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Model: CT-75

Brand: Zoo Med

INTRODUCTION

The Zoo Med ZML Creatures Insect Catcher, Model CT-75, is designed for the humane capture and release of insects. This tool provides a safe and easy method for observing insects or relocating them without direct contact. Its transparent design allows for clear viewing, making it an excellent educational aid for children, students, and hobbyists interested in entomology.





Image: The ZML Creatures Insect Catcher, Model CT-75, shown in its retail packaging. The catcher features a yellow handle and a clear capture chamber, designed for safe and humane insect handling.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always handle the insect catcher with care.
- Ensure the capture chamber is securely closed before moving captured insects.
- Avoid using excessive force when operating the catcher to prevent damage to the device or harm to the insect.
- Supervise children during use to ensure proper and safe handling.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The ZML Creatures Insect Catcher consists of a handle, an extension mechanism, and a transparent capture chamber with a sliding door. This design facilitates easy and gentle interaction with insects.

Key Features:

- **Humane Catch-and-Release Design:** Allows for safe capture and release without harming the insect.

- **Safe for Insects & Users:** Minimizes direct contact, protecting both the user and the insect.
- **Transparent Viewing Chamber:** Provides clear visibility for observation.
- **Ideal for Kids, Schools, and Hobbyists:** A versatile tool for educational and recreational purposes.
- **Perfect for Bugariums & Creature Habitats:** Facilitates transferring insects to observation enclosures.

SETUP

The ZML Creatures Insect Catcher typically comes pre-assembled. No complex setup is required. Simply remove it from its packaging.

1. Carefully remove the insect catcher from its retail packaging.
2. Inspect the device for any signs of damage. If damaged, do not use and contact customer support.
3. Familiarize yourself with the sliding door mechanism on the capture chamber.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps for effective and humane insect capture and release:

1. **Locate the Insect:** Identify the insect you wish to capture.
2. **Position the Catcher:** Gently extend the handle if needed to reach the insect. Position the open end of the transparent capture chamber directly over the insect. Ensure the insect is fully contained within the chamber.
3. **Capture the Insect:** Once the insect is inside the chamber, slowly slide the door closed using the mechanism on the handle. The door should fully enclose the insect within the chamber.
4. **Transport:** Carefully carry the catcher to your desired release location (e.g., outdoors, a bugarium).
5. **Release the Insect:** At the release location, position the open end of the chamber towards a safe surface or area. Slowly slide the door open to allow the insect to exit freely.
6. **Clean (if necessary):** After release, if the chamber is soiled, follow the cleaning instructions in the Maintenance section.

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and hygiene of your ZML Creatures Insect Catcher:

- **Cleaning:** If the transparent chamber becomes dirty, gently wipe it with a soft, damp cloth. For stubborn dirt, a mild soap solution can be used, followed by rinsing with clean water and air drying.
- **Storage:** Store the catcher in a clean, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check the sliding mechanism and the overall structure for any wear or damage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter:

- **Insect escapes during capture:** Ensure the capture chamber is fully over the insect before closing the sliding door. Practice the motion to achieve a smooth and quick closure.
- **Sliding door is stiff:** Clean the tracks of the sliding door to remove any debris. If the issue persists, a

small amount of silicone-based lubricant (avoid petroleum-based products) can be applied sparingly to the tracks.

- **Difficulty reaching insects in high places:** Fully extend the handle to its maximum length. The lightweight design allows for easier maneuverability in elevated areas.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	CT-75
Brand	Zoo Med
Item Weight	4.8 ounces (0.3 Pounds)
Product Dimensions (LxWxH)	7.5 x 3 x 1.5 inches
Manufacturer	Zoo Med
Color	Yellow

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or customer support, please refer to the official Zoo Med website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

Note: Specific warranty terms may vary by region and retailer.