

PREVENTIVE TREATMENT

General Information

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SUBTERFUGE termite bait is intended for use as a supplement (for an integrated pest management approach), or alternative, to conventional methods for controlling termite infestations in and around areas such as, but not limited to, buildings, wooden structures, or landscape timbers. SUBTERFUGE contains a bait matrix that has been shown to be a preferred food source. The active ingredient in SUBTERFUGE, hydramethylnon, has been shown to be effective in controlling communal or social insects. Foraging workers from subterranean termite colonies (e.g., *Reticulitermes* spp., *Coptotermes* spp., or *Heterotermes* spp.) that discover and feed on SUBTERFUGE will recruit other foragers to the bait. Continued feeding upon SUBTERFUGE termite bait will result in population suppression and control of the infestations within the structure. The speed of infestation decline and the subsequent control is dependent upon the speed of the termite's interception of the bait and the amount of bait consumed.

SUBTERFUGE termite bait must be used in conjunction with a regularly scheduled inspection and monitoring program. The frequency of inspection and monitoring necessary to achieve effective control will vary depending on the level of termite activity, the size of the termite colony, and the conditions conducive to termite infestation present at the structure being protected.

General Use Instructions

Before placements of SUBTERFUGE termite bait can be established, an inspection of the structure to be protected (and outbuildings or landscaping on the property) is recommended to identify those sites in and around the structure where termite activity can be confirmed [e.g., mud tubes from the soil to the structure; live termites under mulch, or in construction scraps or landscape timbers], to identify other sites where termite activity is suspected [e.g., active feeding site in structural timbers, with no evident soil activity adjacent to this feeding site] and to identify areas conducive for termite activity such as areas where the soil remains damp (e.g. near sprinkler heads or gutter downspouts) or areas where wood is in contact with soil. SUBTERFUGE termite bait is to be applied from bait stations that are

installed around the building(s) or structure(s), or in a localized area(s), where termite activity is confirmed or suspected.

Limitations, Restrictions, and Exceptions

Preventive Treatment

As an aid to the prevention from attack by subterranean termites, placements of SUBTERFUGE termite bait can be established in the soil around the exterior of the building or structure* to be protected. For preventative treatments, install at least one bait station for every 10 linear feet along the foundation, or if soil access is restricted by paving or similar hard surface, place as close as possible to adjacent bait station. SUBTERFUGE may also be established in the soil beneath concrete slabs, asphalt, paving stones, or other ground coverings. Inspect bait within one month following installation. Following the initial inspection monitor and service bait placements at least once every three months. If active termite feeding is found upon either the initial or subsequent inspections then it is recommended that at least one additional termite bait be placed within 12 inches of each bait found to have termites present, where soil access is not restricted, otherwise place as close as possible, and continue to follow the monitoring schedule previously described.

- Application sites for SUBTERFUGE termite bait include, but are not limited to, areas near structures (houses, condominiums, apartments, commercial properties, garages, barns and other buildings), decks, wells, fences, utility poles, retaining walls, trees, landscape plantings, wood piles, or other wood which could be attacked, or is actively being attacked, by subterranean termites.

Do not apply repellent type liquid termiticides around the perimeter of SUBTERFUGE termite bait that has been previously installed.

Applications of this type with repellent liquid termiticides can prevent termites from discovering and feeding on the bait.

SUBTERFUGE termite bait may also be used in areas conducive to termite foraging activity such as areas where the soil remains damp (e.g. near sprinkler heads or gutter downspouts) or areas where wood is in contact with soil.

After baiting the sites above, additional baits may be located in areas of likely termite activity where no termites were detected.

Install as many SUBTERFUGE termite baits as needed to thoroughly cover all sites of known or suspected termite activity around the structure to be protected.

SUBTERFUGE termite bait can be applied in the in-ground bait delivery stations provided with this termite bait or in other compatible in-ground termite bait delivery stations. Termatrol1 termite bait stations are compatible for use with SUBTERFUGE termite bait. Other termite bait delivery stations must be tested by the Pest Management Professional for compatibility prior to use to confirm that termites have direct access to the SUBTERFUGE termite bait from the soil through the delivery station.

Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions for installing and operating their termite bait station. If SUBTERFUGE is to be installed through cored openings in paved or similar hard surfaces, the bait cartridge may be placed into the ground with or without an in-ground bait delivery station as long as the cored opening is securely covered to prevent unauthorized access. If no station is used then the cartridge must be installed so that the outside surface of the bait cartridge is flush with the soil allowing for termite access to the bait.

Method

[Soil application](#)

Timings

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