

# Practical Guide – Installation of SPIRABEL® Balneo Anti-Termites

Essential precautions to ensure the durability of your installation

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## Anticipating termite risk for a durable installation

This practical guide is intended for professionals responsible for installing the **SPIRABEL® Balneo Anti-Termites** hose manufactured by **TRICOFLEX**. It provides general recommendations designed to promote the durability of buried pipework networks in environments exposed to termites.

The technical characteristics and limits of use of the product are detailed in the SPIRABEL® Balneo Anti-Termites technical data sheet.

**Compliance with these recommendations is essential to preserve the integrity of the installation and to ensure the validity of the TRICOFLEX warranty.**

### Step 1: Diagnosis and preventive measures prior to installation

Before any installation, it is recommended to inspect the installation area to identify any signs that may indicate the presence of termites. In the event of strong suspicion, the soil must be examined by a certified specialist in order to establish an accurate diagnosis. The conclusions of this diagnosis must be retained.

- **Curative treatment (confirmed presence)**  
If a specialist's report confirms the proven presence of termites, curative treatment must be carried out by a specialised company before installing the SPIRABEL® Balneo Anti-Termites. Proof of the treatment must be retained.
- **Prevention in an at-risk area (no termites detected)**  
If no proven presence of termites is identified, but the area is classified as at risk, a preventive **anti-termite treatment is strongly recommended** over the installation area.
- **Cleaning**  
Remove all organic materials such as dead wood, roots and other plant debris in order to limit conditions favourable to termite development.

It is the installer's responsibility to verify that site conditions are compatible with the installation of the product and, where applicable, to implement the necessary preventive measures. Insufficient site preparation may compromise the effectiveness of the product.

## Step 2: Installation principles to be observed

- **Installation trench**  
The trench around the pool must be excavated in soil free from any organic material.
- **Protection of surrounding areas**  
In termite-risk areas, **anti-termite treatment of the trench is strongly recommended** in order to limit any risk of infestation. The installation of anti-termite traps around the perimeter may supplement this preventive arrangement.
- **Sand bedding**  
The hose **must** be laid on a bed of clean sand and covered with sand before backfilling.
- **Effective drainage**  
A drainage system **must** be provided around the pool to prevent water stagnation near the installation.

Installation must be carried out in accordance with good practice, the technical standards applicable to swimming pool installations, and the manufacturer's technical specifications.

## Step 3: Maintenance and upkeep of the installation

- **Water management**  
Any water stagnation near the installation must be avoided. Drainage systems must be maintained regularly in order to ensure their effectiveness over time.
- **No untreated wood**  
Wooden elements located near the pool (decking, outdoor furniture, etc.) must be treated against termites, particularly those in direct contact with the ground.
- **Annual inspection**  
An annual inspection of the area by a specialist is strongly recommended. Preventive treatments must be renewed if necessary in order to limit any risk of re-infestation.

These inspection and maintenance operations are the responsibility of the owner or operator of the installation and must be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of competent professionals.

## TRICOFLEX liability and warranty

The recommendations set out in this guide are based on the manufacturer's technical knowledge and experience. They are intended to support professionals in installing the product and to contribute to the durability of installations.

Compliance with the recommendations set out in this guide contributes to the durability of the installation and to the proper use of the product.

Installation of the SPIRABEL® Balneo Anti-Termites is the responsibility of the installer, who must ensure the suitability of the product for the specific site conditions and carry out installation in accordance with good practice and applicable standards, as well as the manufacturer's technical specifications.

The manufacturer's warranty applies provided that the product is used for its intended purpose and the technical recommendations communicated by TRICOFLEX are complied with. Installation must be carried out in accordance with good practice by a qualified professional.

The manufacturer cannot be held liable in the event of failure to comply with the recommendations set out in this guide, modification of the product after delivery, improper installation or non-compliant installation, use of the product under conditions incompatible with its technical characteristics, or failure to maintain the installation.

It is recommended to retain all documents relating to the diagnosis, any treatments carried out and any maintenance operations performed on the installation. The recommendations in this document are provided for guidance only and cannot replace the installer's assessment of the specific conditions of each site.

For any questions, please contact the TRICOFLEX technical department.