

**0184P FMC TERMITE MANAGEMENT****Branded worksection**

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**Worksection abstract**

This worksection *Template* is applicable to FMC HomeGuard non-soil matrix termite management systems.

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Related material may be found in other worksections. See for example:

- *0314 Concrete in situ* for concrete slab used as a termite management system.

**Documenting this and related work**

You may document this and related work as follows:

- Termite management systems are not described elsewhere. Coordinate with other worksections, such as *0222 Earthwork*, *0314 Concrete in situ*, *0331 Brick and block construction*, *0381 Structural timber* and *0382 Light timber framing*.
- Slabs on ground: Coordinate with the concrete worksections where slabs on ground to AS 2870 or AS 3600 are used as part of the termite control system. AS 3660.1 cites both standards for this purpose and advises that due regard must be given to minimising shrinkage cracking, if using AS 3600.

The *Normal* style text of this worksection may refer to items as being documented elsewhere in the contract documentation. Make sure they are documented.

Search [acumen.architecture.com.au](http://acumen.architecture.com.au), the Australian Institute of Architects' practice advisory subscription service, for termite management and warranty periods.

**Specifying ESD**

Refer to the NATSPEC TECHreport TR 01 on specifying ESD.

**1 GENERAL**

FMC Australasia has been providing quality pest and crop management products to both residential and industry markets in Australia since 1975. In 1994 FMC developed Biflex, which became Australia's most widely used and successful termite management product. Biflex creates a physical and chemical barrier which repels and kills subterranean termites. HomeGuard is installed on the foundations of new buildings and prevents concealed entry of subterranean termites into the building. The HomeGuard product range is manufactured in Australia from polymer based products and incorporates Bifenthrin, FMC's leading liquid pest control chemical.

**1.1 RESPONSIBILITIES****General**

Requirement: Provide FMC HomeGuard Precision Termite Management Systems, as documented.

*Documented* is defined in *0171 General requirements* as meaning contained in the contract documents.

**Performance**

Objective: To achieve building protection for new buildings including to the following:

- Soil treatment under slabs.
- Perimeters of concrete slabs-on-ground.
- Control joints in concrete slabs.

- Service penetrations and other vulnerable areas.

Delete if BCA level of protection only is required as defined in BCA B1.4(i) and BCA 3.1.3.

## 1.2 COMPANY CONTACTS

### FMC technical contact

Website: [www.fmcaustralasia.com.au/contact-us](http://www.fmcaustralasia.com.au/contact-us)

## 1.3 CROSS REFERENCES

### General

Requirement: Conform to the following:

- 0171 General requirements.

0171 General requirements contains umbrella requirements for all building and services worksections.

List the worksections cross referenced by this worksection. 0171 General requirements references the 018 Common requirements subgroup of worksections. It is not necessary to repeat them here. However, you may also wish to direct the contractor to other worksections where there may be work that is closely associated with this work.

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## 1.4 STANDARD

### General

Termite management systems: To AS 3660.1.

See AS 3660.2 for termite management in existing buildings and AS 3660.3 for assessing the effectiveness of proposed systems and the termite resistance of materials and components. For timber pest inspections of existing buildings, see AS 4349.3.

## 1.5 MANUFACTURERS DOCUMENTS

### Technical manuals

Materials and installation manuals: [www.fmcaustralasia.com.au/homeguard](http://www.fmcaustralasia.com.au/homeguard)

## 1.6 INTERPRETATION

### Definitions

General: For the purposes of this worksection the following definitions apply:

- Bifenthrin: A synthetic, broad-spectrum pyrethroid insecticide that affects the nervous system of insects.

Bifenthrin is registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority registrar, for use in conformance with the pesticides registrar's approved label.

- Chemical treated sheet material: A planar product impregnated with a termiticide.
- Granular material: Termite resistant particles, placed to form a termite management system. This includes physical termite management system of mineral granules and chemical termite management systems made of impregnated materials.

Edit the **Definitions** subclause to suit the project or delete if not required. List alphabetically.

## 1.7 SUBMISSIONS

### Certification

Certificate of installation: Submit certificate to AS 3660.1 Appendix A3.

### Records

Completion: Submit record drawings identifying the locations of the installed system.

End of defects liability period: Submit report on the efficacy and status of the termite management system.

### Subcontractors

General: Submit names and contact details of proposed FMC HomeGuard authorised operators.

### Warranties

Requirement: Submit FMC and the installer's warranty of the material, workmanship and application.

The FMC HomeGuard Termite Management System offers a \$1 million for 50 year warranty.

## 1.8 INSPECTION

### Notice

Inspection: Give sufficient notice so that inspection may be made of the completed termite management system.

Amend to suit the project adding critical stage inspections required.

**Hold points**, if required, should be inserted here.

## 2 PRODUCTS

Many termite control problems will be avoided if termite resistant structural materials are used.

### 2.1 GENERAL

#### Product substitution

Other termite management systems: Conform to PRODUCTS, **GENERAL**, **Substitutions** in the 0171 *General requirements* worksection.

The 0171 *General requirements* worksection clause sets out the submissions required if the contractor proposes alternative products. Refer also to NATSPEC TECHnote GEN 006 for more information on proprietary specification.

#### Storage and handling

Requirement: Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Do not allow products to enter sewers, drains, creeks or other waterways.

#### Marking

Identification: Deliver materials to the site in the manufacturer's original sealed containers or packing, legibly marked to show the following:

- Manufacturer's identification.
- Product brand name.
- Product type.
- Quantity.
- Product reference code and batch number.
- Date of manufacture.
- Material composition and characteristics such as volatility, flash point, light fastness, colour and pattern.

Edit the list to suit the project or delete if not required.

### 2.2 FMC HOMEGUARD PRECISION SHEET MATERIAL TERMITE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The APVMA (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority) maintains the Public Chemical Registration Information System (PubCRIS) database for registered products. See [portal.apvma.gov.au/pubcris](http://portal.apvma.gov.au/pubcris).

FMC HomeGuard termite management systems are registered with the pesticides registrar.

#### General

Standard: To AS 3660.1 Section 5.

Type testing: To AS 3660.3. Section 4.

The HomeGuard termite management system Group 3A insecticides consists of the following components:

#### HomeGuard TMB (termite moisture barrier)

Description: A high impact 0.2 mm thick single polymer sheet, impregnated with bifenthrin termiticide and tested to AS 3660.3.

The purpose of HomeGuard TMB sheet is to provide whole of building protection by deterring termites from gaining concealed access to the building. HomeGuard TMB may be installed as a complete underslab treatment providing both termite and moisture protection or as a flexible termite management system that can be used as part of an integrated termite management system.

#### HomeGuard DPC (damp proof course)

Description: A 0.5 mm thick UV stabilised polymer sheet, impregnated with bifenthrin termiticide and tested to AS 3660.3.

The purpose of HomeGuard DPC is to provide protection to building perimeters. HomeGuard DPC may be used for perimeter applications in combination with the concrete slab acting as a physical termite barrier and/or in combination with other termite management systems. It has an embossed surface to minimise brick slippage.

#### HomeGuard PB

Description: A 0.3 mm thick, UV stabilised blue polymer sheet, impregnated with bifenthrin termiticide and tested to AS 3660.3.

The purpose of HomeGuard PB is to provide protection to building perimeters. HomeGuard PB may be used for perimeter applications in combination with the concrete slab acting as a physical termite barrier and/or in combination with other termite management systems. It has an embossed surface to minimise brick slippage.

#### HomeGuard Collars

Description: A rigid preformed plastic, impregnated with bifenthrin termiticide, for preventing termite entry via service penetrations.

The collars are moulded to specific pipe sizes and designed to fully integrate within the concrete slab. HomeGuard Collars may be used for protection of service penetrations in combination with the concrete slab acting as a physical termite barrier and/or in combination with other termite management systems.

#### HomeGuard Granular Termiticide (GT)

Standard: To AS 3660.1 Section 6.

Description: A plastic granule formulation containing 1 g/kg of bifenthrin that is dispersed fully throughout the plastic granule.

HomeGuard GT is used in specific situations such as in the building perimeter cavity. The product can be used in combination with the other HomeGuard Precision Termite system components. HomeGuard GT can also be used as a stand-alone perimeter cavity installation in some situations. It is especially suitable for double brick constructions.

#### CodeMark Certificate

Certificate No.: CMA-CM40175-I01-R02.

### 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.1 HOMEGUARD TERMITE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

##### Pre-installation

Site clearing: Before installation, remove all tree stumps, logs, roots, timber off-cuts, building debris, removable framework and other waste materials from the area where it is to be installed.

##### Sheet material

Standard: To AS 3660.1 Section 5.

Requirement: Install HomeGuard Termite Management Systems, as documented and to the manufacturer's recommendations, including to:

- All edges, junction's penetrations, temporary block-outs, under door sills.
- All perimeter cavity wall lines around each of the new buildings.
- At the joints between new concrete slabs.
- At the junction between old and new concrete slabs and old brickwork and new slabs.
- Between flooring wall plates abutting existing concrete slabs/thickenings/existing structure.
- Under stud wall bottom plates and concrete/particleboard floors.
- All service penetrations through the slab floor to the new buildings.
- Other locations as required conforming to AS 3660.1.
- Joining sheets: Join sheets using heat sealing, an adhesive or a bonding agent to FMC's recommendations.
- Minimum sheet overlap: 200 mm. Use cloth tape or Termiflex Sealant to seal overlaps and sheet joins.

Repairing tears and gaps: Repair ripped or torn sheets by applying a piece of HomeGuard TMB, sufficiently sized to cover the gap or tear with a 200 mm minimum overlap. Bond together as for joining sheets.

Vertical penetrations: Create collar with two 300 x 300 mm patches of HomeGuard TMB, DPC or PB. Make crosswise slits in one patch and pull it tightly over the penetration, bond to the moisture membrane with an adhesive or bonding agent to FMC's recommendations. Treat the second patch as

for the first patch, wrap the patch around the penetration and bond the two together. Make sure the patches are completely adhered to the moisture membrane with no gaps.

### HomeGuard TMB

Complete under slab installation: Install over the bedding sand before laying steel reinforcing mesh. Make sure there is sufficient overlap at the slab edge to allow full moisture and termite protection.

Retaining walls: Install HomeGuard TMB down to the base of the wall plus 200 mm across the footing, to cover the base course mortar joint, secure to the external masonry wall. Seal joints and edges with an adhesive or a bonding agent to FMC's recommendations.

Construction joints: If not installing HomeGuard TMB as a continuous barrier, install a minimum 300 mm wide strip under construction joints by adhering to the moisture membrane. Locate strip centred on of the construction joints. Extend the HomeGuard TMB 200 mm past the slab edge and pin to the outer wall of the formwork, allowing sufficient loose sheet to accommodate for the concrete pour.

New concrete to existing masonry or concrete joints: Fix one edge of HomeGuard TMB to the existing vertical edge surface using an adhesive or a bonding agent to FMC's recommendations. Start the sheet within 20 mm of the upper edge of the new concrete. Make sure the sheet bonded to the upper surface of the moisture membrane with an adhesive or a bonding agent to FMC's recommendations, and is continuous towards the footing and for at least 150 mm under the new slab.

### HomeGuard DPC and PB

Extent: Extend HomeGuard Sheeting from the slab to the exterior surface of all perimeter cavity wall lines, around each of the new buildings.

Infill slab: Secure HomeGuard DPC or PB to the outer edge of masonry wall, fold over and secure to the internal face of wall towards the footings. Secure in place with an adhesive or a bonding agent to FMC's recommendations before pouring slab.

Rebated slab edge: Secure HomeGuard DPC or PB to the slab edge below the (frame) bottom plate and the upper surface of the brickwork place with an adhesive or a bonding agent to FMC's recommendations.

Corners: Install HomeGuard DPC or PB at corners so that sheets are smooth and continuous. Allow folding at corners by making slits from the edge of the sheets to slab corners. Bond sheets together as for joining sheets.

### HomeGuard Collars

Application: Only use HomeGuard Collars if a snug fit can be achieved.

If not, other systems instead, e.g. use HomeGuard TMB. Termites can gain access through openings more than 1 mm wide.

Installation: Position correctly sized collar, to form a snug fit, over the penetration pipe and push down until it is in contact with the moisture membrane.

Reinforcing mesh: Cut clear of penetration pipe so that the collar can be positioned entirely over the slab.

Multiple penetrations: Use HomeGuard Collars, to the FMC product manual.

HomeGuard Collars are recommended for cluster penetrations

### HomeGuard Granular Termiticide (GT)

Standard: To AS 3660.1 Section 6.

A variety of perimeter cavity treatment options are available depending on the slab design.

Preparation: Make sure that the cavity is free from any large mortar 'dags' and other objects which may act as a bridge for the termites through or across the protection zone.

Installation:

- Provide a minimum 75 mm external masonry wall strip shielding height above finished ground level.
- Pour HomeGuard GT granules into the wall cavity to a minimum of 40 mm in height.
- Adhere a strip of HomeGuard PB to the course of bricks underneath the weep hole area, using either Termiflex or other adhesive, to manufacturer's approval.

## 3.2 COMPLETION

### Termite management system notice

General: Permanently fix a durable notice in a prominent location to BCA B1.4(i)(ii) or BCA 3.1.3.4 and AS 3660.1 Appendix A.

This sign is nominated in the 0581 Signage worksection for statutory signs. If the 0581 Signage worksection is included in the project specification delete and cross refer as appropriate.

**Waste materials**

Progressive cleaning: Make sure no waste materials which could attract termites remain on the site.

**Warranties**

Type: Renewable.

Minimum period: 1 year warranty renewal for 50 years or the design life of the structure.

Form of warranty: Conditional upon annual inspection of the property to AS 3660.2 by a HomeGuard accredited pest manager.

The form(s) required should be provided as part of the contract documentation.

**Certificate of installation**

General: To AS 3660.1 Appendix A.

**Completion inspection**

Report: At the end of the defects liability period, inspect the termite management systems and submit a report on their efficacy and status.

Annual inspection is recommended. Accordingly, there should be one at the end of the normal 12 month defects liability period.

**4 SELECTIONS**

**Schedules** are a way of documenting a selection of proprietary or generic products or systems by their properties. Indicate their locations here and/or on the drawings. Refer to NATSPEC TECHnote GEN 024 for guidance on using and editing schedules.

**4.1 SCHEDULE**

**Termite management systems schedule**

Property	TB1	TB2	TB3
Location			
Under slabs			
Slab penetrations			
Slab control joints and footing/slab joints			
Building perimeters			

Refer to AS 3660.1 to assist in making appropriate selections.

TB1, TB2, TB3: These designate each instance of type or location of the item scheduled. Edit to align with the project's codes or tags. Edit codes in the **Schedule** to match those on drawings.

Location: e.g. Raised timber floors, Concrete slabs on ground.

Under slabs: e.g. HomeGuard TMB.

Slab penetrations: e.g. HomeGuard TMB, HomeGuard Collars 40, 50, 80, 100 mm.

Slab control joints and footing/slab joints: e.g. HomeGuard TMB.

Building perimeters: e.g. Chemical spray. HomeGuard DPC.

**REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

**The following documents are incorporated into this worksection by reference:**

AS 3660		Termite management
AS 3660.2	2000	In and around existing buildings and structures
AS 3660.3	2014	Assessment criteria for termite management systems
BCA 3.1.3.4	2016	Acceptable construction - Site preparation - Termite risk management - Durable notices
BCA B1.4(i)(ii)	2016	Structure - Structural provisions - Determination of structural resistance of materials and forms of construction

**The following documents are mentioned only in the Guidance text:**

AS 2870	2011	Residential slabs and footings
AS 3600	2009	Concrete structures
AS 4349		Inspection of buildings
AS 4349.3	2010	Timber pest inspection
BCA 3.1.3	2016	Acceptable construction - Site preparation - Termite risk management

BCA B1.4(i)	2016	Structure - Structural provisions - Determination of structural resistance of materials and forms of construction
NATSPEC GEN 006	2007	Product specifying and substitution
NATSPEC GEN 024	2015	Using NATSPEC selections schedules
NATSPEC TR 01	2016	Specifying ESD