



FAQ Spidex Vital

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1. Changes of Spidex

What is the difference in the product presentation?

Spidex Vital consists of all mobile stages of *Phytoseiulus persimilis*. The carrier material is the same as the current product.

How will this change my existing program that has been working for years?

Apart from the fact you have to switch your current planning/forecast to the new product number(s), nothing will be different from the way you have been working with Spidex Vital.

Are there any disadvantages compared to previous product?

No; in hotspot control we have observed an even better control of spider mites.

What obstacle did Koppert overcome to produce this product, I have been told it was near impossible?

After years of research, Koppert has managed to develop a new formulation for better control of a number of vital aspects. This results in keeping the surrounding conditions better under control.

Is this product exclusive to Koppert?

We have co-developed this product with a partner in our business. They will also supply this formulation of *Phytoseiulus persimilis*.

Is this a different *Phytoseiulus* species to the Spidex I am used to?

No, it is exactly the same *Phytoseiulus* species as in de former Spidex Vital: *Phytoseiulus persimilis*.

When does it turn from white to red?

Once the predatory mite has consumed several spider mites, the colour will gradually change to the characteristic red-orange colour. This takes 1-2 days.



2. Application

Why does it have a different colour than the Spidex I'm used to?

During production of Spidex Vital the predatory mites don't get to eat spider mites, which cause the coloration of Spidex Vital.

Does this Spidex Vital give an even better spider mite control?

Hotspots of spider mite are even better under control with Spidex Vital, compared to the regular Spidex.

Does anything change to the rate of application?

No, continue to introduce Spidex Vital in the numbers you recommend your customers to obtain the best pest control.

Does anything change to the mode of application?

No, continue to introduce Spidex Vital the way you recommend your customers to obtain the best pest control.

Does anything change to the optimum transport conditions?

Logistics trials on several routes have shown that the optimum transport conditions remain the same. No adjustments will have to be made to your supply chain in case you already comply with these conditions.

