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## BedBug Central Examines How and If General Pest Glue Boards Can be Used in Bed Bug Services

As general pest glue boards show efficacy in bed bug monitoring, BedBug Central looks at how Lo-Line Monitors can effectively be used for bed bug treatments.

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Passive general pest glue boards have been a little known, but surprisingly effective monitoring device for bed bugs. BedBug Central has conducted several field tests to determine if and how Lo-Line Monitors can be effectively integrated into the bed bug treatment process.

### Integrating Lo-Lines into a Bed Bug Treatment Plan

**Why the Lo-Line is a competitive interception device:** The performance of the Lo-Line Monitor has become note worthy in bed bug treatment when compared to other general pest interception devices. During field testing of the Lo-Line this interception device has shown to have the greatest recorded efficacy in capturing bed bugs than other similarly purposed glue boards.

Although research has not been conducted to explain this monitor's efficacy, one current theory suggests that the ramp-shaped side entry points of the Lo-Line exploits bed bug movement behaviors and affinity for climbing up objects.

**Which Treatment Options Fit Well with the Lo-Line:** In residential and especially office building settings Lo-Lines can offer information about bed bugs with relatively low time, labor and cost constraints.

Lo-Lines provide additional usage benefits in office buildings where bed bug behavior is less understood. If applied properly, these traps can provide technicians with an indication to a bed bug's originating direction. The device can also indicate the location of hot spots and assist in on-going monitoring, while the low price point of the Lo-Line allows it to be deployed on a larger scale than more expensive interception devices.

An additional benefit to utilizing this general pest glue boards is that these traps are already integrated into many office pest management programs. Selecting Lo-Lines can eliminate the need of multiple types of glue board traps.

Finally, other classes of interception devices such as Climb Up® Insect Interceptors have had considerable success capturing bed bugs. However, some office managers may prefer glue board traps because they can be installed in more discreet locations, creating a presence that is less noticeable to office occupants.

### The Bottom Line:

The Lo-Line is not a silver bullet in the field of interception devices and is not necessarily recommended over other classes interception devices (i.e. pit-fall style traps or active monitors). However, if a company is already utilizing general pest glue boards or wishes to, Lo-Lines are a good option for optimizing the ability to capture bed bugs.

From a business perspective, the affordable price point of Lo-Lines allows them to be used over a large area and in greater quantity at low cost. From an operational standpoint, the installation, on-going monitoring and collection process of Lo-Lines are not labor intensive.

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