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**General:** (Start Here)

When AntPro bait dispensers filled with *KM* use approved bait are deployed, they provide a safe, highly effective means to destroy ants and their colonies. **AntPro®** performs as a Trojan horse recruiting ant foragers to carry the bait home to feed and kill their queens, brood and colony members. Once colonies are destroyed, **AntPro** provides long term continuous 24/7 monitoring and protection against re-infestation.

**Filling Instructions:**

1) Turn dispenser upside down, then unscrew and remove base.
2) Fill dispenser through bulb stem with at least **16 oz. of liquid ant bait**. (Max capacity is 19.8 oz.)
3) Insert flow switch by applying even pressure until rim of switch is evenly flush against the bulb stem.
4) Re-attach base to reservoir, then close snugly, so bait doesn’t leak when dispenser is turned right side up.
5) Insert anchor stake into square hole in underside of base. Apply firm pressure until stake crimps into receiver.

**Ground installation Instructions:**

1) Place dispensers as level as reasonably possible on ground positioned away from direct sunlight in shaded areas, preferably in a shrub belt etc. (Avoid using ant bait indoors.
2) Use a long screwdriver to make a pilot hole for the stake to be seated into the ground. Do not force stakes into the ground.
3) Insert stake, with dispenser attached, into pilot hole. Apply even downward pressure to dispenser, until stake is firmly seated in ground. (When the stake is fully inserted, the dispenser’s base should sit flush on the ground. If not, make the pilot hole deeper.)
4) For best results, place at least one dispenser on each side of structures.
5) See reverse side of this document for placement strategy information.

**Activation with Flow Switch Instructions:**

1) Activate dispenser by rotating the reservoir (between 1/4 to 1/3 turn counter clockwise) to nearest arrow. (This procedure slightly raises the weather shield from the base while activating the dispenser’s interior liquid surface tension stress ducts.) Note; Unscrewing reservoir too far can result in bait leakage.
2) Servicing; Simply unscrew the bulb, invert it and extract the flow switch, and replenish bait. Existing **Gourmet Liquid Ant Bait and or KMIB** do not require replacement and will not cause mildew or become rancid.
3) Child tampering; The safety lock screw can be engaged firmly against interior receiver collar wall to help prevent child tampering if deemed warranted.

***Other Instructions:***

1) After colony elimination or control, leave dispensers in place to prevent re-infestation. The dispensers are designed to hold and deliver bait for extended periods, but should be inspected and refilled with fresh bait every few months, or as needed when area is infested with *tramp „super colony ants .
2) Avoid tilting or jarring dispensers once they are activated, — this disturbs the metering action and can cause bait to leak.

**Important:** Do not apply additional insecticides or additional baits while using your **KM Sentinel System®**. Although these products kill visible insects, they also serve to alert other colony members to bud their nests and reproduce more rapidly. The foragers are killed before they have an opportunity to return to their nests and feed their queens and colony.

**Gourmet Liquid Ant Bait**

Contains Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate 1% as its active ingredient. It is specially formulated to retard the development of mold and can be diluted with water or a food grade liquid 1 to 1 making a .5% active ingredient bait to optimize its cost effectiveness and palatability to a wide variety of ant species.

"*Tramp Ants", which are the ants we are most concerned with controlling tend to make very large colonies and have a high demand for food sources high in carbohydrates. This demand is met by “Mutualism” taking the excretions of plant-sucking bugs, aphids, scales, mealybugs etc. in exchange for providing them protection from predatory insects. This liquid is referred to as “Honeydew”. -**Gourmet Liquid Ant Bait** is scientifically formulated to mimic this natural ant food, additionally it contains a patented attractant “UNI-TRACT®”. “UNI-TRACT®” increases the feeding of Carpenter Ants, Ghost Ants, Argentine Ants, Crazy Ants, Imported Fire Ants, Pharaoh Ants, White Footed Ants, Big Headed ants, roaches and numerous other insects.

**AntPro®** is certified USDA, National Organic Program (NOP) food crop compliant.

*Tramp ant, is the title applied to several invasive ant families with proven ability to hitchhike with human travel, commerce and establish colonies in new regions around the globe. Argentine, bighheaded, ghost, fire, White Footed and crazy ants are just a few of this group’s members.