

***Ixodes pacificus* Nymph (Live)**

**Catalog No. NR-44387**

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**Product Description:**

Classification: *Ixodidae*, *Ixodes*

Species: *Ixodes pacificus*

Common Name: Western black-legged tick

Original Source: *Ixodes pacificus* (*I. pacificus*) ticks were flagged from vegetation in 2000 in California, USA.

Comment: This *I. pacificus* colony may contain Rickettsial endosymbionts.

*I. pacificus* is an arthropod vector competent of transmitting the following pathogens: *Anaplasma phagocytophilum* and *Borrelia burgdorferi*.

**Material Provided:**

NR-44387 contains a live wild-type *I. pacificus* nymph. Registrants may order up to 200 nymphs in a given month.

Note: *I. pacificus* can also be obtained in adult (NR-44385) or larval forms (NR-44386).

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-44387 is prepared and shipped by CDC. The product is provided at room temperature and should be placed in an incubator or used immediately.

**Growth Conditions:**

All life stages are fed on New Zealand White rabbits. The contributor recommends standardized laboratory conditions for the maintenance of ticks.<sup>1</sup>

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 1**

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Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009; see [www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/index.htm).

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