

QuickStix™ Combo Kit for Multi-Trait Testing

Cry1Ac/Cry2Ab/CP4 EPSPS/DMO/Vip3A Cotton Leaf

Highlights:

- Recognizes Cry1Ac, Cry2Ab, CP4 EPSPS, DMO and Vip3A proteins
- Positive results in 10 minutes or less

Contents of Kit:

- 100 QuickStix Combo Strips packed in two moisture-resistant canisters
- 100 Disposable Tissue Extractors (each consisting of a tube and pestle, with punch cap)
- EB2 Extraction Buffer

Items Not Provided:

- Repeating pipetter or other means of dispensing 0.5 mL

Contact EnviroLogix to order bulk-packaged kits. Bulk kits include EB2 Extraction Buffer Concentrate. To prepare 1 liter, mix 50 mL 20X Concentrate with 950 mL of distilled or deionized water. Store refrigerated when not in use; allow to come to room temperature before using.



Obtain Leaf Tissue

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Intended Use

The EnviroLogix QuickStix Combo Comb Kit for Multi-Trait Testing is designed to detect the presence of Cry1Ac, Cry2Ab, CP4 EPSPS (5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthase from *Agrobacterium* sp. strain CP4), DMO (Dicamba Monooxygenase), and Vip3A typically expressed in genetically modified cotton leaf tissue. The combo strips will recognize these proteins in separate regions of the same strip when used on single leaf tissue. Note: This strip will also detect these proteins in single seed tissue; see Precautions and Notes for instructions.

How the Test Works

Cotton plants that have been genetically modified with stacked genes express transgenic proteins in their tissue. To detect these proteins with the QuickStix Combo Strips, 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

Note: If Extraction Buffer has been refrigerated, allow it to warm up to room temperature before preparing samples.

To extract cotton leaf:

1. Sandwich a section of early terminal leaf tissue between the cap and body of the Disposable Tissue Extractor tube; snap one circular tissue punch by closing the cap. Push the leaf punch down into the tapered bottom of the tube with the pestle. Sample identification should be marked on the tube with a waterproof marker.
2. Insert the pestle into the tube and grind the tissue by rotating the pestle against the sides of the tube with twisting motions. Continue this process for 20 to 30 seconds, or until the leaf tissue is well ground.
3. Uncap the bottle of Extraction Buffer; carefully add **0.5 mL** of Buffer into the tube containing cotton leaf.
4. Repeat the grinding step to mix tissue with Extraction Buffer. Dispose of the pestle (do not re-use pestles on more than one sample).
5. Repeat the protocol for each sample to be tested, using a new tube and pestle for each. Use caution to prevent sample-to-sample cross-contamination with plant tissue, fluids, or disposables.

How to Run the QuickStix Strip Test

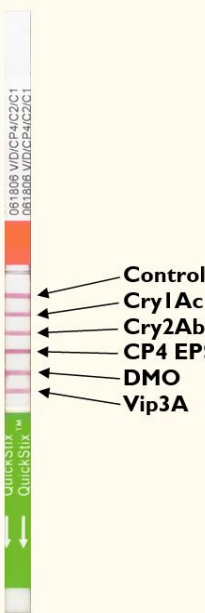
1. Allow refrigerated canisters to come to room temperature before opening. Remove the QuickStix Strips to be used. Avoid bending the strips. Reseal the canister immediately.



Grind Tissue



Insert QuickStix



Any clearly discernible pink Test Line(s) below the Control indicate(s) a positive result for the trait

2. Place the strip into the extract. The sample will travel up the strip. Use a rack to support multiple tubes if needed.
3. Allow the strip to develop for 10 minutes before making final assay interpretations. Positive sample results may become obvious much more quickly.
4. To retain the strip, cut off and discard the bottom section of the strip 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.

One Line – If the extract is from a negative sample, containing none of the target proteins, the strip will only show the Control Line, about 4 mm below the top pad.

Two to Six Lines – If the extract is from a sample containing Cry1Ac, Cry2Ab, CP4 EPSPS, DMO, and/or Vip3A proteins, the appropriate test line(s) will appear. Samples containing fewer than all five traits will show only the appropriate Test Lines. Refer to the interpretation guide shown on the right.

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 (20°C), or refrigerated for a longer shelf life. Please note the shelf life on the kit label 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 desiccated canister 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.
- These test strips will also detect these proteins in single seed tissue. Crush seed with hydraulic press or equivalent in seed crusher plate. Add 0.75 mL of Extraction Buffer to each well and cover; mix on orbital shaker for 3 minutes. Insert strip into seed well, wait 10 minutes before making final assay interpretation.
- 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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