

Rodent Oral Gavage Needle Guidelines

Species	Wt. range in grams	Gauge	Length in inches	Ball diameter	Shape
MICE	To 14 gm	24G	1	1¼ mm	Straight
	15-20 gm	22G	1, 1½	1¼ mm	Straight
	20-25 gm	20G	1, 1½, 3	2¼ mm	Straight, Curved
	25-30 gm	18G	1, 1½, 2	2¼ mm	Straight, Curved
	30-35 gm	18G	2, 3	2¼ mm	Straight, Curved
RATS	50-75 gm	20 G	1, 1½	2¼ mm	Straight
	75-125 gm	18 G	1, 1½	2¼ mm	Straight, Curved
	100-200 gm	18G	2, 3	2¼ mm	Curved
		16G	2	3 mm	Straight, Curved
	150-300 gm	16 G	3, 4	3 mm	Curved
	200-350 gm	14 G	3	4 mm	Curved
13 G		3	4 mm	Straight	
HAMSTERS	60-200 gm	18 G	2	2¼ mm	Curved
GUINEA PIGS	250-300 gm	18 G	1½, 2	2¼ mm	Curved
	350-400 gm	16 G	3, 4	3 mm	Curved
	400-600 gm	14 G	3	4 mm	Curved
		13 G	3	4 mm	Straight