



It still may be difficult, however, for environmental health professionals to identify rodent species by feces alone. Other key pieces of information to consider when conducting rodent inspections include

mice.

Using a simple pocket ruler will help determine whether gnawing damage was caused by a mouse or a rat.

In addition, a ruler will aid in measuring door gaps, fecal pellet sizes, and other activities undertaken during a rodent inspection.

- Leave a thin scratch or incisor mark of only 1 to 2 mm wide
- Gnaw holes that are often small, clean-cut holes about 1.5 in. (4.0 cm) in diameter
- Frequent gnawing on all types of structural items including, but not limited to, leather stripping, floor and ceiling joists, wall studs, caulking around pipes, and rusting screens
- Incisor marks measure 3.5 to 4.0 mm across
- Gnaw holes left in cartons and boxes typically measure about 2 in. (5.1 cm) or more in diameter and often have rough, torn edges