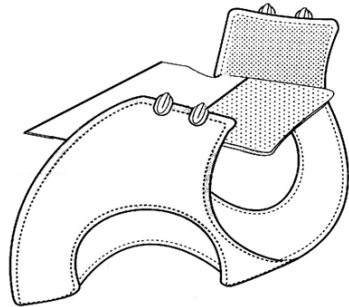


Rodent Jackets

Rodent jackets are made from a double layer Lycra/Spandex fabric. The Med-e-Cell jackets that we manufacture are modified from our standard design with specific Velcro tabs to close the jacket and to attach to a pump.



Rodent Jacket

The body portion of the jackets is sewn on a computerized embroidery machine, this provides for consistent sizing and we can confirm that the dimensions of these jackets remain unchanged since 1989. The sizes vs. weight range are designed for “standard” rats used in labs – Sprague Dawley and similar strains. Where customers are using other strains the fit of the jackets vs. weight may need to be verified.

One of the keys to success for any animal species in jackets is wherever possible acclimating the animals to the jacket before commencing the procedure. You will always have a small percentage of animals that will not tolerate a jacket (3- 5% of rat in any given group will not accept the jacket). Keep in mind that some strain of rat are naturally more aggressive than the Sprague Dawley and may therefore be less tolerant of the jackets.



Small Rat Jackets (150-250g)



Medium Rat Jackets (250-350g)

The most common comment that we get from customers concerning setting up rats in jackets is that they escape, more often as not this is because the jacket has not been fastened tight enough. To ensure a proper fit the jacket needs to be tight enough that you can just get the sharp end of a pencil under the jacket. Additionally, ensure that the correct size jacket for the animal’s weight range is being used.

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