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PORTABLE REFRIGERATOR | FREEZER

PROVIDES STABLE TEMPERATURE

FOR PLANT MATERIAL COLLECTION

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ABSTRACT

In a simple evaluation we found that a portable refrigerator/freezer unit, powered by the 12v DC connection in a vehicle, maintained a constant and colder temperature than a similarly sized recreation-style cooler filled with ice. Such a device may have utility for preserving the quality of seeds and cuttings collected in the field.

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Figure 1. Engel MT35 portable refrigerator/freezer (Engel USA, Jupiter, Florida). Photo by Martin-Michel Gauthier