

# Taurus<sup>®</sup> Dry - Dry Flowable Termiticide

## Service Protocol 2: Inspection and Treatment for Subterranean Termites

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### **INITIAL INSPECTION:**

Subterranean termites require either contact with the soil or a source of moisture to survive. Additionally, they only typically thrive in temperate and sub-tropical areas of the United States. Damage and evidence of subterranean termites varies from bubbling paint, shelter tubes, damage done to structural wood or trim, a swarming event, or in the case of Formosan termites, above-ground carton nests.

Inspections should focus on areas where soil and wood come together, areas of high moisture (as determined by use of a moisture meter), porches, plumbing voids, areas where swarming termites were noted, shelter tubes, and other areas where cellulose based materials exist.

### **INITIAL APPLICATION:**

Once areas of termite activity are located, Taurus<sup>®</sup> Dry may be applied into shelter tubes, voids, carton nests, or other inaccessible areas. To apply Taurus<sup>®</sup> Dry into a shelter tube, break the tube open to access the interior space and utilize the plastic applicator tip to flex into the shelter tube and treat downwards towards the ground for 2-20 seconds and upwards away from the ground in 2-20 second trigger pulls.

A total of 0.1 to 1 gram of Taurus<sup>®</sup> Dry should be used for shelter tubes and 0.3 to 3 grams of Taurus<sup>®</sup> Dry should be applied to carton nests or other termite nests. If applications to voids are needed for Taurus<sup>®</sup> Dry, apply at a rate of 0.2 to 2 g per void.

To make applications of Taurus<sup>®</sup> Dry into voids, create an access into the void if necessary. If a drill is required, a 1/8" drill bit should be adequate. Depending on the size of the void, dispense material for 4-40 seconds. A total of 0.2 to 2 grams of Taurus<sup>®</sup> Dry should be applied.

For carton and nest applications, including carton nests in trees (not approved in California), access the carton nest and apply Taurus<sup>®</sup> Dry at a rate of 6-60 seconds of trigger time to apply 0.3 to 3 grams of product. Higher rates should be used for large colony nests or large carton nests.

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

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## APPLICATION FOLLOW-UP:

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 ft<sup>2</sup> 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.