



German Cockroach  
*Blattella germanica*



Fossil evidence indicates cockroaches have lived on earth for 350 million years. German Cockroaches are the most common roaches found in homes and restaurants, hitchhiking in via groceries, beer, appliances and other deliveries.

The German cockroach is 1/2-5/8 inch in length with a flattened oval body and long antennae. Color varying from pale to medium brown with 2 dark longitudinal stripes on the shield (pronotum) behind the head.

Unlike most species the German cockroach female carries her egg capsule protruding from her abdomen until the eggs are ready to hatch, the case is then dropped in a secluded location with the young (nymphs) emerging within one day. A female will produce 4-8 egg capsules (ootheca) in her lifetime each containing 30-40 eggs making the reproductive potential enormous.

The key factor in a successful management program is sanitation. Clean all spills and crumbs, store products in airtight containers and do not leave dirty dishes out overnight. General cleaning practices in conjunction with crack and crevice applications using gel baits and boric acid based products have proven to be very effective.

Please call or email us for any additional information. Thank-you.