



### Small Hive Beetle (SHB) Traps

In the colony, bees harass adult beetles, who are trying to eat pollen in cells and protein in cocoons, and also trying to lay eggs during the warm season. Beetles flee from bees and seek out small holes in the hive where they can fit, but bees cannot. This is the way all beetle traps work. Beetles feel they are safe when they squeeze into small holes at trap's top, but then they drown in the oil in the trap's reservoir.

Fill reservoir of trap  $\frac{1}{3}$  full with any kind of vegetable oil, or mineral oil. Insert trap between top bars of frames in the top box. One or two traps can be used.

*Disposable Hive Beetle Trap:* No assembly necessary. Discard trap when beetles accumulate in the oil, or direct a jet of water in one end to flush beetles out holes at other end.

*Reusable Hive Beetle Trap:* Snap grid tightly onto reservoir. Then pour in oil to fill  $\frac{1}{3}$ . When you see dead beetles in the oil, open dump out oil and beetles, and reset with new oil.

*Beetlejail Baitable SHB Trap:* Small central compartment may be used for bait, such as fruit. Beetles can't access it, but can smell it. Two outer compartments should be filled  $\frac{1}{3}$  with oil. Shut tightly. This trap is reusable. Oil, bait, and dead beetles can be discarded, and the trap refilled.