



CONSUMER INFORMATION BULLETIN

ON THE PERFORMANCE OF SUBTERFUGE® TERMITE BAIT



TERMITE CONTROL. NOT TERMITE DETECTION.

The use of Subterfuge termite bait involves:

- Proper placement and regularly scheduled inspection of in-ground bait stations containing **Subterfuge® termite bait**
- Elimination of the termite infestation within the structure and suppression of termite population around the structure
- Regular, ongoing inspections to prevent termite re-infestation

Your pest control professional will inspect your property and install the in-ground stations which contain **Subterfuge termite bait**. The installed termite baits will be inspected one month after installation and then at regular three-month intervals for evidence of subterranean termite activity. Bait stations will be serviced appropriately at each scheduled inspection. Following installation, termites will typically discover the baits within two to eight weeks. They will consume the bait and recruit other termites to the bait, ensuring that the bait is spread throughout the termite population. Termites that ingest the bait will then die. A subterranean termite infestation in the structure can be eliminated with **Subterfuge termite bait**, typically within a few months. However, time of year, weather conditions and unusual or atypical infestations may affect this time frame.

In the case of an aerial infestation where there is no ground contact, it would be unrealistic to expect in-ground bait alone to fully control the infestation. Aerial infestations can be controlled by conventional spot treatments with liquid termiticides used in conjunction with **Subterfuge termite bait**.

How the active ingredient works:

Subterfuge termite bait contains the active ingredient hydramethylnon, which has shown to be highly effective in eliminating termites. This active ingredient is combined in a bait matrix that is preferred by foraging termites over other food sources. Because the termites prefer the **Subterfuge termite bait**, sustained feeding activity on the bait and recruitment of other termites to the bait will occur. The action of the ingredient, hydramethylnon, is delayed enough to allow the termites to consume a sufficient amount of the bait and transfer it to other termites, but fast enough to protect the structure.

BASF has tested hydramethylnon and detected only very low levels of mammalian toxicity at very high levels of exposure. **Subterfuge termite bait** contains a very low concentration of hydramethylnon and is applied to in-ground bait delivery stations, further reducing the chance for exposure.



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Structural Damage:

In the case of an existing termite infestation, between the time that **Subterfuge® termite bait** is put in place and control of termites is achieved, pre-existing termites may continue to feed, thereby causing further damage to the structure. To reduce additional structural damage during this period, you may wish to consider requesting the spot application of conventional termiticides to expedite localized control of infestations.

Damage Caused by Insects:

Both the pest control operator and BASF are exempt from any responsibility for:

- Any structural damage or damage to the contents of any structure caused by wood-destroying insects in the past, present or future
- Any and all monetary expenses incurred by the customer resulting from damage caused by wood-destroying insects. In some instances, customers may purchase a separate property protection warranty from the pest control operator, which may enable the customer to recoup specified expenses from the operator who issued the warranty

Ownership of Subterfuge Termite Baiting System:

All components of the **Subterfuge** termite baiting system are owned by the pest control professional that originally installed and invoiced the system. Upon expiration or termination of the service agreement between the pest control professional and the customer, the pest control operator is required to retrieve from the customer's premises all components of the **Subterfuge** termite baiting system for appropriate disposition.

Application of Subterfuge Termite Bait:

Subterfuge termite bait is a controlled-use pest control product registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). That means that **Subterfuge termite bait** must be applied by a licensed pest control professional according to instructions found in the product label, EPA Registration Number 241-371, as well as from any other applicable regulatory agency.

Questions?

To learn more about **Subterfuge termite bait**, contact your pest control operator, or call the BASF Customer Information Center (U.S.) at 1-800-545-9525.



Always read and follow label directions.

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