

# topsnap

## The indoor-mousetrap.

Instructions for use

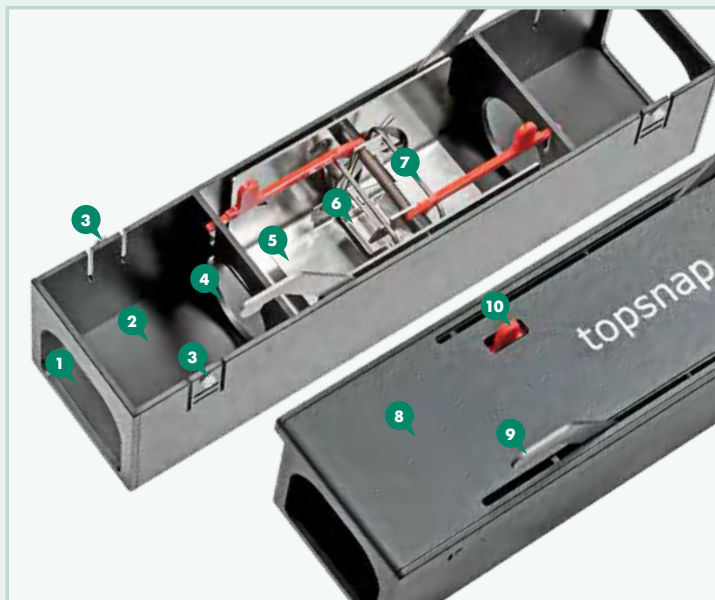


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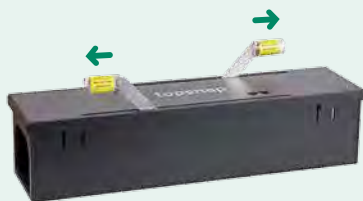
## Description of components



- 1 Trap entrance
- 2 Atrium
- 3 Pressure tongue
- 4 Divider in front of trapping mechanism
- 5 Trigger plate
- 6 Bait cup
- 7 Strike bar
- 8 Top cover
- 9 Clamping lever
- 10 Position indicator (activated/triggered)

## Caution!

If present, please remove protective sleeves on both clamping levers before first use!



## Instructions for care

The topsnap-trap is maintenance-free. In case of heavy contamination, blowing out with compressed air or rinsing with water is recommended.

## Spare parts

All parts of the topsnap-trap can be replaced individually.

## Safety precautions

- ! Not for use by children under the age of 12.
- ! Please check if the trap is deactivated before removing the top cover.
- ! Do not allow trap to snap closed if empty.

## Fields of application

The topsnap-trap is suited for indoor-use:

- Stockrooms for food and fodder
- Greenhouses and growing tunnels
- Vegetable and fruit storage areas
- Food processing units
- House and farm
- In all mice-infested areas in buildings



## Positioning the topsnap-trap

- In case of suspected mice presence or clear signs of rodent activity place topsnap in infested area.
- For highest possible success of catches place topsnap along pathways of mice so that the entrances are in line with walls or other objects as mice do not move across open areas.
- Different factors influence the time span until a successful catch. For a successful catch leave the topsnap-trap unchanged for a few days until a mouse is caught.

## Baiting the topsnap-trap

- Baiting the topsnap-trap is not mandatory. In rooms with no food sources curiosity and the need for protection attract the mice into the trap.
- If alternative food sources are available in the surroundings of the trap, successful entrapment can be increased by using bait. To increase the chances of catching mice, alternative food sources must be removed or securely packaged.
- Suitable bait are nuts, raisins, chocolate, peanut butter, nutella, cereal products etc. or commercially available mouse bait. It is advisable to replace or exchange the bait regularly.



1. Please check if the trap is deactivated before baiting
2. Remove the top cover by pressing the pressure tongues on both sides of the trap
3. Place the bait into the bait cup
4. Replace the top cover

## Activating the topsnap-trap



Take hold of the clamping lever and individually or simultaneously pull back slowly as far as it will go, the strike bar will lock firmly into place with a click.



Bring back the clamping lever into its original position.



The trap is now activated.

- In order to activate only one of both trap mechanisms, pull back only one clamping lever.
- If the trap is activated, each position indicator protrudes from the top cover.
- The time period for a successful catch can vary from a few hours to several days. The topsnap-trap should be checked regularly for catches. Catches are only possible with an empty and activated trap.

## Releasing of catch

- After a successful catch release and dispose of it through raising the clamping lever.
- After releasing the catch, topsnap is immediately ready for reuse.



## Recommendations

- ✓ Try to avoid mice-infestation in buildings. In order to prevent the intrusion of mice, entry sites like holes, cracks and openings should be sealed wherever possible. Mice can squeeze through even the smallest openings of 6 mm. Therefore basement windows should be latticed with a mesh size of not more than 5 mm, holes and cracks should also be sealed. Door and windows should close tightly.
- ✓ To prevent mice-infestation, store food in closed containers out of reach, always lock waste bins, do not dispose of food waste in open compost and remove uneaten food of pets. Rethink your handling of food, supplies and waste to reduce potential food sources for mice.
- ✓ Look out for signs of mouse infestation. Place traps should one or more of the following symptoms appear:
  - Clear signs of feeding damage on supplies, wood, plastics, textiles, furniture, electric cables, etc.
  - Unpleasant smell of urine, which is perceived especially in case of heavy infestations
  - Mouse droppings: mice leave behind small, dark, elongated faecal pellets (approx. 3–8 mm long)
  - Scraping or scratching noise from mice in (hollow) walls and ceilings
  - Visible wear marks along running paths
- ✓ Mice are very curious by nature and thus enter the topsnap-trap following their instincts. If the trap is placed in the same location for too long, mice loose interest in the trap. If there are signs of infestation present, but no catches have been made over a longer period, it is worthwhile relocating the trap.



For additional information on the topsnap-trap, please visit [www.topcat.ch](http://www.topcat.ch)





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