

NEW LEADER



SGN & CRUSH STRENGTH TEST KIT GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

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Introduction

The following information will guide you through using the SGN & Crush Strength Test Kit for your New Leader G4 Spreader. Refer to operator's manual for details on unit safety, operation and maintenance.

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
308907	Kit - SGN & Crush Strength Test Kit	1
308908	Tester - Crush Strength	1
308909	Scale - SGN	1



WARNING

Use great caution while working around the spreader. Contact with spinners and other moving parts is very dangerous. Do not adjust while machinery is moving, wear eye protection and avoid discharge from spinners. Do not ride on moving spreader.

It is highly recommended to perform a Catch Test, Crush Strength Test and SGN Scale Test prior to each season, before using a new product, or if a significant visible change has occurred with a product. Testing will define granular characteristics and help determine proper spinner settings for optimal product spread.

Conduct a G4 Spread Pattern test to check settings based on test results. Refer to *G4 Spreader Installation Instructions* and *G4 Spread Pattern Manual* for installation and adjustment instructions.

CRUSHING STRENGTH

Crushing strength is the minimum pressure needed to crush individual particles.

Testing and knowing the crushing strength of a particular product will help determine maximum spinner RPM. For example: Any granule with less than three (<3) crush strength should not be broadcast with spinner speeds over 700RPM. Verify granules are not pulverized before increasing spinner speed. Refer to *Product Setup Guidelines* for additional spinner speed settings with different crush strength.

SGN

SGN (Size Grade Number) is the measurement of granule size in millimeters multiplied by 100. A product's SGN will affect spread width.

Materials with poor uniformity (a significant percentage in 3 or more columns of scale device) may be difficult to spread accurately. Spread Pattern testing should ALWAYS be performed on any new or different material to determine actual spread width.

NOTE: SGN and Crush Strength together determine spread width.

General Rules:

A small product with low crush strength will have limited spread width capabilities. Spinner RPM must remain lower to keep from pulverizing the soft product, limiting your overall spread width. Additionally, a smaller product has less mass than that of a larger product, and in this case is another limiting factor for overall spread width.

A small product with high crush strength will have limited spread width capabilities. While spinner RPM can be increased with little worry of pulverizing the product, a smaller product has less mass than that of a larger product, which limits how far the product will carry in the spread pattern.

A large product with low crush strength will have limited spread width capabilities. While a larger product with more mass will carry farther, spinner RPM must remain lower to keep from pulverizing the soft product, limiting the overall spread width.

A large product with high crush strength has minimal spread width limitations. Spinner RPM can be increased with little worry of pulverizing the product. Additionally, a large product has more mass than that of a smaller product, allowing the product to carry farther, resulting in a wider spread width.

PRODUCT SETUP GUIDELINES

Granule Mesh	Crush Strength	Maximum Spinner RPM	Flotation Machine (Spinner Height 52") Spread Width ft(m)	Post Machine (Spinner Height 72") Spread Width ft(m)
140-200	1	600	60-65(18-20)	70-75(21-23)
	3	650-700	65-70(20-21)	75-80(23-24)
	6	750-800	70-75(21-23)	80-85(24-26)
	8	850-900	75-80(23-24)	85-90(26-27)
220-300	1	600	70-75(21-23)	80-85(24-26)
	3	650-700	75-80(23-24)	85-90(26-27)
	6	750-800	80-85(24-26)	90-95(27-29)
	8	850-900	85-90(26-27)	95-100(29-30)
320-400	1	600	80-85(24-26)	90-95(27-29)
	3	650-700	85-90(26-27)	95-100(29-30)
	6	750-800	90-95(27-29)	100-105(30-32)
	8	850-900	95-100(29-30)	105-110(32-33)
>400	1	600	90-95(27-29)	100-105(30-32)
	3	650-700	95-100(29-30)	105-110(32-33)
	6	750-800	100-105(30-32)	110-115(33-35)
	8	850-900	105-110(32-33)	115-120(35-37)

IMPORTANT!

Always check crush strength prior to selecting spinner speed. Pan testing should ALWAYS be performed on any new or different material to determine actual spread width. Verify granules are not pulverized by looking in the three center vials following a pan test before increasing spinner speed.

CRUSH TEST

IMPORTANT!

Select granules of the most typical size and uniform shape as determined by SGN scale. Crushing strength can significantly increase with particle size.



Figure 1

1. Figure 1 - Place individual granule on solid, smooth surface.
2. Place New Leader crush strength tester over granule, open end flush with surface.
Ensure marker is next to handle.



Figure 2

3. Figure 2 - With one hand on handle, press tester down until granule breaks.

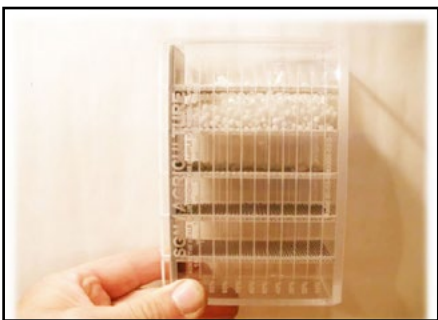
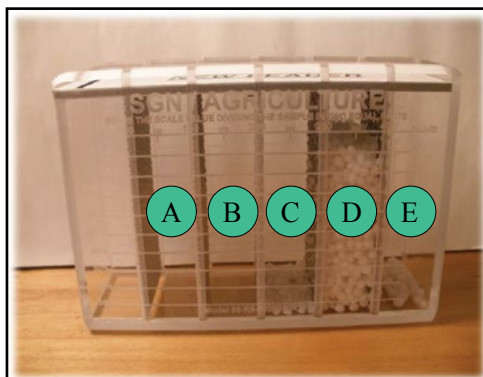


Figure 3

4. Figure 3 - Release handle and note where marker rests on number scale. This is granule crushing strength.
For example, the marker in Figure 3 is between 3 and 4 on the scale. Thus, crushing strength is 3.5.
5. Repeat 10 times and average the values.

SGN SCALE TEST

The SGN scale is an instrument designed for simple screen test of fertilizer samples. A small box fitted with five sieves, it directly produces a size histogram of the test sample. From this, the SGN can be estimated.

**Figure 4****Figure 5****Figure 6**

1. Figure 4 - To determine SGN, place scale on flat surface and open lid.
2. Fill end column with selected product to fill line.
3. Close lid securely.
4. Figure 5 - Rotate scale vertical and shake to separate material, usually less than two minutes.
5. When material finishes dispersing, turn scale to starting position.
6. Figure 6 - View level of material in each compartment and determine SGN level based on markings.

Test Instructions

SGN
Size Grade Number

View each column for percentage

- Column A (120) = 0 material
- Column B (170) = 0 material
- Column C (240) = 5% of 240 equals 12
- Column D (340) = 90% of 340 equals 306
- Column E (400>) = 5% of 400 equals 20
- Total: 12+306+20 = 338 as average SGN

7. Figure 7 - Based on column headings and percent in each field, calculate overall SGN of the sample.

Figure 7

Using the above crush strength example of 3.5 and average SGN size of 338, we can now use the chart to determine our maximum spread width. In this case a maximum spinner speed of 650-700 RPM will produce a spread width of 85' to 100' depending on spinner height.

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