

***Tenebroides mauritanicus*, Cadelle**



Pest of wide range of products (cereals, oilseeds and their products) in mills & processing facilities. Larvae cause serious damage by burrowing into wooden structures & plastered walls. Adults 6-11 mm size; Head & pronotum larger than the rest of the body. Female lays about 1000 eggs. Life cycle takes 70 or more days. One of the largest stored grain insect. It is a secondary pest and scavenger occurring worldwide. Adults long lived, feed on commodity. Larvae are elongate, flattened. Both larvae & adults are cold tolerant. Larvae burrow into wood structures and plastered walls before pupation