

Exomite™ Apis - Common Questions

Q. When should I apply the Exomite Apis ?

A. For best results, the Exomite Apis should be applied once in the Spring and again in the Autumn, before and after honey flow.

Q. Can I use it during honey flow?

A. As with all hive applications, it is recommended that the Exomite Apis is not used during honey flow.

Q. How long will each treatment last?

A. The application period is 24 days. The first sachet of powder should be put in the applicator and placed in the hive for 12 days, followed by a second consecutive application, which should be left in the hive for another 12 days.

Q. How do I fit the applicator to my hive?

A. You do not need to open the hive at any point when administering the Exomite Apis. The applicator should be placed in the entrance of the hive.

Q. Do I need any other material when fitting the dispenser?

A. You will need standard hive foam, (available from any bee equipment distributor). When using the Exomite Apis, it is imperative that the bees enter the hive through the applicator and not through any other small gaps near to the applicator. Therefore, you will need to fit foam around the edges of the applicator to ensure that it fits snugly into your hive, blocking off any other possible entrances.

Q. If the applicator does not fit my hive, what options do I have?

A. Even though a standard hive size is beginning to become established, there remains an enormous amount of variation between different hives. The Exomite Apis has been designed to fit the majority of hives, however, if your hive entrance is too small, you have a number of options:

1. The Exomite Apis can and should be used in conjunction with a standard Varroa screen/mesh. This will provide a new entrance with ample room to fit the applicator and will also prevent Varroa that have fallen down from re-entering the hive, you can then fill in the gaps with hive foam.
2. *If you have not got Varroa mesh, it is possible to modify the applicator yourself, by cutting the flanges at the side or by cutting or completely removing the lid, this option is only recommended as a last resort.*

Q. Can I re-use the dispenser?

A. Yes you can. Once you have purchased the dispenser, all you will need to buy is replacement sachets of Entostat powder, which you can use to recharge the applicator.

Q. Will the bees be disturbed by the applicator?

A. One of the main benefits of using the Exomite Apis, is that you do not need to open the hive and therefore you will cause the minimum disruption to the bees. When you place the Exomite Apis applicator, the bees may appear to become cautious or hesitant before entering the hive, but after a few minutes they will learn to accept their new entrance.

Q. Will the treatment be as effective in the Autumn when there is less bee traffic in and out of the hive?

A. Although bees leave and enter the hive less often in the Autumn, the Exomite Apis has been designed to ensure that it remains effective during this time of year. The length of the applicator extends quite significantly into the hive and the powder is therefore exposed to the bees as they move between the frames. There are therefore, many opportunities for bees that do not even leave the hive to come into contact with the Entostat powder in the applicator.

Q. What is Entostat powder?

A. Entostat powder is a natural plant wax extract. It is classed as a food grade product by the EPA and used in many products, such as cosmetics;, pharmaceuticals and ointments, in baked foods and mixes, processed fruits and juices, confectionary and many more. A complete description of Entostat powder is available on our website www.exosect.com

Recommendations

- ✓ As part of an integrated pest management strategy, apply the Exomite Apis twice a year, (Spring & Autumn).
- ✓ Use the Exomite Apis in conjunction with a standard Varroa screen
- ✓ For ease of application and to avoid powder loss, apply the Exomite Apis when the weather is calm.
- ✓ Only use the Exomite Apis refill sachets in conjunction with the Exomite Apis Applicator.

Important

! Only use the Exomite Apis Applicator in conjunction with Exomite Apis powder. The dispenser has not been tested with any other material.

! Only use the Exomite Apis powder in conjunction with the Exomite Apos Applicator, do not apply the powder to the hive in any other way than by the Applicator.

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