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BeeMax® Hivetop Feeder Instructions

This seamless one-piece poly-styrene feeder fits tightly on the hive. Bees enter at the front and are kept from the bulk of the syrup by a Plexiglas panel.

Benefits of the BeeMax Hivetop Feeder:

- Seals well on top of hive to prevent robbing
- Allows bees easy access to syrup without drowning
- Easy refilling! Just remove outer cover and fill without disturbing the bees
- Large feed tank capacity



1. Painting or Sealing

This one piece feeder does not require sealing, but should be painted with a good exterior latex paint. Be sure to paint only the exterior side walls.

2. Installation of Plexiglas Panel

Remove the protective plastic sheets from both sides of the Plexiglas panel. Lightly sand the inside of the panel to give the bees better traction.



3. Placement and Filling

Remove outer and inner cover from hive. The inner cover is not used when feeding with the BeeMaxHivetop feeder. Install feeder directly on hive with Plexiglas panel in place. Pour desired amount of syrup into tank area. You will be able to fit as much as 3 gallons of feed in the tank.



4. Closing and Sealing

Install outer cover only. ***Do not use inner cover while feeding*** This will help prevent bees from access to the tank and prevent drowning.



Making Sugar Syrup

For fall feeding use 2:1 syrup. This is 2 pounds sugar per pound of water (1 pint) Example: use 10 pounds of sugar in 2 ½ quarts of water. Water must be very hot to dissolve sugar. For spring feeding use 1:1 syrup. This is 1 pound of water per pound of sugar. Example: use 10 pounds of sugar in 5 quarts of water. To avoid spoilage, start with 2 to 4 quarts of syrup. If this is rapidly consumed add a larger quantity when refilling.

Tip: We find the use of Honey-B-Healthy will help reduce spoilage.