



Mount Saver Technical Bulletin & Instructions

About: The Mount Medix Mount Saver is our original product. It's specifically used to rid mounts of damaging insects. Mount Saver will clean away moths and dermistids in all forms of their lifecycle, including the eggs. This product is a taxidermy chemical specifically designed for this purpose, unlike household or commercial pesticides that are not intended for use in taxidermy and often do a poor job of exterminate the insect eggs. The active ingredient in Mount Saver is a blend of essential oils, not a harsh synthetic chemical.

What to Look For:

If you notice loose hair, moths flying around, fine sand-like material under you mounts, you may have an insect infestation. Have a closer look and spread the hair to look for cobweb-like silks in the hair, cut channels in the hair where insects have fed, tiny tan sand-like faecal material especially on wall contact surfaces, on the floor under the mount or on the mount habitat. Specific areas on the mount to focus your inspection would be tuck slots, around ears, antlers and horn, and on paws and around hooves.

Applications:

Professional or Client Use

1. If using more than 0,5 liter of this product, do so in a well-ventilated outside area away from living space. Although Mount Saver is all-natural, some people may be sensitive to the product. Applicators are cautioned to be aware of this and should consult their clients prior to applying Mount Saver in a closed environment such as a trophy room or indoors.
2. Start by vacuuming or removing loose debris with compressed air. Mount Saver is applied directly to the mount in a thorough soaking. If possible, its beneficial to turn the mount upside down so the product runs along the hair into the hide, instead of along the hair onto the ground. Keep in mind Mount Saver must get to the interface of the hair and hide at the follicle. This is where the insects live. Special attention also needs to be giving to tuck slots, brisket areas, around ears, horns and antlers, areas of the mount contacting the wall. In cases of severe infestation, it can be beneficial to wrap the mount in plastic or place it in a plastic bag for 2-8 hours.
3. Liberally apply Mount Saver solution to the animal making sure to thoroughly wet all hair, feathers, hide/skin areas and all mount surfaces as applicable. This can be accomplished by directly pouring Mount Saver over the mount, but is best accomplished with the use of a sprayer. For some applications, a trigger sprayer can be used, but for large applications a compatible pump sprayer will make the job much easier.
4. Manually work Mount Saver solution into the mount if necessary. Manually working Mount Saver beyond the hair or feathers down to the dermis is important for effective contact with the infestation. The insects are feeding at the interface between the hair and the hide. It may be necessary to spread the hair to ensure Mount Saver makes contact with the infested areas.
5. Allow the solution to drain from the taxidermy mount and wipe to remove any excess. Collecting the excess product is a good idea. It reduces our impact on the environment, keeps the work area safe and neat. If making the Mount Saver solution from concentrate, the recovered product can be filtered through a paint filter and used as diluent for the next batch in place of water.

1. 6. If not confident that total saturation has been achieved, cover the taxidermy mount with Polyethylene bag or Polyethylene sheet wrap and let stand for 4 hours. The use of plastic wrap or fumigation bags is recommended for medium to large life-size mounts and any long-haired species. If rehydration is a concern, use the directed times. However, if rehydration is not an issue, longer exposure times are beneficial when working with dense hair or fur. During product evaluation, certain mounts were kept wrapped in excess of 24 hours. Varying taxidermy techniques may not allow longer wrapped times; types of glue, hide closure techniques, and manikin types all come into account when evaluating the wrap time.
7. Remove wrap and allow the mount to dry. This can be accelerated with fans or blow dryers.
8. Repeat step 2 to remove any remaining debris and expired insects, larvae, or eggs.
9. Perform all needed repairs and recondition, if desired. This is also a good opportunity to make any additional paint or epoxy repairs, where needed.
10. Fluff and comb hair or preen feathers. Infested mounts treated with Mount Saver will have a pleasant mint-like odour, and a restored natural lustre.

Note: If "IN PLACE" application is required, place absorbent material over a plastic tarp to catch overspray/excess solution. Alternatively, reduce usage quantities to moisten the hair to whatever is tolerable and increase the wrap duration to two or more days; some room ventilation will be required.

Caution: Care must be given to prevent completely soaking or rehydrating the hide as this may loosen the glue and cause drumming. NEVER wet the hide of your mount or expose a wet mount in direct sunlight as this may cause severe hide shrinkage.

Available sizes and usage: The Mount Medix Mount Saver is available in 0,946 liter and 3,78 liter bottles ready to use sizes with accompanying sprayer, as well as 0,946 liter and 3,78 liter bottles concentrate.

Material usage: An average life size black bear will require 2-3 liter for treatment. A typical shoulder mount Fallow Deer will require about 120 – 240 ml (1,2 – 2,4 dl). It may also be necessary to treat habitat areas for infestation. **NB: Please check product compatibility with habitat before application.** For those mounts that are delicate, have fine hair or feathers we recommend the use of ProAd.

Shelf Life: Greater than 5 years

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