

APILIFE VAR

Apilife VAR is the best miticide available in the U.S today. The Varroa Mite shows no resistance to it, it is not harmful to the bees or the beekeeper, and it leaves no harmful residue in the comb. Used correctly it will kill over 95% of your Varroa Mites, in the Spring and Fall. If you use chemicals in your hives, you should be aware of what residues are left and what those residues are doing to you and the bees. Please keep in mind, using chemicals that are not registered and researched for use in bee- hives could be doing unnecessary harm to your bees and yourselves. Apilife VAR is a formulation of Thymol, Eucalytol, Menthol and Camphor. The active ingredient, Thymol,

is not an essential oil but rather a purified form. The same effectiveness cannot be achieved with essential oils.



Apilife VAR comes in foil packages, which contain two wafers. It is helpful when treating to prepare wafers prior to entering the beeyard. Remove wafers from package with scissors and cut each wafer into quarters. Each colony must be treated with one wafer per treatment and this should be applied at 7 to 10-day intervals for a total of 3 times. In other words, you will use 3 wafers per hive. Situate the 4 quarters of the wafer around the edge of the brood nest as illustrated above. You must make each colony a fumigation chamber closing all holes that would allow the gas to escape. Close up all screened bottom boards and reduce your entrances.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USING API LIFE VAR WITH SCREENED BOTTOM BOARDS

Research has shown that Apilife VAR is even more effective at killing mites when used together with a screened bottom board. However, screened/IPM bottom boards left open to below will allow more of the vapors from the Apilife to escape. Placing the corrugated plastic sheet that comes with our screened bottom boards underneath the screen during treatment should result in a more optimal concentration of the Apilife vapors. If you're using a solid bottom board underneath your screened bottom, you will have already accomplished essentially the same thing. Some degree of ventilation is critical, but the essential point to note is that Api Life will work better if the bottom of the hive is not completely open to the escape of the Api Life vapors.

TO OPEN API LIFE VAR PACKAGE

Lift flap on back of package (where label is attached), and run pocketknife at crease under ridge, being careful to pull knife away from you. Peel package away from you. Peel package away from APILIFE VAR and remove carefully.

If package is opened from the top, be sure to tap package down allowing room to cut at top of package. Always follow label instructions carefully.

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