

## **Evaluating Encasements: Are All Created Equal?**

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An important non-chemical bed bug management strategy is the installation of mattress and box spring encasements. An effective encasement will trap any bed bugs already on the mattress and prevent new bed bugs from aggregating within the box spring. Encasements are used by 86% of pest management professionals in the U.S. While many encasements are available to consumers, not all are effective. We evaluated several encasements, including those new to the market, in order to identify their important features and potential flaws, as well as to determine if they are economical based on cost benefit. This session will look at our findings.