

Characteristic	Oriental	German
Oothecae produced	5 -10	4 – 8
No. of eggs in each ootheca	16 – 18	30 – 40
Incubation period (+ temperature)	48 – 80 days at 20 – 25°C	17 days at 30°C
No. of nymphal stages to adulthood	7 – 10	6 -7
Life span (approximate)	60 – 250, depending on temperature	128 days (male) 153 days (female)
Habitat	In heated buildings, dustbins, waste storage areas, cellars, boiler houses, ducting, lift shafts, in drains, behind wall cladding, in dead spaces inside processing equipment	Warm, moist environments (e.g. inside tray wash plant, heating systems, bakeries, in galleys on ships). Can be more difficult to eradicate due to it hiding in inaccessible places; sometimes plant needs to be totally dismantled and cleaned before control is achieved.
Size, shape & colour	17 – 30 mm. Dark brown to black. Shiny and very flattened.	12 – 15 mm. Mid-brown, with yellow-brown thorax having 2 long stripes.
Food	Omnivorous, but preferring starchy and sugary protein-rich foods.	Omnivorous, will scavenge on virtually any organic matter.
Other	Cannot fly, but is very fast running. Cannot climb smooth surfaces. Can enter food premises via off site laundry suppliers	Can fly but does not readily.  Can climb smooth surfaces easily. Can swim.
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