



AUSTRALIAN BEE SUPPLIES

FORMIC PRO

7-DAY AUSTRALIAN QUICK GUIDE

CONTROL VARROA WITH READY-TO-USE FORMIC ACID STRIPS

2 STRIPS

per hive

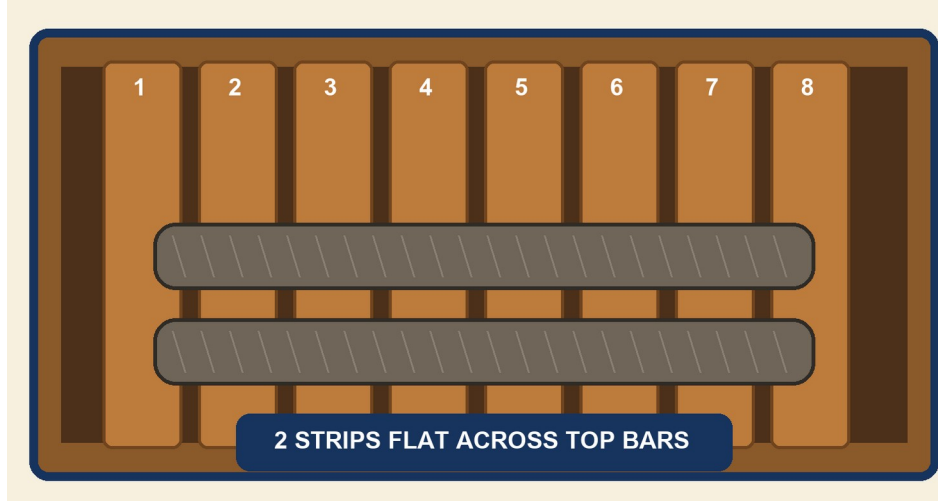
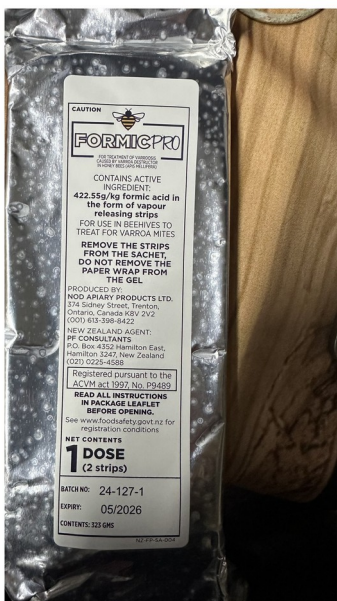
7 DAYS

then remove

10-29.5 C

critical daytime range

IDENTIFY THE PRODUCT + PLACE BOTH STRIPS CORRECTLY



PRODUCT PHOTO ONLY

NZ pack shown - follow Australian PER95344.

TOP VIEW

Lay both wrapped strips flat across the top bars, above the centre of the brood nest.

HOW TO APPLY

KEY FACTS TO CONFIRM

- 1 Check the forecast. Treat only when each daytime high is 10-29.5 C. Do not start if temperatures above 33 C are expected during the first 3 days.
- 2 Confirm the colony is strong enough: bees must cover at least 6 frames.
- 3 Open the full-width hive entrance. Do not use a vented bottom board during treatment.
- 4 Put on acid-resistant gloves (PVC, neoprene or nitrile), protective eyewear, long sleeves, long pants and closed footwear.
- 5 Open one sachet and separate the 2 strips. Do not remove the paper wrap from the gel.
- 6 Lay both strips flat across the top bars over the centre of the brood nest. In a double brood hive, place them on the lower brood chamber.
- 7 Close the hive and leave it undisturbed for 7 days. Bearding and some dead bees at the entrance may occur.
- 8 On day 7 remove both strips. Wrap in paper, seal in a plastic bag and place in garbage. Check the colony is queen-right one month later.

HONEY SUPERS

YES. Supers may remain on the hive during treatment.

WITHHOLDING PERIOD (WHP)

DO NOT harvest honey for 2 weeks (14 days) from the end of treatment.

HONEY QUALITY

May taint honey with a residual taste - factor this into harvest timing.

TEMPERATURE IS CRITICAL

Apply only when daytime highs are 10-29.5 C. Outside this range there is risk of brood damage, high adult bee mortality and queen loss or supersedure.

AU TREATMENT PERIOD

2 strips per hive for 7 days. This differs from the 14/20-day overseas label.

TARGETS

Mites in brood, on adult bees, and mites emerging from brood or entering the hive.

EXPECTED EFFECTIVENESS

61-98%, highly variable with temperature. Monitor mites after treatment to confirm control.

RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT

No known resistance risk. Rotate with a product that has a different mode of action.

PERMIT OVERRIDE

Check current APVMA Permit PER95344 conditions. Permit conditions override the overseas label.

CAUTION - FORMIC ACID SAFETY

Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. Harmful if swallowed or inhaled. Use outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Do not breathe vapour. Do not eat, drink or smoke while handling. If poisoning occurs call a doctor or Poisons Information Centre 13 11 26. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. For skin contact remove contaminated clothing and wash thoroughly. For eyes, flush with water for at least 15 minutes and see a doctor.

BEE SAFETY: Temperatures above 33 C in the first 3 days may cause excessive bee, brood and queen loss. Monitor the entrance and check queen-right one month after treatment.

STORAGE: Keep locked up in the original tightly closed container, indoors, dry, ventilated, out of sunlight and below 25 C. Keep away from ignition sources, oxidising agents and sulphuric acid. Avoid release to the environment.