

Site preparation

Building element	Termite management system or component options
Concrete slab-on-ground: penetrations/control joints/area beneath the slab (see Note)	Sheet material
	Granular material
	Chemical
Suspended floors	Sheet material
	Granular material
	Chemical
Attachments to buildings	Termite management system to the attachment
	Inspection zone between attachment and building

Table Notes

The entire area beneath the slab must be treated when the slab-on-ground is not designed and constructed in accordance with AS 2870 or AS 3600.

Explanatory Information: Validity of test results

3.4.2(b)(ii) provides the option of having a chemical termite management system tested to AS 3660.3. In order for the test results to remain valid, the system would then have to be installed as tested.

Explanatory Information: Component

A component of a system as referred to in [Table 3.4.2](#) is one that, when used in combination with other components, will form a 'full system'.

For example, if a concrete slab is used as a component of a system, it in itself will not provide a complete termite management system. Depending on the construction methods and the [site](#) conditions, additional requirements will be necessary for service penetrations through the concrete slab. Each of these are 'components', when integrated, will form a 'full system'.

Explanatory Information: Integrity of the termite management system

There are more than 350 species of termites in Australia, about 30 of which achieve economic importance by causing costly damage to building structures. Due to the nature of termites, it is extremely difficult to prevent them gaining access to a building.

In addition to correct installation of a termite management system, its effectiveness will rely on regular maintenance and competent inspection.

Explanatory Information: Attachments to buildings

Attachments referred to in [Table 3.4.2](#) include downpipes, service pipes, steps, verandahs, porches, access ramps, carports, trellises, decks, [heated water](#) systems, air-conditioners and the like.

3.4.3 Durable notice

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A durable notice must be permanently fixed to the building in a prominent location, such as in a meter box or the like, indicating—

- (a) the termite management system used; and
- (b) the date of installation of the system; and
- (c) where a chemical is used, its life expectancy as listed on the [appropriate authority's](#) register label; and
- (d) the installer's or manufacturer's recommendations for the scope and frequency of future inspections for termite activity.