

Sunburn

Sunlight exposure



This is Sunburn or Sunscald and occurs on pepper fruit that is exposed directly to intense sunlight. This type of damage often results when shaded fruit is suddenly exposed to the sun.

Defoliation or prolonged wilting caused by other diseases, such as Verticillium wilt, root-knot nematode, and bacterial leaf spot, or by salt and wind injury, can contribute to problems of sunburn.

The affected area is light-colored, soft and wrinkled. The damaged tissue eventually turns whitish-tan and papery in texture.

