

THIS IS NOT JUST A BUMBLEBEE



THIS IS NATUPOL SMART



# Matupol Smart Colony - Application Instructions

#### Please uncap sugar water immediately on receipt

### **Preparation:**

• Leave the bees to settle for 30 minutes inside the carrier box before release

#### Set Up:

• Consider hive placement. Horizontal platforms are recommended. Avoid inclination as the sugar water may leak. Access and proximity to flowering plants is essential

## For previous customers that own a Bumblebee Villa:

- 1. Lift the whole carboard hive box into the villa
- 2. Try to ensure the villa exit holes line up with the plastic white sliding door of the colony. Don't worry if you cannot get this in exact alignment as the bees will be able to navigate their way out once the hatch has been opened
- 3. Wait 15 minutes before opening the hive entrance, this will calm the Bumblebees
- 4. Pull the white sliding door of the hive upward until it is removed. Keep the door in a safe place in case you need to close the hive for any reason in future
- 5. Place the wooden roof of the villa gently into place

## For new customers, or customers without a villa:

- 1. Customers without a villa are advised to place their colonies in greenhouses, glasshouses, polytunnels or in a requisite shelter if placing outside.
- 2. Wait 15 minutes before opening the hive entrance, this will calm the Bumblebees
- 3. Pull the white sliding door of the hive upward until it is removed. Keep the door in a safe place in case you need to close the hive for any reason in future

## **Next Steps:**

- Never move an activated hive from one area to another
- Ensure hive entrance / exit holes do not become blocked with pollen deposits
- Remove hive 10 weeks after introduction when all activity has ceased