



## COMMAND PEST CONTROL

### Information sheet number 53 – Furniture or woodworm beetle



#### **Appearance:**

Approximately 3-4mm long, woodworm beetles are brown all over, and quite hairy with a pronounced thorax which hides the head, this looks like a helmet.

#### **Breeding:**

After mating, the female will lay clusters of 2-3 eggs, pressed into crack, joints, even emergence holes. They lay approximately 30-50 eggs in total often around the joints of furniture. The larvae, "woodworm" hatch 14-28 days later and bore into the timber.

The larval stage can take up to 5 years, in which time the "woodworm" tunnel through the timber. Finally, the larva tunnels to the outer surface, and creates a pupation chamber. The emerging adult beetle chews off the cap to the chamber, leaving an exit hole approximately 2mm in diameter

#### **Food:**

Hard and softwoods. It attacks the timber structure of buildings and often infests roof-spaces and is equally at home in sub floor timber, floor boards, skirting boards. It can infest all types of furniture indoors. Outside it will infest fallen trees, logs and any stored timber etc. it is often introduced in second hand furniture

#### **Where do Furniture beetles / Woodworm beetles live?**

The adult beetle emerges from the timber from April to June, when they will fly to seek a mate. Anywhere near dead wood. Frequently found on the timbers of houses and on wooden furniture. It sometimes is found on window sills attracted to natural UV light.

#### **Damage:**

The larvae can cause massive damage to all types of timber and the result can be the weakening of structures and items of furniture left unsalable.

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