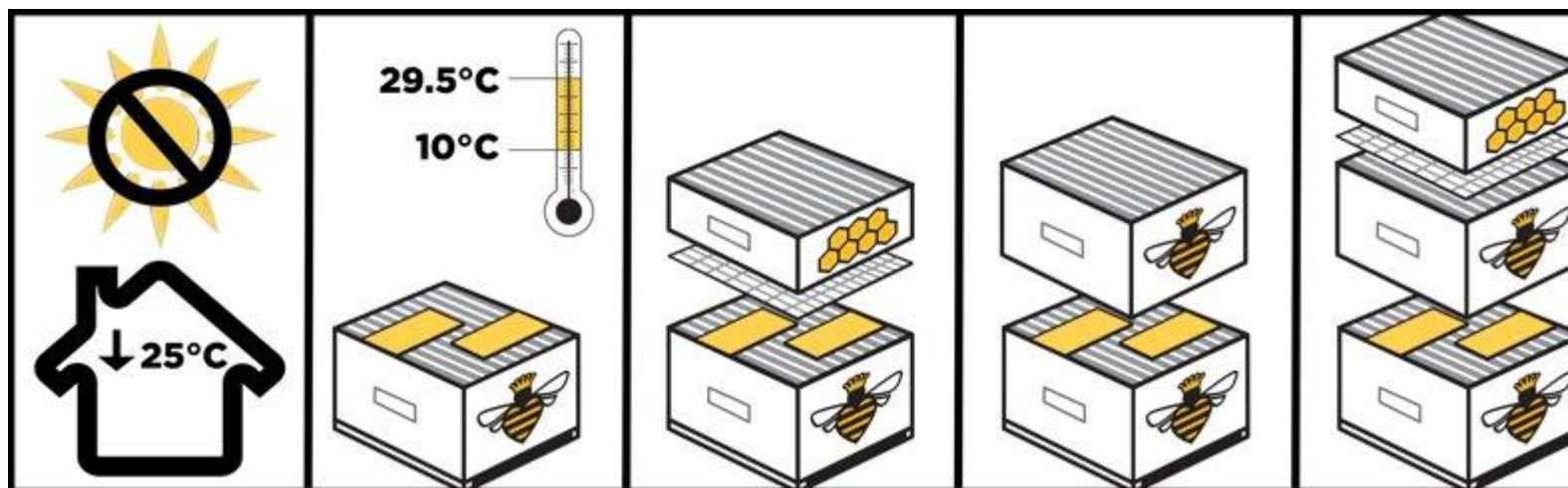


Mite Away Quick Strips stops the mite where it reproduces. The strip is designed to penetrate the brood cap, stopping the mite where it reproduces. By targeting this area of mite infestation in the hive, MAQS is able to destroy the male mites, as well as immature female mites. Formic acid is found in the venom of bees and the bite of many insects, and as a result, is biodegradable, leaving no lasting residue. MAQS® can be used with supers on, there is no tainting of the honey.

MAQS® is sold in buckets containing ten treatments (20 strips). Instructions must be followed and gloves should be worn when handling the product.

MAQS® was developed by NOD Apiaries in Canada. The founders of NOD saw formic acid as the active ingredient most likely to be able to be developed into a practical, sustainable miticide for the beekeeping industry. Properly formulated, it could control the varroa and tracheal mites, protect the image of honey as a wholesome food and leave no residues in the hive components. NOD's formic acid applications and other beekeeping products have been available in the U.S.A and Canadian markets since 2005. Since 2008 NOD and its affiliates have been working towards registering their formic gel strips in Europe. In 2013 MAQS Beehive strip was granted Authorisation for sale by the UK's Veterinary Medicines Directorate.

The diagram below shows the different application combinations.



## Varroa Control. Quick Comparison Chart: UK

Active beekeeping season: mid-April-September

	MAQS® Formic Acid	Pyrethroid Based	Thymol	*by prescription only		Oxalic Acid	Electrical Zappers
				Organophosphate*	Amitraz*		
Ready to use	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊘	✓
No additional hive equipment required	✓	✓	⊘	✓	✓	✓	⊘
Authorised Veterinary Medicine	✓	✓	✓	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘
Reliable high efficacy at typical UK temperatures	✓	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘
No proven varroa resistance	✓	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	✓	✓
Kills varroa on adult bees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊘
Kills varroa where they breed	✓	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓
Open, flexible treatment times	✓	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓
May be used with honey supers on	✓	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓
No residue/tainting issues for honey or wax	✓	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	✓
Only natural active ingredients	✓	⊘	✓	⊘	⊘	✓	-
Naturally occurring in honey - GMO free	✓	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	✓
Treatment can be left in hive	✓	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	-