

GUIDELINES FOR Mealybug Killer

The Pest:



The Damage:



The Solution:



MEALYBUG KILLER contains either 25 adults or 10 larvae of the predatory beetle; *Cryptolaemus montrouzieri*. This beetle and larva are both effective predators of most species of mealy bug.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR THE CORRECT USE OF MEALYBUG KILLER

- **MEALYBUG KILLER** should only be introduced when mealy bug are already present.
- **MEALYBUG KILLER** is only suitable for indoor use in greenhouses or conservatories.
- Do not introduce unless temperatures are above 16°C or they will not be active
- **MEALYBUG KILLER** will not reproduce in short days; it is therefore advised to use them from March to September.
- Do not release adult *Cryptolaemus* beetles near open windows or doors, as they are attracted to light. It is good practice to release adults at the end of the day.
- For smaller plants or for quick establishment it is recommended to use *Cryptolaemus* larvae.
- The life cycle of *Cryptolaemus* is quite long. (Egg to adult, 43 - 47 days at 21°C).
- More than one introduction maybe required especially with high infestations of mealy bug.
- **DO NOT USE** pesticides before or during use of **MEALYBUG KILLER** without checking to see if it is harmful to beneficial insects.

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