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Weekly Growing Tip!

African Violet Virus Disease



Nothing to Sneeze at....

INSV, a viral disease, is an increasingly serious problem for violet growers. The symptoms vary and often resemble [other diseases](#), but INSV cannot be cured. Learn the symptoms and protect your collection.

INSV - Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus

INSV is the primary viral disease concerning growers today. It is spread by [Western Flower thrips](#), one of the more [common pests](#) of African violets. The thrips feed on random cells infecting each cell with INSV and as the plant grows, more and more cells in that area are infected. Dr. Ronn Nadeau wrote [about INSV and the method for testing](#) in the [African Violet Magazine](#) (June 2013).

The [Agdia tests](#) used to diagnose INSV are expensive and multiple tests may be required to find the disease present in your suspect plant. It is important to [do the test correctly](#).



Agdia INSV test kit

If your violet is infected with INSV, it must be destroyed to prevent further spread. The disease cannot be cured. Many growers choose simply to discard any plant that is suspicious without testing.

As much as possible, avoid INSV. Buy only from reliable trusted vendors and [control Western Flower thrips in your collection](#).

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Sincerely,

Joyce Stork

African Violet Society of America, Membership and Promotion Committee

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*Rocky Mountain AVC had their show and sale last weekend.
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