

Rose Black Spot



Cause:

fungus (*Diplocarpon rosea*)

Symptoms:

- Purple or black spots appear on the leaves;
- leaves may turn yellow and then drop off.

The rate at which the plant can photosynthesise is greatly affected and the plant does not thrive.

How It Is Transmitted:

The fungus thrives in wet and windy conditions. A British summer provides ideal conditions for this fungus.

Treatment and Prevention:

The plant can be clipped of any affected leaves, but it is then important that these leaves are destroyed properly otherwise the fungus will spread via the wind.

The most effective way of treating the disease is to spray the plant with an insecticide and fungicide.

