



## **STICKY TRAP FOR CLOTHES MOTHS**

### **CONTENT: 1 STICKY TRAP (CONTAINS ATTRACTANT)**

Dear customer, here you will find information about effect and use of moth traps. Please take some time to read this information to ensure that you can use your moths traps optimally! Many thanks!

#### **1) GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CASES OF CLOTHES MOTH INFESTATION**

##### **How can I detect an infestation with clothes moths?**

An indication for a clothes moth infestation are holes in textiles, or by the so called white cocoons. These are fine white threads on the textiles hardly noticeable with the naked eye.

##### **Under what conditions can clothes moths develop?**

Clothes moths develop at temperatures from 13 - 33 °C. The development of a clothes moth from a moth egg to its stage as a moth, can take from two months to a few years. The moth butterflies have a lifespan of 7 to 18 days. During cooler temperatures they can live between one or even one and a half months. In extreme cases, a clothes moth can survive temperatures up to -15 °C for up to three weeks.

##### **What do clothes moths look like?**

Clothes moths have a size of 4 and 9 mm and have a wingspan of about 12 - 16 mm. You recognize clothes moths by the fact that they are always one colour - If a clothes moth is multicolored, then it is definitely not a clothes moth. The body of the clothes moth and the front wings are light yellow in colour. In bright light they might look shiny silver. The rear wings are gray-yellow and not visible on live moths.

#### **2) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF THE MOTH TRAP**

##### **Are moth traps only useful for detection of a moth infestation, or can they combat moths as well?**

Moth traps with pheromone attractants are only useful for detecting a moth infestation. This is because they only catch the male, but not the egg laying female moths.

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#### **How long can the moth traps be used?**

The attractant in the trap is effective for about three months. If you still are in need of moth traps thereafter, you will have to replace the traps with new ones.

#### **How should new and unsealed traps be stored?**

Please store new and unsealed traps in the deep freezer (at -17 °C or colder temperatures), because then the attractant cannot evaporate.

### **3) INSTRUCTIONS FOR SETTING UP A MOTH TRAP**

#### **Which are the best places to set up trap - and which not?**

Clothes moths prefer dark places without air movement. Traps should be set up in such places. Traps should not be set up in places with lots of light and with strong draft such as window sills and window panes. It is not essential if the trap is placed on the floor or in higher places.

#### **What is to be considered when setting up traps?**

It is essential to set up the traps in such a way that neither humans nor animals can come in contact with them. Make sure that they stay free of dust because the stickiness will otherwise wear off.

#### **How can a trap be set up?**

In order to set up a trap please remove the protective foil that covers the surface with the attractant. Carefully place the trap near the area of the moth infestation with the attractant facing upward.

### **4) INFORMATION ABOUT HOW MOTH TRAPS WORK**

#### **What moth species are caught with the trap?**

Only male clothes moths are attracted. It may happen that other insects stick to the trap by accident.

#### **Why are only male moths attracted?**

The attractant use in the traps is a component of the sexual pheromone of the female clothes moths. This attracts the males who mistake it for females.

### **5) INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELIMINATING A DETECTED MOTH INFESTATION**

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### **How can a moth infestation be eliminated?**

Essential for the lasting elimination of a moth infestation is combatting the caterpillars. This is possible with the help of a spray, with heat (of min. 60°C), coldness (-29°C would be optimal) or with the help of ichneumon wasps. The use of ichneumon wasps is very gentle and effective.

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