fish, coral, or invertebrates. This precautionary process significantly reduces harmful ammonia spikes as well as unwanted hitchhikers.

Please refer to our [Live Rock/Sand Acclimation Guide](#) to ensure successful introduction to your tank.

[Drs. Foster & Smith Select
Fiji Premium Live Rock](#)

["Real Reef" Live Rock](#)
[Fiji Standard Live Rock](#)

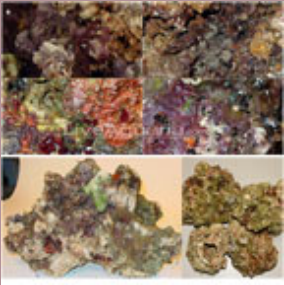

[Drs. Foster & Smith Select
Nano Live Rock](#)

[Fiji Premium Live Rock -
Large Size](#)


[Fiji Foundation Live Rock](#)

[Fancy Fused Live Rock](#)

[Refugium Rubble](#)

<p>Drs. Foster & Smith Select Fiji Premium Live Rock</p> 	<p>Origin: Fiji Colors: Pink, Purple, Red Tank Conditions: 72-78°F, sg 1.023-1.025, pH 8.1-8.4, dKH 8-12 Supplements: Calcium, Iodine, Strontium, Trace Elements</p>	<p>Characteristics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-cured and scrubbed to decrease curing time • Very porous, mainly round and oval shapes that are well covered in purple coralline algae • Excellent foundation for corals that also aids biological filtration • Assorted sized pieces
<p>"Real Reef" Live Rock</p> 	<p>Origin: Aquacultured - USA Colors: Green, Purple, Red Tank Conditions: 72-78°F, sg 1.023-1.025, pH 8.1-8.4, dKH 8-12 Supplements: Calcium, Strontium, Iodine, Trace Elements</p>	<p>Characteristics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answers increased demand for live rock with zero coral reef impact • Manufactured in the USA within a closed system, preventing unwanted pests • "Real Reef" rock is placed in raceways in our Aquaculture Coral & Marine Life Facility until it is ready to ship

		
<p><u>Drs. Foster & Smith Select Nano Live Rock</u></p> 	<p>Origin: Indonesia, South Pacific Colors: Green, Pink, Purple, Red, Yellow Tank Conditions: 72-78°F, sg 1.023-1.025, pH 8.1-8.4, dKH 8-12 Supplements: Calcium, Iodine, Strontium, Trace Elements</p>	<p>Characteristics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-cured to greatly reduce cycling time • Semi-dense with a diversity of shapes from branching pieces to oblong or oval shapes • Well covered in different Colors and types of coralline algae • Excellent foundation for smaller corals • Aids biological filtration to maintain a stable environment in the smaller reef aquarium
<p><u>Fiji Standard Live Rock</u></p> 	<p>Origin: Fiji Colors: Pink, Purple, and Red Tank Conditions: 72-78°F, sg 1.023-1.025, pH 8.1-8.4, dKH 8-12 Supplements: Calcium, Iodine, Strontium, Trace Elements</p>	<p>Characteristics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-cured through a unique misting process to help eliminate harmful hitchhikers such as bristle worms and mantis shrimp • Cost-effective way to fill fish-only or reef aquarium with decorative live rock • 40-70% coverage of Coralline algae on the top or "show side" of each piece
<p><u>Fiji Foundation Live Rock</u></p> 	<p>Origin: Fiji Tank Conditions: 72-78°F, sg 1.023-1.025, pH 8.1-8.4, dKH 8-12 Supplements: Calcium, Iodine, Strontium, Trace Elements</p>	<p>Characteristics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cured dense rock perfect for use as foundation rock • Creates a stable base for more colorful and decorative live rock • Teeming with beneficial bacteria and micro-fauna • Sensible way to construct elaborate live rock displays
<p><u>Fiji Premium Live Rock - Large Size</u></p> 	<p>Origin: South Pacific Colors: Green, Purple, Red, Yellow Tank Conditions: 72-78°F, sg 1.023-1.025, pH 8.1-8.4, dKH 8-12 Supplements: Calcium, Iodine, Strontium, Trace Elements</p>	<p>Characteristics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-cured and scrubbed to decrease curing time • Excellent foundation for corals that also aids biological filtration • The average size rock is 10 to 20 inches
<p><u>Fancy Fused Live Rock</u></p> 	<p>Origin: South Pacific Colors: Green, Purple, Red, Yellow Tank Conditions: 72-78°F, sg 1.023-1.025, pH 8.1-8.4, dKH 8-12 Supplements: Calcium, Iodine, Strontium, Trace Elements</p>	<p>Characteristics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An "uncured" semi-dense rock available in full box lots weighing 30 pounds • Well covered in green, purple, red, and yellow coralline algae • Because the rock is uncured, greater biodiversity can be found on it
<p><u>Refugium Rubble</u></p>	<p>Origin: Fiji</p>	<p>Characteristics</p>

	<p>Colors: Green, Purple, Red</p> <p>Tank Conditions: 72-78°F, sg 1.023-1.025, pH 8.1-8.4, dKH 8-12</p> <p>Supplements: Calcium, Iodine, Strontium, Trace Elements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live rock chunks ranging from 1/2" to 3" in size • Also contains some sand, gravel, and mud that help seed new aquariums or refugiums with beneficial bacteria • Copepods, worms, and amphipods increase biological diversity to make Reef Rubble a great "living substrate" for refugiums
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