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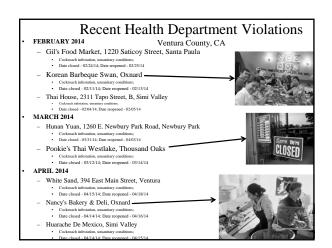
Cockroaches—Why Treatments May Not Work

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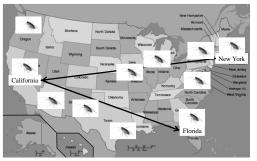
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#### Cockroaches are Back

From Coast to Coast



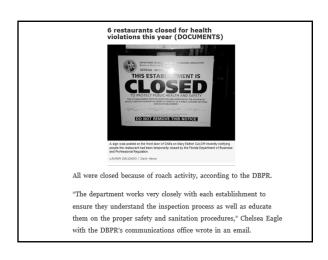
## Do we have cockroach problems in Florida? Inspectors found roaches and temperature violations at some Florida theme park restaurants Some theme park setteries not passing the grade Province year Sock Adding the grade year Sock Adding the grad

#### NY Restaurant Review

- So today I was eating at a place I have been to a few times and the owner was telling me that they had, had some trouble with roaches.
- Not more than 30 seconds later, one is crawling right in front of me at the cash register



# Recent Cockroach Violations in Florida restaurants cited by Inspectors 14 South Florida restaurants cited by Inspectors Festory 20: 20:41 fb total forum. 18th what Cortact violations of table anation and safety has recently observed by inspection at 18 of 18th Total restaurants prompted the Forum Department of Business & Professional Regulation to cite the owners and being support operations. 18th of 18th Total restaurants prompted the Forum Department of Business & Professional Regulation to cite the owners and being support operations. 18th of 18th Total restaurants prompted or Forum Department of Business & Professional Regulation to cite the owners and being support operations. 18th Operation of Business & Professional Regulation to cite the owners and being support of the control of Business & Professional Regulation and Regulation of Business & Rodents, roaches close 6 Tampa Bay restaurants Rodents, roaches close 6 Tampa Bay restaurants Full April 12 of 46 of the EST Refersion for 12 of total support with the most control of restaurants and the process of the profession of the Pr







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#### American Cockroach Feeding

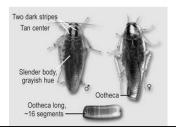


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#### Reasons to Control Cockroaches

- Psychopathology
- Mechanical damage
- Allergies
- Asthma
- Transmission of pathogens
- Closure of Businesses



#### Which Pest is This?

- Only species of cockroach native to Florida
- Large dark brown to black in color 1½ to 1¾ inches long
- · Both sexes squirt a foul smelling fluid
  - E-2-hexanoic acid

### German Cockroach Infestations in Low-Income Apartments



## Florida woods (Eurycotis floridana)

- Both sexes squirt a foulsmelling chemical
  - Like a skunk
  - Comes from glands on the underside of the abdomen
  - What triggers the spray?

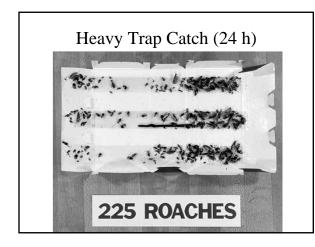
(E)-2-Hexenoic acid







- 1,022 apartments
- 6,146 sticky traps
- Left in apts for 24 hours

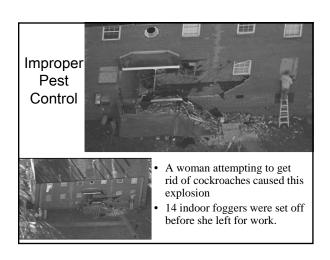




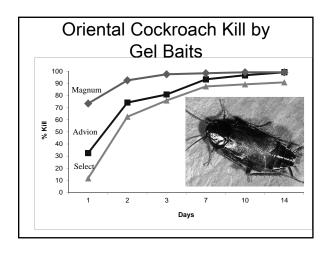


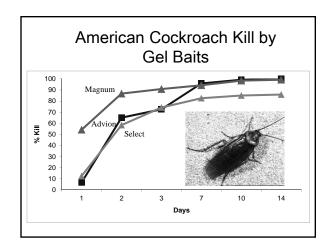


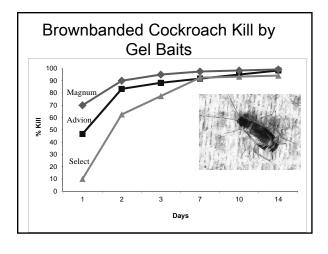


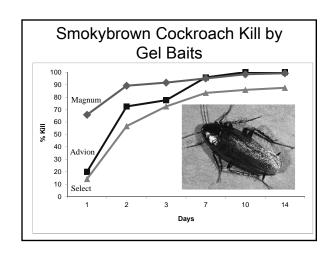


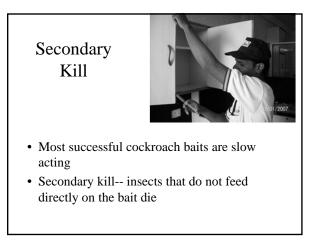
## MaxForce Magnum Most powerful cockroach bait gel Cockroaches eat, touch, and share it Kills roaches faster than any other product MaxForce FC Select Kills roaches by ingestion and contact, Spreads from roach to roach through the Domino Effect of Fipronil. Advion® cockroach gel bait Targets all pest species of cockroaches. Provides speed and spectrum all in a single product











#### Mechanisms of Secondary Kill



- Trophallaxis- mouth to mouth (ants only)
- Coprophagy- consumption of feces
- Cannibalism- consumption of conspecifics
- Emitophagy- consumption of vomit

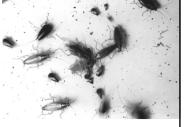


Coprophagy-- Eating Feces Kills German Cockroaches



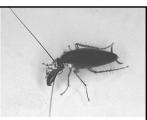
- Adults eat bait
- Adults return to harborage and poop
- Their poop is contaminated with toxicants in bait
- Young cockroach nymphs eat the contaminated poop

Emito(vomit)phagy Kills German Cockroaches



- · Cockroaches eat the bait
- Cockroaches get sick and die
  - Gut contents are regurgitated (vomited)
- · Other cockroaches eat the vomit
- Those cockroaches die

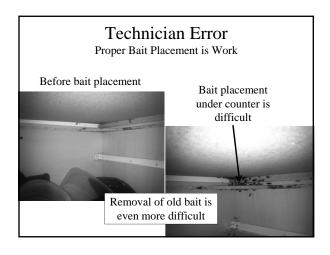
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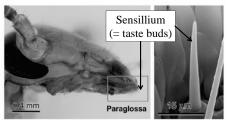
- · Cockroaches eat toxic bait
- They return to harborages
- Other cockroaches eat (cannibalize)
  - Them as they die
  - Their dead bodies
- · Those cockroaches are poisoned and die

## 3 Factors That Can Cause Gel Bait Failure?

- · Technician error
  - Improper placement (resistance to work)
  - Buildup of old bait (not spending time to remove it)
- Insecticide resistance (enzymes deactivate AI)
  - Usually not for baits
- Bait Aversion
  - Components in Gel Baits
    - Active ingredients
    - Sugars
    - Gelling agents
  - Sugar (glucose) aversion
  - Gelling agent aversion



#### Cockroach Taste Bud (sensillium) on the Paraglossa



- Normal cockroaches
  - Sweet, but not bitter, sensillium stimulated by glucose
- · Bait-averse cockroaches
  - Both sweet and bitter sensillium stimulated by glucose

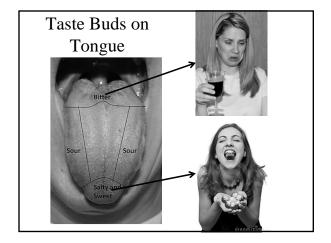
#### Cockroach Bait Aversion

- · Cockroaches taste the bait
- · Sensors on cockroach tongue (paraglossae) detect bitterness and sweetness
  - Glucose stimulates sweet sensors (all cockroaches)
  - Glucose stimulates bitter sensors (bait averse cockroaches)
- · Cockroach refuses bait due to stimulation of bitter sensors on tongue



#### Solution to Gel Bait Problems

- Granular bait
  - Different food products than Gel Baits
  - No gelling agent
- Easy placement so it can be removed and does not get old
  - Glue board
- What are some Granular Baits?
  - Where can you put the granular baits?

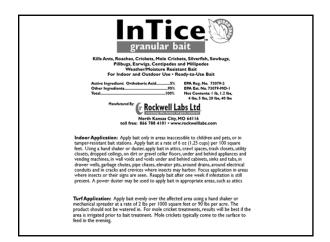


#### 3 Granular Baits Peridomestic Cockroach Control

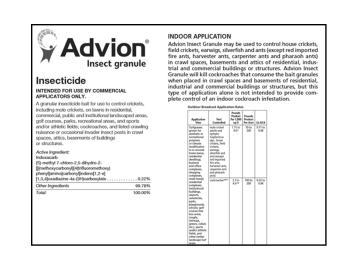
- MaxForce Complete Granular Insect Bait
  - Hydramethynon
  - Labeled for indoor and outdoor use
- Advion Insect Granule Bait
  - Indoxacarb
  - Labeled for pests around the perimeter of building
- Weather resistant Intice Granular Bait
- Boric acid
- Labeled for indoor and outdoor application



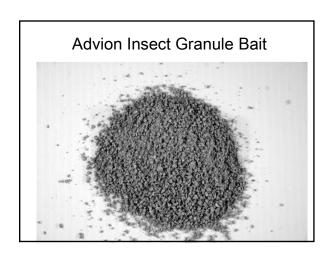
# MAXFORCE® COMPLETE Brand GRANULAR INSECT BAIT FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR CONTROL OF ANTS, CRICKETS AND ROACHES¹ FOR USE IN AND AROUND STRUCTURES AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS RECOMMENDED FOR USE BY COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS Active Ingredients: Hydramethylnon¹: letrahydro-5, 5-dimethyl-2(1H)-pyrimidinone, (3-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl)-12-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl)-2-propenylidene) hydrazone Other Ingredients: 1.00% Other Ingredients: 90.00% CAS No. 67485-29-4 EPA Reg. No. 432-1235 EPA Est. No. Tisis Macforcs® Complete Brand Granular Insect Balt controls: Roberts Robert

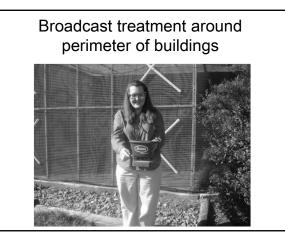


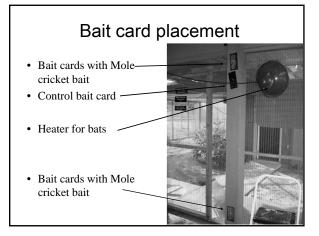














- Advion Granular Insect Bait
- · Cockroach Sticky Trap
- Advantages
  - Relatively large amount of material could be placed
  - Placement on vertical surfaces
  - Bait could be removed before it gets old

