# **Chafer Beetle**



Assessing potential populations of Chafer Beetle is a critical step in any Turf Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programme.

One of the most efficient methods of assessing chafer beetle populations is to use attractant/lure funnel traps to capture the adult beetles in May and June. The trap contains a powerful attractant lure. This attracts adults to the traps for approx. 6 weeks. The trap should be placed at ground level (see instructions over). Traps will attract adult Chafer from an area of approximately 200 m<sup>2</sup>.

Traps should be set from the middle of May (with a new pheromone lure and diffuser) to the end of June.

Traps should be emptied weekly and adult chafer beetle numbers recorded: each female caught in traps will reduce number of eggs laid by 300-400 hundred

Traps can be an important part of your integrated management policy for chafer beetles.

Trap including one attractant lure

£32.50 plus VAT

Discounts available for multiple units

If more than 5 adults are captured, consult your local Rigby Taylor Representative for further advice on potential control methods.

RT product code = 1870118 for the trap including 1 lure
RT product code = 1870119 for the replacement lures/attractant

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### How the trap works



The trap is specifically designed to capture chafer beetles (*Phyllopertha horticola and Hoplia philanthus*). The traps will attract the adult chafers from an area of 100 to 200 m<sup>2</sup>. The attractant liquid is composed of naturally occurring plant essences which have been shown to attract adult chafer, but not bees and other beneficials.

#### Positioning the trap

On Lawns and Turf: Position the trap into a 10 to 15cm hole cut into the turf surface. Place a few stones in the base and support using a suitable stick (not included in kit) and cable tie. The adult Chafer will be attracted to the trap and fall into the green container.

#### **Counting/recording**

In season, traps should be checked on a regular basis recording date and beetle numbers and species. If you are not sure of the species send a photo using email link <a href="mailto:TechnicalSupport@rigbytaylor.com">TechnicalSupport@rigbytaylor.com</a>



#### Storing the trap

**The trap:** The trap can be used for many years. After the end of beetle flight, the trap should be taken indoors where it can be stored for next year.

**Lure/Attractant:** The attractant bottle cap should be stored with the trap to be used next year on a replacement lure.

### Ordering the traps/lures

Please contact your local Rigby Taylor contact to order traps ASAP or call order line: **0800 424 919** 

Traps and attractants will be made to order and delivered by 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May, ready for installation late May/June.

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