

Scorpion Hides



Scorpions are nocturnal animals and spend the vast majority of their time in captivity hidden from view. Because of this, **providing a properly sized and secure hide is one of the most important aspects of enclosure design.**

One of the most common mistakes made by keepers is **using hides that are too large.** While these hides may look appropriate to us, oversized hides often leave the scorpion feeling exposed rather than protected.

In the wild, scorpions occupy **tight spaces such as narrow crevices, cracks in rock, or compact burrows** where their body is in constant contact with surrounding surfaces. These confined spaces offer protection from predators, reduce environmental stress, and help maintain stable conditions. **Large open hides do not replicate this environment** and can result in ongoing stress.

A helpful way to think about this is to consider where you would choose to hide if you needed to feel safe. Most would instinctively choose **the smallest and most enclosed space available** rather than remaining exposed in an open area. Scorpions follow the same principle and will always favor a tight and secure retreat over a spacious one.

If a hide is too large, **it should be pushed down into the substrate to reduce internal space and create a compact chamber.** Substrate can also be built up around the hide to further limit open areas. **Scorpions that feel secure are far more likely to feed consistently, moult successfully, and give birth in captivity.**

