

**USER GUIDE: PVX & PVY ImmunoStrip® Test**  
 Catalog number: 41300



**KIT INFORMATION**

**Intended Use**

The ImmunoStrip test is a rapid means of screening crops for the presence of *Potato virus X* and *Potato virus Y*. ImmunoStrip tests require no equipment or expertise to run. Results are obtained in as little as a few minutes making them perfect for use in the field or greenhouse. The ImmunoStrip must be used with **SEB4** sample extraction buffer for leaf. Do not use any other sample extraction buffer.

**Storage of Kit**

ImmunoStrips should be stored refrigerated (2 - 8 °C) between uses and tightly sealed in the desiccated container at all times.

ImmunoStrips and extraction buffer should be warmed to room temperature prior to use.

**ImmunoStrip Kit (ISK) Includes**

- ImmunoStrips
- SEB4 sample extraction bags
- User guide

ImmunoStrips (STX) purchased separately do not include buffer filled mesh bags.

**What's required to perform the assay?**

- Scissors, knife or razor blade
- SEB4 sample extraction buffer
- Sample extraction device (Agdia sample extraction bags are recommended)
- Letter holder or other device to hold sample extraction bags

**PERFORMING THE ASSAY (\*Special Attention Required)**

**Prepare Sample**



Samples should be taken from symptomatic plant tissue when possible. Agdia sample extract bags contain 3 mL of extraction buffer, requiring 0.15 g tissue for the optimal 1:20 dilution. For most samples, an approximate sample size of 2.5 cm<sup>2</sup> or 1 inch<sup>2</sup> is adequate; however, thick or dense tissues can alter the targeted 1:20 dilution. Extraction and testing of overly degraded, dried, or large amounts of tissue can cause erroneous results.

**Note: It is recommended that you use a clean cutting tool for each sample. If you must reuse the cutting tool, first wipe off the cutting edge and disinfect in a 10% bleach solution before cutting into a new sample.**



Cut open the sample extraction bag along the top of the label. Be careful not to spill the buffer.

**\*SEB4 Buffer is required to perform this assay with leaf tissue.**



Insert the sample between the mesh linings near the bottom of the sample extraction bag.



Extract the sample by thoroughly macerating it with a blunt object such as a pen or permanent marker.

An adequately extracted sample will result in a homogenous green or light brown colored solution. Allow the resulting solution to settle for 3 minutes before inserting the ImmunoStrip.

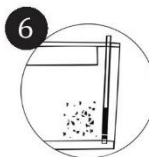
**Perform Assay**



Remove an ImmunoStrip then close container. When handling the strips, always grasp the top of the strip marked with the test name. Do not remove the protective covering.

Insert the ImmunoStrip into the channel portion (no mesh) of the buffer filled bag until submerged in the extract up to the white line. Do not allow the side of the ImmunoStrip to come into contact with foam or bubbles (if present). Trimming the bag may also allow for more control when inserting the ImmunoStrip into the bag.

**\*Be sure to insert the "sample" end of the strip no more than ¼ inch or to the white line on the ImmunoStrip label.**



Place the bag in a letter holder or other device in upright position. Allow the ImmunoStrip test to remain in the sample extract for 20 minutes. Positive results may be visible in as little as 5 minutes.

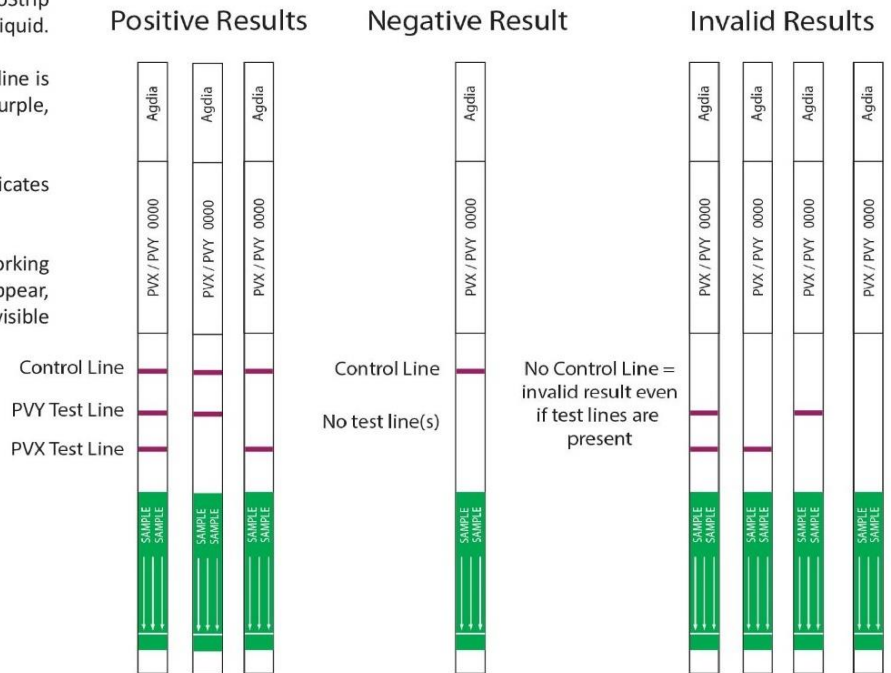
## 7 Interpret Results

Remove test strip from extract and interpret results. Use the images provided as a guide to determine results. If storing the strip as a permanent record, immediately cut the sample pad off the strip, then press the ImmunoStrip between paper towels to remove excess liquid.

If the control line is visible and the test line is also present at any intensity of pink/ purple, this indicates a positive\*\* result.

If only the control line is visible, this indicates a negative result.

The control line assures that the test is working properly. If the control line does not appear, the test is invalid, even if a test line is visible (see troubleshooting).



## SAFETY

ImmunoStrips and sample extraction buffer are non-hazardous.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Control line did not develop.	<p>This situation is generally caused by over-submergence of the test strip in the sample extract.</p> <p>Also, ImmunoStrips inserted immediately after extraction and prior to settling for three minutes have an increased chance of device failure due to the possibility of liquid wicking in above the sample line.</p> <p>If no control line is present, results should be considered invalid, and the test should be repeated.</p>
Test runs very slow or not at all.	<p>This can be caused by using too much tissue for extraction. Repeat the test using less tissue or by further diluting your previous sample extract 1:10 with SEB4.</p> <p>If the above is not the case, make sure the test components were warmed to room temperature before use and are within their expiration date.</p>
Test has a green or pigmented test line.	<p>This can be caused by using too much tissue for extraction. Repeat the test using less tissue or by further diluting your previous sample extract 1:10 with SEB4.</p> <p>**Green lines should not be considered a positive result.</p>
Test and / or control line is weak.	<p>Make sure the test is within its expiration date.</p> <p>If kit contents were left open too long, the strips could have absorbed moisture, which can affect test results. Be sure to always keep the ImmunoStrip vial tightly sealed between uses.</p> <p>The test line may be weak due to low pathogen titer in the sample.</p>