

Paeonia

Flower

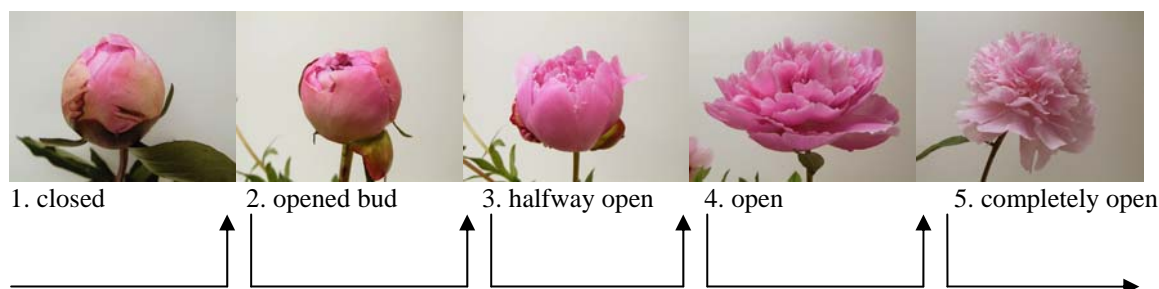
Botrytis blight

Description: slight damage visible as spots on the petals;
severe damage: brown spots 1 cm. in diameter or larger on the petals and/or if the flower base has fallen apart or displays severe damage.

Reject: if more than 25% of the flower displays severe damage and/or the flower base is severely damaged.

Bud opening

Record: the degree to which the flower bud develops during vase life.
This is classified into 5 stages:



Flaccid bud and/or flaccid flower

Description: the bud and/or flower is/are visually flaccid.

Reject: when the flower is visually more than 25% flaccid.

Faded flowers

Description: the petals desiccate and/or become brown and/or flaccid and/or translucent and/or fall off.

Reject: if more than 25% of the flower displays one of these symptoms.

Stem

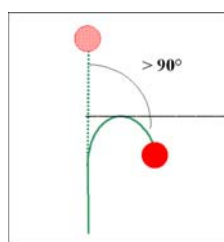
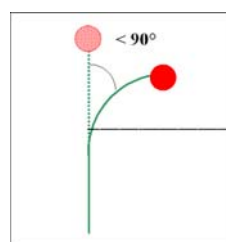
Bending over

Record: the stem is bending over:

stage 1: not bent over;

stage 2: the stem bends over making an angle of less than 90° of its upright position (see figure);

stage 3: the stem bends over making an angle exceeding 90° of its upright position (see figure).



Snapping

Description: the stem snaps.

Reject: upon detection.



Leaves

Leaf desiccation

Description: the leaves are desiccated and turn grey and/or brown.

Reject: if more than 50% of the total leaf surface and/or 50% of the total number of leaves display these symptoms.

Yellow and/or brown leaves

Description: the leaves turns yellow and/or brown.

Reject: if more than 50% of the total leaf surface and/or 50% of the total number of leaves display these symptoms.

Flaccid leaves

Description: the leaves are flaccid and start to hang down next to the stem.

Reject: if more than 50% of the total leaf surface and/or 50% of the total number of leaves display these symptoms.

Spots

Description: the leaves display yellow and/or brown and/or desiccated spots.

Reject: if more than 50% of the total leaf surface and/or 50% of the total number of leaves display these symptoms.

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