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Blister spot is a bacterial disease that occurs predominantly on Mutsu apple, although it is also of minor importance on RedCort and Fuji. Small, raised, brown to black blisters occur on fruit in mid- to late July. The bacteria grow on blossoms and fruit surfaces without causing symptoms initially. Fruit are most susceptible to infection about two weeks after petal fall. The occurrence of streptomycin-resistant strains of the pathogen means there are no effective controls for this disease.



Blister spot on Mutsu apple fruit.

Additional information

- For more monitoring information and evaluation of available pesticides:
[Michigan Fruit Management Guide](#)
- [MSU Diagnostic Services](#) for assistance in pest identification.
- [MSU Fruit Crop Advisory Team Alert](#) newsletters for current pest/crop conditions.

This information was developed from [A Pocket Guide for IPM Scouting in Michigan Apples](#) by David Epstein, Larry J. Gut and George W. Sundin. Purchase this in a pocket-sized guide for reference in the orchard from [MSU Extension](#) (publication E-2720).

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