

Taurus[®] Dry - Dry Flowable Termiticide

Service Protocol 1: Inspection and Treatment for Drywood Termites

INITIAL INSPECTION:

Drywood termites are adapted to survive in extreme environments of high temperatures and low moisture conditions. They are specifically adapted to arid climates and do not require soil contact. These termites have relatively small colonies and infestations are often localized to small areas such as door/window trim, furniture, and other wood pieces including structural lumber. Multiple colonies may be present in a single structure.

Inspections should be done carefully for evidence of drywood termites. Most commonly, infestations are indicated by drywood termite fecal pellets, swarming events or by dropped alate wings. Determining the extent of infestation and identifying all locations of activity within a structure are important for control. To locate termite galleries in suspected infested areas, use the blunt end of a screwdriver or similar tool to lightly tap or “sound” wood, structural timbers, trim or other wood elements. This action will help PMPs locate damage, feeding galleries, fecal pellets, kick out holes, and hollow wood.

INITIAL APPLICATION:

Once the areas of infestation are located, begin by creating an access into the galleries, kick out holes or other entry points to access the colony. Make holes approximately 24 inches apart, based on the extent of the activity. If necessary, use a small drill bit or other method to create an opening to accommodate the PDS application straw. If using a drill, a 1/8” drill bit should be adequate.

The metal application straw may also be used to gain access to galleries directly. Once access has been achieved, make applications using the PDS and Taurus[®] Dry into the voids, galleries and other known infested areas at a rate of 0.1 to 1 gram of Taurus[®] Dry (2 - 20 seconds of PDS trigger actuation time) to manage drywood termites. The PDS will help to push Taurus[®] Dry into difficult to reach areas. Anywhere air can flow, Taurus[®] Dry can flow.

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APPLICATION FOLLOW-UP:

Once application is complete, PMPs may choose to fill the drill holes or not. The label does not require the holes to be filled.

Retreatment may be done if termite activity is found 30 days after the previous application.

SITES AND USE PATTERNS FOR TAURUS® DRY:

- Voids
- Termite nests
- Utility poles
- Railroad trestles
- Galleries
- Inaccessible areas of buildings
- Fencing
- Shelter tubes
- Decking materials
- Beams
- Other structural or landscape timbers where termite activity is observed
- Piers*
- Trees*

*Not an approved site for California

Use Pattern - How Often to Apply Taurus® Dry?

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Requirements

- Long sleeved shirt
- Long pants
- Socks & shoes
- Waterproof gloves

Important Use Restrictions:

- Do not apply more than 5 grams per 1,000 ft² of total internal surface area of the void, carton or gallery.
- Do not apply Taurus® Dry near open flame or other ignition source.
- Do not apply to humans, animals, clothing or bedding
- Do not use metal application injector when working around electrical equipment.
- Do not use this product for general pest control.