

Singapore Ant (*Trichomyrmex destructor*) Profile



Pest Status

- Introduced into Australia in 1910 (Asia).
- Can nest outdoors (trees etc) but one of the few ant species able to nest indoors (electrical equipment, roof cavities).
- Can chew through fabric, insulation and rubber goods, causing damage to homes, cars and electrical appliances.
- Aggressive and territorial, they can out compete local ant species.

Description

- Small (1.5 - 3.5mm long).
- Light brown with dark abdomen (gaster).
- Very similar in appearance to pharaoh ant.
- Multi-sized workers (polymorphic).
- Known for long, slow-moving trails.
- Painful bite.

Nesting

- They are primarily above ground nesters (internal & external).
- Forms interconnected super-colonies containing millions of individuals.
- Multi-queened (polygynous) and able to spread by budding off.

Feeding

- Considered omnivorous (sugar, protein & fats/oils).
- They forage in trees (tend aphids), will readily move indoors.

Treatment (*IPM approach*):

- Bait foraging trails.
- Direct nest application (liquid and/or granules).
- Building perimeter (liquid) to prevent ingress.
- Internal C&C to harbourages (aerosol/dust) + bait.
- Hygiene & exclusion.

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