

# Product testing report

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Acadian Seaweed			
Supplying company:	Acadian Seaplants Limited		
Active ingredient:	Seaweed extract		
Mode of action:	Protectant <input type="checkbox"/>	Biological <input type="checkbox"/>	Elicitor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Application rate (per 100L):	100g		

Test results																	
Test	Greenhouse seedling tests																
Method description	<p><b>Experiment 1: Elicitor (7 March 2012 – 2 April 2012)</b> Bruno seedlings were treated twice with the product prior to inoculation with Psa-V (at <math>10^{10}</math> cfu ml<sup>-1</sup> concentration) i.e. 9 and 3 days before. Assessments were made at weekly intervals after inoculation. The degree of leaf spotting was determined visually using a 0 – 5 scale and is plotted as an ‘Infection Score’.</p>																
Results	<p><b>Experiment 1:</b> In Bruno seedlings, application of Acadian Seaweed did not affect leaf spotting following inoculation with Psa-V.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>Bruno Experiment 1</h3> <table border="1"> <caption>Bruno Experiment 1 - Infection Scores</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Time after inoculation with Psa-V</th> <th>Acadian seaweed</th> <th>Psa</th> <th>Water</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 Week</td> <td>1.0</td> <td>1.0</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Week</td> <td>1.2</td> <td>1.1</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Week</td> <td>1.5</td> <td>1.7</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <p><b>Key:</b>            0 = no leaf spotting            1 = up to 10%            2 = up to 25%            3 = up to 50%            4 = up to 75%            5 = 100%            (of leaf area)</p>	Time after inoculation with Psa-V	Acadian seaweed	Psa	Water	1 Week	1.0	1.0	0.0	2 Week	1.2	1.1	0.0	3 Week	1.5	1.7	0.0
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## Summary

Two applications of Acadian seaweed to Bruno seedlings prior to inoculation with Psa-V had no effect on leaf spotting. No further testing is currently planned with this product.

## Comments

A standardised screening protocol has been used to test products for efficacy against Psa-V to enable a high throughput of products. Protectant, biological or elicitation tests may be performed, depending on the mode of action of the product. Protectant tests involve the product being applied to the plant with inoculation following on the same day, once the product has dried. Biological tests involve the product being applied two to three days prior to inoculation with Psa-V. Elicitation tests involve the product being applied to the plants seven to ten days prior to inoculation with Psa-V. Assessments of leaf spotting are performed at weekly intervals after inoculation. This method has largely involved testing products using information provided on the product's label. In the future, products may be retested using protocols provided by supplying companies. Products which have previously shown some level of efficacy will be given priority for re-testing.

Data are presented for all assessment timings; however, evaluation of results is largely focussed on the final 'three week' assessment data. Disease symptoms will be better developed by this time and earlier assessments are considered to be less reliable. However, in the case of some elicitors, it is possible that the elicitation effect has been expended and that poor results at the 'three week' assessment time indicate reduced efficacy as a result of insufficient frequency of application.

Results from greenhouse trials primarily serve as a screening tool to determine products that will progress to field trials. Care should be taken when extrapolating results to field conditions. Results in the field may differ due to different environmental conditions and differences in plant material.

**Note – leaf spotting may not necessarily mean the plant is infected. It simply indicates that the plant has been challenged by Psa.**

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