



**Savvy Pest Control Ltd.**

## **COCKROACH CONTROL PROCEDURE IN PERSONAL OR RENTAL VEHICLES**

### **PHASE 1: DEEP CLEANING**

Objective: To eliminate organic residues, cockroach droppings, and food sources that may sustain the infestation. This phase is fundamental before applying any chemical treatment.

#### **Task Flow:**

1. Wear an N95 or higher dust mask during cleaning, especially if visible cockroach droppings are present.
2. Remove all personal items, floor mats, covers, and belongings from the vehicle.
3. Thoroughly vacuum all corners, including under the seats, panel cracks, dashboard crevices, and trunk.
4. Steam clean carpets and cracks if possible, to remove adhered residues.
5. Apply a 'build-up remover' type cleaner to critical areas: under seats, side compartments, dashboard cracks, and seatbelt base.
6. If necessary, use fine-bristle brushes or compressed air to clean small crevices and cracks.
7. Allow the vehicle to ventilate naturally for several hours, ideally with windows open, in a safe, shaded location, weather permitting. Avoid leaving doors open if this could activate interior lights and drain the battery.
8. Confirm that the vehicle is completely dry before proceeding to Phase 2.

### **PHASE 2: APPLICATION OF OVER-THE-COUNTER LIQUID INSECTICIDE**

Objective: To eliminate cockroaches through direct contact with the liquid insecticide during application, or through cockroaches contacting surfaces treated with the liquid insecticide.

#### **Task Flow:**

1. Wear a mask with an activated carbon filter (respirator) and protective clothing (long sleeves and gloves) during application.
2. Use a manual sprayer, application pump, or spray can (aerosol) according to product instructions.
3. Apply in cracks, panel seams, carpet corners, and under seats. Avoid applying on surfaces that will have direct body or hand contact.

4. Leave the vehicle with windows open in a ventilated, shaded area for at least 2 to 4 hours, or the time indicated on the product label, considering weather conditions.
5. Do not apply to areas where gel or paste baits will be placed in the next phase.

### **PHASE 3: APPLICATION OF OVER-THE-COUNTER GEL OR PASTE BAITS**

Objective: To provide a food source containing insecticide that will be consumed by cockroaches and shared within the nest.

#### **Task Flow:**

1. Verify that baiting areas are completely dry and free of liquid insecticide residue.
2. Apply small dots of gel or paste in discreet dashboard corners, lower compartments, under seats, and carpet seams.
3. Do not place bait on surfaces exposed to the sun or excessive heat.
4. Do not clean or remove the bait for at least 21 to 28 days.
5. Visually monitor if baits are being consumed after 14 days. If there are no signs of consumption, it is recommended to change the product to one with a different active ingredient or attractive base.

### **PHASE 4: MONITORING**

Objective: To assess for any remaining cockroach activity following the liquid spray and bait treatment.

#### **Task Flow:**

1. Place sticky traps discreetly in the following areas: under seats (front and rear if applicable), and in the emergency tire compartment if it is within the passenger compartment, or another discreet rear area.
2. Monitor the traps for a minimum period of 7 days.
3. If activity is detected, repeat the bait treatment using a different formulation.
4. If after a second bait cycle there is still activity after an additional 14 days, it is recommended to contact a professional pest control company to apply high-efficacy regulated products that require trained personnel for safe and proper use.

## **PHASE 5: ENVIRONMENT REVIEW AND PREVENTION**

Objective: To prevent re-infestations caused by outside conditions or by user habits that make it easier for pests to survive inside the vehicle.

### **Recommendations:**

1. Regularly inspect and monitor parking areas where vehicles are stored. If infestation is detected in the surroundings, perform cleaning or treatment.
2. Perform monthly monitoring by placing sticky traps for one week in each vehicle.
3. Reinforce frequent cleaning habits and avoid eating inside the vehicle without subsequent cleaning.

### **KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Carefully read the labels of all products used.
- Follow safety instructions for the use of insecticides.
- Use only over-the-counter products approved for use inside vehicles, unless a licensed pest control company or certified pesticide applicator is available to perform the treatment.
- Avoid applying multiple products in the same spots to avoid interfering with their effectiveness.

### **DISCLAIMER**

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