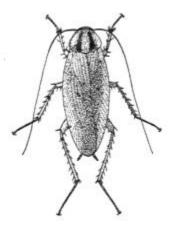


## **German Cockroach Details and Agreement**

## **German Cockroach**

SIZE: Adults are about 5/8 inch long (17mm)

**COLOR**: Adult German cockroaches are light brown except for the shield behind the head marked with two dark stripes, which run lengthwise on the body. Young roaches are wingless and nearly black with a single light stripe running down the middle of the back. Egg capsules are light tan.



**DESCRIPTION**: German cockroaches, Blattella germanica (L.), are the most common roaches found in houses and restaurants. Most cockroaches have a flattened, oval shape, spiny legs, and long, filamentous antennae.

Immature stages are smaller, have undeveloped wings and resemble the adults. They eat food of all kinds and may hitchhike into the house on egg cartons, soft drink cartons, sacks of potatoes or onions, used furniture, beer cases, etc.

**HABITAT**: They can develop into large populations and live throughout the house, especially in the kitchen and bathroom. During the day, these roaches may be found hiding clustered behind baseboard molding, in cracks around cabinets, closets or pantries, and in and under stoves, refrigerators and dishwashers. When seen during the day in clusters, the population is large.

**LIFE CYCLE**: German cockroach females, unlike most other roaches, carry the egg capsule protruding from their abdomen until the eggs are ready to hatch. The case is then placed in a secluded location, with the nymphs emerging one to two days later. A female may produce four to six cases during her lifetime, each containing 30 to 40 eggs. Eggs hatch in 28 to 30 days, and nymphs develop in 40 to 125 days. Female roaches live about 200 days and males not as long. The roach produces more eggs and has more generations per year (three to four) than other roaches, and only a few individuals are needed to develop into troublesome infestations.

**TYPE OF DAMAGE**: Roaches can foul food, damage wallpaper and books, eat glue from furniture, and produce an unpleasant odor. Some homeowners are allergic to roaches. The pests can contaminate food with certain bacterial diseases that result in food poisoning, dysentery, or diarrhea. Some with asthma can be affected as well.

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## **Customer Responsibilities:**

Sanitation is the cornerstone of effective, long lasting German cockroach control. Inspect sacks, cartons and boxes, etc., brought into the dwelling area, and destroy any roaches. Sanitation is extremely critical in roach control. PRE-TREATMENT, remove all foods and items from pantry, cabinets, and drawers in the kitchen. If infestation exists throughout home, remove all clothing from dressers and closets and place them tightly sealed thick trash bags and place outside the home. Place small electronic devices such as alarm clocks, radios, gaming consoles, etc. into thick bags and place in garage or somewhere outside of home. Remove any clutter around the home and discard any potentially infested food containers or packages. Clean up spilled foods and liquids promptly, avoid leaving scraps of food on unwashed dishes, counter tops, appliances, and furniture. Keep food in tightly sealed containers, rinse cans and bottles before putting them in trash and transfer garbage outdoors. Food material must be eliminated as much as possible and harborage areas sealed where possible. Thoroughly clean any grease or oils around appliances and walls where any food handling and/or cooking activity takes place. Vacuum all carpeted floors and clean all hard floors. POST-TREATMENT, maintain sanitary conditions by continuing to follow Pre- Treatment instructions listed above. Without food or water, adults German roaches may die in two weeks, but they can live a month with water.

## **Pest Management Professional Responsibilities:**

Residual pesticides, dusts, baits and growth regulators are necessary to control existing populations and to prevent their recurrence. Apply products in and around roach hiding places. Spot treat these hiding places and known pathways, especially under and behind loose baseboards or molding strips and around pipes or conduits along the walls and through it. Roaches may hide around the kitchen sink or drain board, in cracks underneath cupboards, shelves, and cabinets, inside the motor compartment of refrigerators, behind window and door frames, in radio and TV cabinets, and around closet and bookcase shelves. Surfaces where food is prepared should not be treated. Roaches in buildings with multiple dwellings usually require the treatment of other units as well.

I have received important information concerning the German Cockroach and understand that my responsibilities as the customer is vital in the control of these pests. If my responsibilities are not fulfilled, I understand the control of these pests are not guaranteed and White Knight Pest Control will not be held responsible and the pest agreement may be terminated.

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