



PRESS INFORMATION

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A NEW SOLUTION FOR HOUSE DUST MITE CONTROL

Catomance Technologies has developed a new treatment for mattress ticking which provides complete control of house dust mite populations.

Applied during ticking manufacture, Mystox DMK provides control of dust mites at application rates as low as 0.3%. The treatment is suitable for a variety of ticking materials, including cotton, polyester, viscose and blends. Normal textile drying temperatures of up to 180 degrees C will not diminish the effectiveness of the Mystox DMK treatment.

House dust mites are minute, translucent creatures invisible to the human eye. They feed mostly on discarded human skin scales, thriving in warm and humid conditions. Dust mites can be found all around the home in soft furnishings, carpets etc. But house dust mites find a mattress the perfect breeding ground. With warmth, moisture, a plentiful source of food and no natural enemies, a high population of mites will quickly become established in a mattress. The average mattress can contain up to two million house dust mites.

Independent testing has shown a 100% mortality rate for house dust mites introduced on to dust-soiled mattress ticking treated with as little as 0.3% Mystox DMK.

Catomance Technologies is a UK-based supplier of speciality finishing agents to the textile industry worldwide. The company's product range includes antimicrobial treatments, insect-resist agents, high-performance water repellents, lubricants and softeners.

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