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BEETLE CARE NOTES On arrival remove any excess paper which has been used as packaging. Also remove any plastic cap that covers a foam bung if appropriate.

SPECIES	TEMP	DIET	SUB CULTURE	WATER	EGG-ADULT	SPECIAL NOTES
Sitophilus. Grain Weevils	Room	Wheat, oats, barley etc	4 weeks	Small pieces of apple or potato	4 - 5 weeks	
Tribolium. Small Flour Beetle	Room	Tribolium Culture Medium DTS010	4 weeks	From small pieces of apple or potato	Min. 20 days at 35°C but see notes	Watch for high mortality at 28°C+
Tenebrio. Mealworm	Room	Bran	Add layers of bran and paper as the culture grows.	Slices of apple, potato etc.	60 - 85 days	
Alphitobius. Lesser Mealworm	Room	Bran		As above	Min. 42 days at 35°C but see notes	Higher mortality at higher temperatures
Dermesties. Larder Beetle	Room	Beetle Medium DTS060	8 weeks	Give small pieces of apple or potato	6-8 weeks	Used for skeletal preparation
Anthrenus. Carpet Beetle	Room	Beetle Medium DTS060 & pure wool blanket	8 weeks	As above		
Oncopeltus. Milk	Room	Sunflower	2 weeks	Soaked Cotton	4 - 5 weeks	Subject to