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Top-Mounted Pollen Trap Instructions for Use

Thank you for purchasing the Top-Mounted Pollen Trap. This trap is assembled and ready for use.

If you are planning to place the trap on just one of your hives, choose the strongest based on whichever has the greatest number of bees entering and leaving the hive.

Instructions:

1. Close the bottom entrance at least 2 days before placing the trap on the hive. The bees will adapt easily to the top entrance because in nature, there is an entrance above the brood nest.
 - If using an open screen bottom board, it will not make a difference whether the entrance is closed with #8 hardware cloth or a strip of wood.
 - If you are using a solid bottom board, we suggest you allow for improved ventilation by closing any bottom entrance with #8 hardware cloth
 - Close any other hive entrances with duct tape or similar material.
2. Remove outer and inner covers and place the trap on top of the uppermost super. Make sure the short end is facing the front of the hive. The arrow on the attached decal should be pointing up.
 - You may place both the inner and outer covers on top of the pollen trap or just use the outer cover on top of the trap, setting aside the inner cover for use when you remove the pollen trap.
3. If using a telescoping outer cover, push it all the way forward with your fingers--be certain there is at least 1/2" between the inner edge of the pollen trap and the outer edge of the outer cover and hive body/medium super. Alternatively, put the outer cover on so it is propped up so the bees can enter the pollen trap.
4. Be certain you do not use the Top-Mounted Pollen trap on hives with queen excluders, as the excluders trap the drones and they die in the hive. If you use queen excluders, please use the Betterbee Bottom-Mounted Pollen Trap.

We recommend checking/emptying the trap daily. During spring and fall, you should have no problem collecting between 1 and 2 pounds per day. It is important the pollen is properly ventilated at all times, so the screening on the pollen trap is specially designed to maximize ventilation. When storing the pollen, we recommend freezing it, as this will kill mold and wax eggs.