

QuickStix™ Combo Comb Kit for Cry1Ac/Cry2A/ LibertyLink® (bar) Cotton Seed

Highlights:

- Recognizes Cry1Ac, Cry2A and LibertyLink (bar), and will not cross-react with PAT/pat protein
- Results in 10 minutes or less
- Strips in convenient comb format

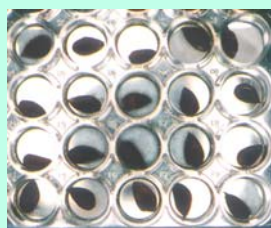
Contents of Kit:

- 48 QuickStix Combo Strips assembled as 6 combs of 8 strips packaged in a foil bag
- EB2 Extraction Buffer

Items Not Provided:

- Seed crusher
- Repeating pipetter or other means of dispensing 0.5-0.6 mL per well

Contact EnviroLogix to order bulk-packaged combs. Bulk kits include 20x Buffer Concentrate instead of EB2. To prepare, mix 50 mL Buffer Concentrate with 950 mL of distilled or deionized water. Store refrigerated when not in use; warm to room temperature before using.



Load seeds in wells, crush

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Intended Use

The EnviroLogix QuickStix Combo Comb Kit for Cry1Ac/Cry2A/LibertyLink is designed to detect the presence of these traits at the levels typically expressed in genetically modified cotton seed. The combo strips will recognize Cry1Ac, Cry2A and PAT/bar in separate regions of the same strip. It is the only lateral flow strip capable of detecting only the PAT/bar protein; it will not cross-react with the PAT/pat protein.

How the Test Works

Cotton plants and seeds that have been genetically modified with stacked genes express transgenic proteins in their seed. To detect these proteins with the EnviroLogix QuickStix Combo Strip, the sample must be extracted and the proteins solubilized in the Extraction Buffer provided.

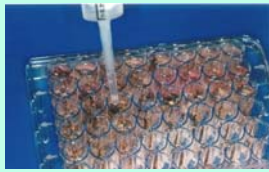
Each Combo Strip has an absorbent pad at each end. The protective tape with the arrow indicates which end of the strip to insert into the sample. The sample travels up the membrane strip and is absorbed into the larger pad at the top of the strip. The portion of the strip between the protective tape and the absorbent pad at the top of the strip is used to view the reactions as described under “Interpreting the Results”.

Sample Preparation

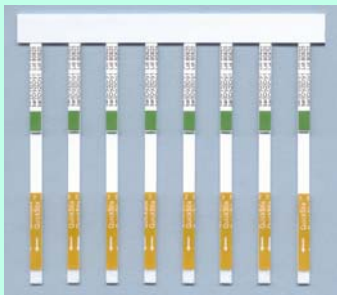
1. Load individual cotton seeds into each of the 48 wells.
2. Crush seeds with hydraulic press or equivalent.
3. The crushed state of the seed is visible through the bottom of the microplate or by gently lifting the crusher. Gently shake the crusher while lifting to dislodge any seed. Use extreme care, do not cross-contaminate the wells! **Clean crusher prongs prior to using on the next plate.**
4. Add 0.5-0.6 mL of Extraction Buffer to each well and cover.
5. Mix on orbital shaker or equivalent for 3 minutes. Remove and discard the plate cover.
6. Use crushed seed samples the same day they are prepared.

To improve extraction efficiency:

1. Use room temperature to lukewarm buffer to extract the seeds.
2. Longer soak times can increase the strength of the Test Line (better extraction).
3. If seed material gets stuck to the plate bottom, use the QuickStix to gently mix the extract as soon as you insert it into the well.
4. The extract takes on a yellow to brown opaque color when the seeds are crushed and mixed properly. If the extract is clear, the seed coat may be empty or the sample may not be well mixed. The seeds should contain an adequate amount of mature endosperm and embryonic tissues, not empty seed coats.



Add Extraction Buffer



Remove QuickStix Combs



Any clearly discernable pink Test Line is considered positive

How to Run the QuickStix Comb Test

1. Allow refrigerated foil bag to come to room temperature before opening. Remove the QuickStix Combo Combs to be used. A blank space is provided to label each Comb if desired. Avoid bending the strips. Reseal the bag immediately.
2. Place the combs into the wells with the colored tape facing you. The sample will travel up the strip.
3. Allow the strip to develop for 10 minutes before making final assay interpretations. Positive sample results may become obvious much more quickly.
4. Remove the Comb from the wells to read. If you wish to retain the strips, cut off and discard the bottom section of the strips covered by the arrow tape.

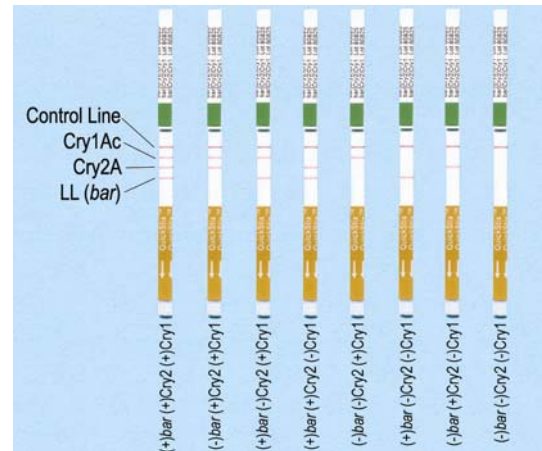
Interpreting the Results

Development of the Control Line within 10 minutes indicates that the strip has functioned properly. Any strip that does not develop a Control Line should be discarded and the sample re-tested using another strip.

If the extract is from a negative sample, the strip will show only a single line, the Control Line, about 6 mm below the top pad.

If the extract is from a sample containing Cry1Ac proteins, Cry2A proteins, and/or PAT/bar proteins, the appropriate test line(s) will appear. A Test Line for extracts containing Cry1Ac protein will appear about 4 mm below the Control Line. A Test Line for extracts containing Cry2A protein will appear about 8 mm below the Control Line and approximately 4 mm below the Cry1Ac Test Line. A Test Line for extracts containing PAT/bar protein will appear about 12 mm below the Control Line and approximately 4 mm below the Cry2A Test Line.

Interpretation Guide



Please note that for ease of interpretation, the labels on each strip list the proteins in the order that their Test Lines appear, bottom (arrow end) to top (lot number end).

Kit Storage

This Kit can be stored at room temperature, or refrigerated for a longer shelf life. Please note the shelf life on the kit box for each storage temperature. The kit may be used in field applications; however, prolonged exposure to high temperatures may adversely affect the test results. Do not open the foil bag until ready to use the test strips.

Precautions and Notes

- This kit is designed for screening for presence or absence only and is not meant to be quantitative.



- This product is currently not applicable for use in any other crop than cotton.
- As with all tests, it is recommended that results be confirmed by an alternate method when necessary.
- The assay has been optimized to be used with the protocol and with the buffer provided in the kit. Deviation from this protocol may invalidate the results of the test.
- A negative result with this kit does not mean that the sampled tissue has not been otherwise genetically modified.
- A strong positive result may safely be interpreted in as little as 2 minutes after sample addition. It is not safe, however, to conclude that a sample is negative before a full 10 minutes has elapsed.
- Protect all components from hot or cold extremes of temperature when not in use. Do not leave in direct sunlight or in vehicle.



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