**VARROA CONTROL FOR BEES**

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**BEE HIVE STRIP**

**TARGET SPECIES:**
Honeybees

**PRESENTATION:**
10 polymer bee hive strips. Each 8g strip containing 824mg tau-fluvalinate.

**USES:**
Apistan is a slow release polymer strip formulation for the control of the parasitic mite Varroa destructor (formerly known as Varroa jacobsoni) on honeybees.

**DOSAGE INSTRUCTION:**
2 Apistan strips per brood chamber per beehive.

**ADMINISTRATION:**
Suspend strips mid-way between the brood frames so that the bees can walk on both sides of the strip. One strip is suspended between frames 3 & 4 and the other between frames 7 & 8 within the brood chamber.

Small and wintering bee colonies and nuclei require one strip only suspended near the centre of the brood chamber. Do not place strips in the honey supers.
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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Read USER WARNINGS below, before handling the medicinal product.

Method of Application: The strips are bonded together in one sheet.

To separate them, hold firmly at corner (see illustration 1), near top and pull along scored line from top to bottom. Replace the unused strips in the original package.

Apistan strips are suspended in the brood chamber (hive body) in such a way that the bees can walk on both sides of the strips. To suspend the strips between the frames, twist out the wings of each strip (see illustration 2).

Duration of use: Treatment duration is 6–8 weeks after which time the strips are removed and disposed of. The strips should not be removed from the hive for at least 6 weeks. Do not leave the strips in the hive for more than 8 weeks. The treatment period should be kept as short as possible in order to reduce the likelihood of trace residues in the broodwax and to avoid the development of mite resistance. If signs of disease persist or appear consult your Veterinary Surgeon.

Apistan efficacy is maximised if the product is used in late summer and after the main honey harvest (when the amount of brood is diminishing). However, in the case of severe infestations Apistan can be used at any time of year.

USER WARNINGS

Wear gloves when handling strips. Avoid contact with skin, mouth and eyes. Wash hands thoroughly after handling strips. Do not smoke, drink or eat during application.

FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY

LEGAL CATEGORY: AVM-GSL

MARKETING AUTHORITY NUMBER: VM 17017/4000

MARKETING AUTHORITY HOLDER AND MANUFACTURER RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE: Vita (Europe) Limited, Vita House, London Street, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 7PG, United Kingdom.

Batch No: Expiry Date: See side of pouch.

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KEEP OUT OF REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN

STORAGE & DISPOSAL:

This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special temperature storage conditions. Keep strips in original, unopened packaging until ready to use. Protect from direct sunlight. Store in original packaging only. Do not store strips near pesticides or other chemical substances which could contaminate the strips. Replace any unused strips in the original packaging. Store away from foodstuffs. Do not re-use strips.

Medicines should not be disposed of via waste water or household waste. Ask your veterinary surgeon how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures should help protect the environment.

EXTREMELY DANGEROUS to fish and aquatic life. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with the strips or empty packaging.

WITHDRAWAL PERIOD:

Honey: Zero days. Do not use during honey flow.

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