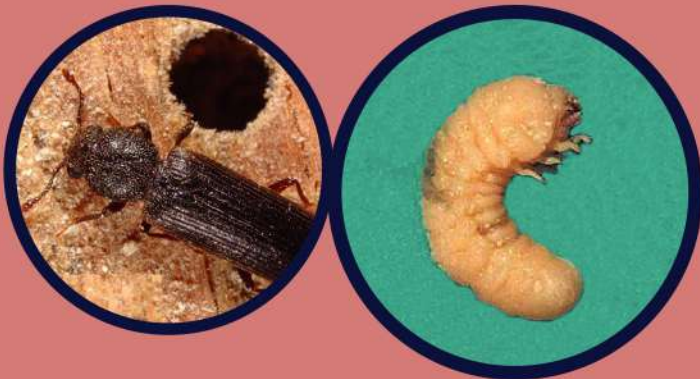


## Powderpost Beetles

Powderpost beetles are considered as one of the wood-boring pests that invade and damage wood furniture and structural wood.

### What does it look like?

Adult beetles are flattened, reddish to dark brown in colour. The larvae are white in colour, about 5mm when fully developed.



### Sign of infestation

Tiny, round exit holes on the infested wood created by the emerging adult beetles. People have often mistaken powderpost beetles and drywood termites. However, both pest species can be differentiated by the frass they produced.

### How does it infest the wood?

Beetles only attack hardwood, dry wood, and wood with high starch content. The adult beetles lay eggs only on bare or unfinished wood surfaces. Infestations can occur when beetles or larvae are transported into the building via wooden furniture. The larvae inflict damage as they create narrow tunnels within the wood while feeding.



Frass of Powderpost Beetles



Frass of Drywood Termites

