Spotted at PestEx

A variety of new products were on display at PestEx. Here is a quick review of some which caught the eye. Two product themes were visible, not just with new products, but existing ones on display as well. The first is the variety of applications now available making use of digital technology. The second comes in response to the growing trend of householders cutting costs – so new retail-orientated products are being developed.

Sewer rats shocked in their tracks

From Sweden came Jalfo with their electronic rat protection device for use in sewer systems. The Rat-Exx rat stop is placed in a horizontal sewer pipe within a customer’s cellar/basement or in the ground. Blocking this single point of entry allows protection of the entire drainage system from penetration by rats.

The system is easy to install in the service sewer pipe, just like a standard fitting, and uses an electrical pulse generator that generates a 200-500 volt current approximately twice per second. When a rat enters the Rat-Exx, it receives a moderate electric shock that is not fatal, but is guaranteed to keep rats off the property.

Russell goes retail

Well known for over 20 years in the professional sector, Russell IPM has now come out with its own range of highly attractive products aimed at combating the common pests in the home and garden. The Xlure range includes: attractive and multicoloured fly catcher ribbons, mouse trap with attractant lure included and a load moth trap combined with natural pheromone attractant. There are also traps for spiders and crawling insects, clothes moth, kitchen/food moth and finally fruit flies. Aimed at the garden sector is the Impact range consisting of glue boards used for monitoring. One version is designed for whitefly, aphid and leaf miner and a second board for thrips.

Glueboard online

A new development from Netherlands-based Alcochem Hygiene takes advantage of today’s communications technology. Working out the catch results on glue boards is always something of a pain. This product, Glueboard online, removes the hassle. The software does it all automatically. All you need to do is take a photo of the glueboard with the camera on your mobile phone, log into the software, upload the picture and await the results which will be reported back on your screen. Over time, catch results per location can be built up and made available via a web login.

Bedbugs added to Phobi Dose label

The Lodi stand at PestEx took on a bedbug feel, as the company was celebrating the addition of bedbugs to their usage label for Phobi Dose insecticide.

Phobi Dose is a unique combination of two active ingredients. The first, imiprothrin, offers the benefit of quick knock-down combined with cyphenothrin which provides residual activity. 100% bedbug mortality is achievable in a single treatment, with up to three months residual activity says Lodi. Phobi Dose contains 10% imiprothrin and 15% cyphenothrin. It comes in easy-to-use 25 ml sachets, 10 to a box. Each sachet dilutes into 2.5 litres of water – enough to treat 45 sq metres.

Online plug & play

GreenTrapOnline (GTO) provides a round-the-clock wireless electronic rodent monitoring system. Developed in Denmark, it uses a range of detectors and sensors, which GTO says are easy to install, maintenance free and can be used in- or outdoors. The control box has internet access with a local wireless range of 300+ metres. The addition of a router expands the wireless range.

New spin on a duster

The Xlure range includes a variety of new products now displayed at PestEx. Here is a selection to watch for.

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