

Plum pox virus

field diagnosis

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Plum pox virus is one of the most serious diseases of stonefruit. It is a very serious concern to producers.

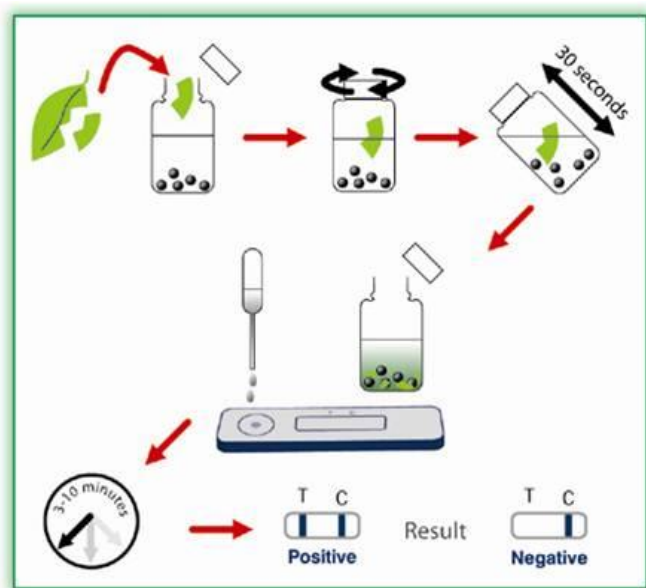
- **Common name:** PPV
- **Symptoms:** a wide range of symptoms will be seen depending on the susceptibility of the affected variety. Leaf symptoms include diffuse or blurred pale green or occasionally yellow rings, lines or spots. Symptoms on fruit are more obvious, particularly on plum, and include the development of discoloured rings, spots, or bands on the skin
- **Host range:** affects all *Prunus* species, including the cultivated stonefruits plum, peach, nectarine and apricot and also affects a range of weed hosts such as white clover and nightshade.
- **Test format:** lateral flow test in plastic cassette.

Designed for on-site use

All Pocket Diagnostic kits put disease diagnosis in the hands of growers, consultants and inspectors.

Sampling and testing can be carried out in a few minutes in the field or glasshouse. Pocket Diagnostic kits use a unique 'ball and bottle' extraction method which optimises separation of the pathogen from the plant tissues in no more than 60 seconds.

Results appear in the viewing window of the test device approximately 5 minutes after starting the test. The result is easy to read, allowing the user to make simple 'yes/no' interpretation



Use of the PPV test

The PPV test is designed to be used in the field or glasshouse, and can be used by operators with little or no training. Pocket Diagnostic test results form an important part of the information mix required for sound decision making in routine screening or disease control situations.

The Pocket Diagnostic *Plum pox virus* test kit is used widely by growers for detection of the pathogen. Testing is usually carried out on symptomatic plants where the disease is suspected. Samples for testing should be taken from leaves or flowers with symptoms or skin from suspect fruit.

Storage and shelf life

Pocket Diagnostic kits should be stored at room temperature (up to 40°C). Tests are supplied with at least a 9 month shelf life.

Quality standards

Pocket Diagnostic tests are manufactured under conditions which meet ISO9001 quality standards. Production and packaging are carried out in environmentally-controlled facilities, using the latest in automated manufacturing equipment.

Test kit packs

PPV tests are supplied in boxes of four. Each box contains 4 test devices, 4 extraction bottles, 4 pipettes and full instructions. Test devices are packed in individual foil pouches, meaning that there is no loss of quality once the outer box is opened. Pocket Diagnostic kits contain everything necessary to carry out testing.

Further information and ordering

For further information, price list and order form visit www.pocketdiagnostickits.com.au or contact John McDonald, Industry Development Manager, email: nido@ngiq.asn.au or phone 07 3277 7900

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