



Gooty Sapphire Ornamental Tarantula



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Poecilotheria metallica*
- Origin: Southern India
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: Up to 8 inches
- Life Span: Up to 5 years for males, up to 12 years for females
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Carnivore
- Handling: Advanced (Only if absolutely necessary)

TOP TIPS

- ✓ To maintain humidity, add moss to the enclosure
- ✓ Provide Cork Bark or Tubes for natural hiding spots
- ✓ The Habistat Humidifier (HDH01) is an option to aid with the species humidity requirements
- ✓ Use a HabiStat Humidifier (HDH01) to ensure humidity levels are met

HOUSING

HabiStat Glass Terrarium (HGT3045)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

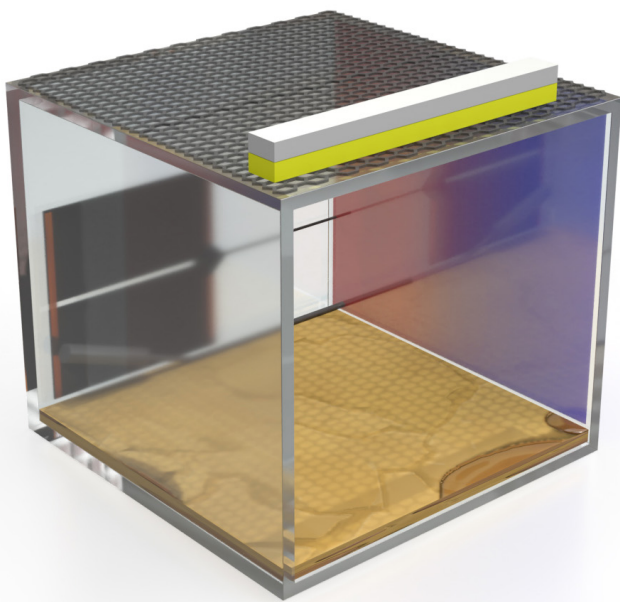


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat
- Thermostat: Mat Stat
- Lighting: Arcadia Pro T5 ShadeDweller Arboreal
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding
- Water: HabiStat Round Plastic Water Bowl

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



Enclosure Readings

- Background Temp: 24-29°C (75-84°F)
- Hot Spot: N/A
- Night-Time Temp: 20-24°C (68-75°F)
- Humidity: 70%-80%
- UVI: 1-2

Heating

Gooty Sapphire Ornamental Tarantulas are nocturnal animals and require a suitable light and heat gradient within their Terrarium.

Using the HabiStat Heat Mat (HHM11) on the outside rear of the Terrarium should help maintain the needed background temperatures. The Heat Mat should be used in conjunction with a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMB1). Mat Stat Thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures and humidity regularly using a reliable thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

