



Frequently Asked Questions About FastDraw Soft Bait

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Usage

Is FastDraw (FD) effective on both rats and mice?

Yes! Testing has shown that it delivers excellent results for Norway rats, roof rats, and house mice, with rodent death occurring 4-5 days after the consumption of a lethal dose.

How much do I use?

Refer to label directions for proper use and product restrictions. For mice, apply 1-4 pouches per placement (or bait station), usually spaced 8 to 12 feet apart. For rats, apply from 12-48 pouches per bait station, spaced 15 to 30 apart. This range is meant to cover everything from preventative, “maintenance baiting”, to the reduction of the most severe infestations.

When should I use FastDraw soft bait?

When controlling rodent infestations, most anticoagulant rodenticides will have an impact on reducing the rodent populations starting in 4 to 5 days. However, due to FastDraw’s high palatability and fast acceptance by rodents, both internal lab and field tests with wild rodents have shown excellent “feeding preference” and “knockdown” results compared to competing products. So, while FastDraw is an ideal tool for all rodent infestations, its superior effectiveness will be most immediately noted in situations with heavy infestations or with lingering, tough-to-manage rodents. Due to its resistance to extreme heat and cold without losing shape or palatability, hot dry use patterns also benefit from this product. Because of its versatility and acceptance, FastDraw can be a great everyday bait, and key product in your rodenticide rotation. We recommend that you always monitor the bait locations on regular intervals, and rotate baits at a minimum of every 6 months. To summarize, use FastDraw when you really need “Outstanding Results” from your rodenticide.

What Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required for application?

As mandated by the EPA, the label specifies the use of gloves when handling rodenticides and dead animals (rodents).

What differences should I expect in my rodent control program using FD?

You should expect fast bait acceptance and outstanding knockdown of mouse and rat populations, which will require more frequent monitoring of bait placements – every one to three days initially, versus every two weeks or once a month. This monitoring interval can be lengthened as you see rodent populations are brought under control, and bait stations are no longer empty. If infestation levels are high, you may need to replace bait pouches more often - in order to get a rodent population that has been previously averse to other conventional baits, under control.

Why do I need to inspect more frequently with FastDraw?

Bait pouches release aroma, and this formulation is not made with wax like other conventional baits, but with high-quality grain and oils. ‘Just like we might succumb to cravings for greasy food or fresh cookie dough, FD will attract rodents that otherwise might not readily accept a conventional bait.

What if I can’t inspect bait placements at least weekly after I first use FastDraw? Is there anything I can do to ensure bait availability?

You can load bait stations with more pouches - up to 48 bait pouches per station in areas of extreme infestation.

Product Packaging

How many pouches are in a pail?

There are approximately 727 pouches in a 16 lb pail and approximately 364 pouches in an 8 lb pail. Pails are filled and sold by weight and not by the number of pouches.

Is it available everywhere?

FastDraw is registered and available in the United States.

Does it work for burrow baiting?

FastDraw is labeled for use “in or beside burrows”. We recommend a rotation including BootHill and/or Hombre Bulk Pellets for Norway rat burrow baiting because they are paraffinized to tolerate the moist environment of a burrow and they are seldom kicked out of burrows by rats. If bait aversion is an issue with your Norway rat population, FastDraw can offer a more palatable alternative to pellets.

Does it attract slugs, snails, or insects?

Compared to other rodenticides that are unwrapped such as mini blocks, the bait pouch’s protective, “cloth-like pouch material” will offer some shielding against attack by insects and mollusks. Some insects may be able to chew through the outer material.

Is this a place pack?

No, but it can be used like a place pack or a “toss pack”, such as in tough-to-access wall void. We recommend using soft bait like a mini block. It is easy to secure on nails, on wire between floor slats or placed in a void and recovered later. It also works well on horizontal or vertical rods in a bait station.

If it is so palatable, will rodents eat more than a lethal dose?

Rodents may continue feeding on any anticoagulant rodenticide after consuming a minimum lethal dose. A bait like FastDraw that is extremely palatable, contains no wax binders, and has half the active of competing anticoagulant rodenticides may lead to some overconsumption. But they won’t survive to do it more than once! If you really want to solve your customer’s rodent problems, then FastDraw is an excellent product for you to use.

Can I remove the bait from the pouch?

Labeling of the product does not allow you to alter the product in this way. There is no need or benefit from doing so, as field tests have proven that rodents enjoy gnawing through the aromatic pouch material, even faster than they gnaw through typical paper place-packs.

Soft Bait Differences

How is FastDraw different from other baits?

FastDraw is the only “soft bait” we know of for use in challenging AH/AG environments; it contains the latest anticoagulant active: Difethialone. Its unique formulation uses no wax; most other baits (mini-blocks or pellets) incorporate wax for integrity and moisture resistance. Commensal rodents (rats and mice) eat from “man’s table”, and humans prefer edible oils to wax! FastDraw also resists extreme heat and cold without losing palatability or integrity (shape). Each FastDraw bait pouch contains 10g (0.35oz). In contrast, most other mini blocks or place-packs contain 2-3 times the amount of bait (20g to 1 oz.), requiring you to use more minimum bait per placement. In this regard, FastDraw allows you to target dosing and use less rodenticide when maintenance baiting.

Why do FastDraw pouches sometimes feel slightly moist to the touch?

We investigated many different types of packaging for FastDraw, including a plastic wrapper that would have prevented the slight residue that you may experience. However, our testing showed a significant rodent preference for the porous pouch material that we have chosen. We are confident that rodents are attracted as the soft bait’s aroma escapes through this pouch.

Does the moist residue on the outside of the pouch contain a.i.?

You should assume that the “moistness” does contain the active ingredient and should use gloves (as you should with ALL rodenticides). The active ingredient Difethialone is so effective against rodents it is formulated at .0025% which is one-half the concentration found in other single feed anticoagulant rodenticides.

Is FastDraw an acute rodenticide? How soon after feeding is observed should I expect rodents to die?

No. FastDraw is an anticoagulant which works 4-5 days after the consumption of a lethal dose.

Does it have an odor?

It has a delicate aroma that most people find pleasant. Rodents find the aroma to be very attractive; the breathable, easy-gnaw, bait pouch material releases the aroma.

What happens to the packaging material?

In our experience, rodents feed on FastDraw as they do with pellet and meal place packs. Mice tend to chew a hole in the pouch and feed while rats prefer to shred the paper. We have occasionally observed rodents using the soft pouch for nesting material, after the bait is gone.

Temperatures, Conditions, and Translocation

Does FastDraw work in freezing temperatures?

It will get noticeably harder, but it can still be applied to bait station rods in below 0° temperatures. Most importantly, the product shape doesn't change, ingredients inside the pouch do not become separated, and palatability levels do not decrease.

What happens when it is exposed to moisture or rain?

FastDraw's pouch keeps the product intact so it does not separate. While the pouch is intact, it can withstand prolonged exposure to wet conditions and the active ingredient will remain effective.

Will it mold?

Soft Bait can mold over time, similar to most block rodenticides - as typically occurs in humid environments. However, you should find that rodents will eat this bait long before such molding can occur. Your bait inspection visits should vary based on your infestation level, but do check bait regularly. If your bait is not being eaten regularly, this is often a sign that rodent pressure is low. One other benefit of FastDraw is that each bait pouch is about half the size of a typical mini-block, offering you a lower cost per placement when less bait is being used – such as to monitor rodent activity.

Will FastDraw melt?

Use as indicated and it will not melt. Tests have shown that it easily survives 200° F temperatures for 16 continuous hours. You can even use horizontal bait rods and have no trouble with the bait falling off.

Will it stain, or leave an oily residue?

We recommend using this product like a mini block. We have not found it to stain bait stations. If you do put it directly on permeable surfaces, it may leave an oily residue or stain slightly.

Will it hold up outdoors for 30 days?

As with block rodenticides, it depends on factors such as the weather and rodent feeding. In field tests, intact pouches have held up outdoors in bait stations for over 6 months.

Bait Station Security

Will it stay attached to a bait station rod?

Yes. It will stay securely attached when skewered to either horizontal or vertical rods.

What about rats transferring the bait away from the station?

We have not seen evidence of translocation by rodents, including rats. This assumes that the soft bait pouch is securely affixed to a rod in the bait station. Some shreds of the packaging material may be taken by rats for nesting purposes but translocation with FastDraw is not anymore likely than chunks of a block being pulled out from a bait station.

Miscellaneous

Is FastDraw more effective than mini blocks or place-packs?

FastDraw combines the benefits of both mini blocks and place-packs without the drawbacks (mainly wax). It is an excellent and highly-palatable rodenticide. However, it is no substitute for effective and proper rodent control practices. If you don't use good rodent control practices, your results will be stunted, regardless of the form of rodenticide you use.

What is the active ingredient?

FastDraw uses the latest active available in second generation anticoagulant rodenticides: Difethialone. Invented and perfected by Liphatech after we discovered bromadiolone and chlorophacinone, it is our most effective active ingredient. Hombre rodenticide also uses Difethialone.

Does it contain peanut oil?

FastDraw uses vegetable oil and does not contain any type of peanut products. The product was manufactured in machinery that does not process peanut-related products.

How often should I clean a bait station?

Regardless of the rodenticide used, you should monitor, and as necessary, clean the station. Take measures to remove small pieces of product, if needed. The very slight oily residue that may be on the bottom of the stations may actually entice rodents to enter the bait station.

Will the bait pouches get stuck together?

Even after exposure to heat near 100° F for a month pouches in a bucket did not stick together. When subjected to sub-zero temperatures we have noticed a slight tendency for the pouches to stick lightly to one another.

Do rats and mice need gnawing surfaces?

Rats and mice seem to prefer food sources on which they can get a tooth hold. They have no trouble getting started on FastDraw.

Where can I get more information on FastDraw Soft Bait?

Go to www.liphatech.com to obtain more information on FastDraw Soft Bait, as well as Boot Hill, Hombre and Gunslinger rodenticides and AEGIS Bait Stations including information sheets, MSDS and specimen labels, and a Veterinarian's Guide to Treating Accidental Rodenticide Ingestion by Dogs & Cats.