

## Best Practices for Trelona® and Advance® Cartridge Replacement\*

This bulletin provides guidelines to determine if a **Trelona** or **Advance** Termite Bait Cartridge (TBC) needs replacing during inspection based on four criteria: consumption by termites, removal, degradation, and decay. In nature, recycling of plant material starts with microorganisms in the soil. Fungi, bacteria and molds are usually the first to initiate the decay process, and are commonly followed by termites and other arthropods. **Data suggests that termites prefer weathered and aged wood material that have been impacted by microorganisms**.

## **IMPORTANT!**

## **Cartridge replacement recommendations**

Cartridge condition <sup>†</sup>	Replace?
1. More than 1/3 of bait cartridge has been consumed or removed.	Yes
2. Cartridge surface area has a soft gelatinous/slimy consistency.	Yes
3. Less than 1/3 of surface area has orange, pink, and/or yellow mold.	No
4. Less than 1/3 of cartridge content is crumbling and/or fragmented.	No
5. Cartridge surface area has black, green, and/or brown mold.	No

If unsure, lightly probe the contents of the cartridge through the access holes using a cotter pin puller or similar tool and replace ONLY if integrity of the bait tablets has been SEVERELY compromised.

## Remember: Termites love ugly cartridges!



New vs. consumed (replace only consumed)



DO NOT replace unless integrity is compromised



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<sup>\*</sup>For all Advance and Trelona products. pestcontrol.basf.us