

***Ixodes ricinus* Adult (Live)**

Catalog No. NR-42511

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Product Description:

Classification: *Ixodidae*, *Ixodes*

Species: *Ixodes ricinus* (common names: castor bean tick or sheep tick)

Original Source: *Ixodes ricinus* (*I. ricinus*) ticks were flagged from vegetation in 2009 in Paris, France, and contributed to CDC by Sarah Bonnet.

Comments: The whole genome shotgun sequence of a representative *I. ricinus* colony is available (GenBank: [JXMZ000000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JXMZ000000000)).¹

I. ricinus is an arthropod vector competent of transmitting the following pathogens: *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*, *Babesia* spp., *Borrelia burgdorferi*, and tick-borne encephalitis virus.

Material Provided:

NR-42511 contains a live wild-type *I. ricinus* adult tick.

Note: *I. ricinus* can also be obtained in larval (NR-44117) or nymph forms (NR-44118).

Packaging/Storage:

NR-42511 is prepared and shipped by the 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.²

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 6th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2020; see www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm.

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