

Climbup® Insect Interceptors

Directions for Use

1. Installation:

- When handling the devices only touch the outer wall of the device. The inner walls are pre-lubricated with talc which can be easily rubbed off when handled.
- Place Climbup® devices under each leg of the furniture where people sleep or rest (beds, sofas, armchairs etc.) so that the leg rests within the center well of the device (See fig #1). In order to avoid injury, be sure to use proper lifting techniques and do not lift any objects that too heavy for you to lift properly.
- Eliminate all other pathways for bugs to access furniture. “Bridges” for bed bugs to travel on will be created if the furniture is touching a wall or another object, or anything is hanging off of the furniture onto the floor. For example, all sheets and comforters should always be tucked in, and no items should be allowed hang down and touch the floor. All electric cords should be disconnected between bed and wall. Any items on the furniture that are touching the floor or wall will provide bed bugs a “bridge” to access the furniture bypass the Climbup® devices. It is important that the only avenue onto the furniture is via the legs that are contained within the Climbup® insect interceptor.
- The monitors should be left in place for a minimum of 21 days to provide the best opportunity to intercept bed bugs as they move around your home. Ideally, the monitors should be left in place indefinitely so that they are continually monitoring for bed bugs.

2. Once installed:

- Continue to keep furniture pulled away from the wall and do not allow any objects on furniture to contact the floor or wall.
- Periodically observe the Climbup® devices for bed bugs. Bed bugs approaching bed from room will be in the outer pitfall ring. Bed bugs climbing down from bed will be found in center well. Remove bed bugs from device by wiping out with cotton ball with a small quantity of talc and immediately place cotton ball in sealed plastic bag for disposal.
- Check the Climbup® devices to make sure that they have not become compromised in any way. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - a. Checking for the presence of debris or other items present in the wells that may provide a method for the bugs to escape the wells.
 - b. Checking to see if the talcum powder has rubbed off or has been covered in dust.
 - c. Checking to see if furniture legs have broken the plastic floor of the inner well**** NOTE: If the any of the Climbup® devices are compromised in way, debris will need to be removed, the device relubricated, or discarded. It is important to exercise care when checking or handling Climbup® devices after they have been installed as live bugs may be in, on, or around the devices.**

3. Handling Climbup® Insect Interceptors After Installation:

It may become necessary to handle Climbup® devices from time to time to remove debris and/or bugs or to discard the devices. Care should be taken when handling Climbup® insect interceptors after installation as live bugs may be in, on, or around the devices. When handling devices be sure to:

- Remove device carefully from beneath the legs of the furniture
- Wash device in soapy water to fully immerse all of the bugs
- Empty soapy water containing bugs into the toilet. The trap may need to be rinsed more than once to remove all of the bugs. After emptying soapy water and bugs into the toilet the toilet should be flushed. Physical debris should not be flushed down toilets but can be placed into a sealed bag for disposal in an outdoor trash receptacle.
- Fully dry the outer wall as well as the inner walls and wells of the Climbup® with a paper towel. The paper towels should be immediately sealed in a plastic bag and discarded in an outdoor trash receptacle.

4. Re-lubricating Climbup® Insect Interceptors

If the talc film is rubbed off or the device has been emptied and cleaned, device does not need to be re-lubricated to function with daily monitoring/bed bug removal. However, talc film absorbs bed bug secretions and excretions which will permit continued bed bug capture in neglected device over months.

5. Discarding Climbup® Insect Interceptors After Installation

Care should be exercised when discarding Climbup® devices to avoid contact with live bugs that are on, in or around the devices.

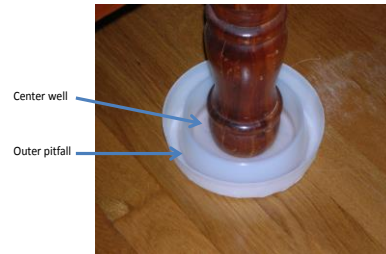
When discarding devices be sure to:

- Prior to removing the devices you should have plastic bags available to place the traps in after removing them from beneath the legs of the furniture. It is important that the bags do not have any rips, tears or holes. You should have the bags with you so the devices can be immediately placed in the bags once they are removed from under the legs of the furniture.
- Remove Climbup® carefully from beneath the legs of the furniture and immediately place into a sealed plastic bag.
- Wash device in soapy water to remove all bugs. The soapy water can be dumped into a toilet and flushed. The Climbup® devices are made of recyclable plastic and once cleaned can be disposed of in a recycling bin that accepts high density polyethylene (HDPE= #2 recycling symbol). If device is not washed, discard in sealed plastic bag in outdoor receptacle.

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FIG. 1. Climbup® Insect Interceptor



The manufacturer of the Climbup® insect interceptor is not responsible for any injury, disease or illness caused, or allegedly caused by bites, stings or contamination of bed bugs or any other insects.

Precautionary Statements

**** Please read this entire document carefully before using your Climbup® insect interceptors.**

Climbup® insect interceptors are not intended to be a control measure for bed bugs.

While they may assist in the control of a bed bug infestation, their intended use is as a monitor for bed bugs. This device can be used pro-actively, as an early detection device, in dwellings that are not already infested and can be used to assess if control methods have been effective by intercepting bed bugs as they travel to beds, couches, or other furniture in search of a blood meal. In addition to using the Climbup® insect interceptors, it is important to contact a pest management professional to deliver a comprehensive bed bug management program.

Climbup® insect interceptors may not be able to be used with certain beds or couches.

Some bed and couch legs are too large to fit into the inner wells of this device. In addition, some beds and couches do not have legs at all. Also, some beds and couches have skirts that contact the floor.

Climbup® insect interceptors manufactured of polypropylene molded as a high mirror finish since 2014 do not need talcum powder to be slick if inner surface is kept clean.

Talcum powder (talc) is used to absorb bed bug secretions and excretions to maintain slickness of these devices for extended use when daily checking/cleaning is not happening.

If humans or pets are not sleeping on bed or couch, bed bugs will not be attracted into device.

Bed bugs that are present out in a room will approach the bed in response to the carbon dioxide and other odors produced by a person or other warm-blooded animal.

Furniture legs may indent inner well when plush carpeting is present.

If carpeting is present in your home, the underside of the inner well may not have enough support to prevent it from indenting/deforming. If the inner well becomes indented, the indented device will still function to monitor bed bugs.

Live bugs may be present on, in, or around Climbup® insect interceptors.

Climbup® insect interceptors do not contain any pesticides and will trap live bugs. Eventually, these bugs will dehydrate; however, it is likely that live bugs will be present in the Climbup® devices. It is also possible that bed bugs that have not yet been trapped may be present on or around the Climbup® devices. Care should be exercised whenever inspecting or handling the Climbup® devices once they have been installed.

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