

RIDGING

WHAT IS IT?

Ridging is small raised lines or protuberances on the surface of the avocado skin. They do not cause any damage to the internal quality of the fruit.



WHAT CAUSES IT?

The main cause of ridging is not completely understood, but most experts agree that it is caused by thrip or mite activity during the flowering stage. The skin is damaged at an early stage and as the fruit grows, the small ridge is stretched across a greater percentage of the fruit's surface. The growth of the young fruit is also slightly stunted, which explains why ridging is more commonly seen in small sized fruit.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

While ridging cannot be completely eliminated, it can be reduced by proper integrated pest management practices in the field. The ridges themselves can become more susceptible to light scarring simply due to the fact that they are raised higher on the skin's surface. As long as the fruit is handled properly after harvest, no further damage will occur.



Does not cause internal damage



Fruit will ripen and taste normal



More commonly appears in small sized fruit