



## Small Hive Beetle Trap

Use this trap any time beetles are present. However, since Small Hive Beetles (S.H.B.) are temperature sensitive, it will be far more effective during late spring to fall. The SMB is out of the cluster and most active at this time. Included with your beetle trap are wooden spacers that are needed to modify your bottom board to allow the honey bees to enter and exit the hive while the trap is in place.

Before installing the Beetle Trap, thoroughly clean and scrape, if necessary, any debris or burr comb from the bottom board that may interfere with the proper placement of the trap. It is critical that the trap is level before adding the vegetable oil.



### **Directions:**

Place trap on the bottom and fill  $\frac{1}{2}$  full with food approved oil (purchased separately). Place cover on the trap. Do not pour oil through the trap cover, as any spilled oil may cause bee mortality.

At this time you may reassemble your hive and start trapping beetles.

### **Care of Your Trap:**

Periodic cleaning of the traps is necessary. Check traps every 7-14 days.

### **Tips:**

The manipulation of your colony will disturb the S.H.B. hiding spots, causing them to move around in the colony and find the trap sooner.

### **Storage and Disposal:**

After use, discard used oil in an approved manner. Clean traps and store away from direct sunlight and any pesticides.