

key grower tips

Start out right!

The first step in defining the Plug & Play combination pot starts on the planting line. Follow the recipes and planting diagrams for best success. Plug size, number and planting position is key.

Easy does it!

Next up is PGR application, specifically for multi-species combinations.

We recommend the following for the best toned and fully mixed multi-species combination finish.

8 in./20 cm

10 in./25 cm

1.



Transplant



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2.



After 3 weeks



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3.



After 6 weeks



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PLUG SIZE: Every Plug & Play recipe takes each ingredient's growth rate and flower timing into consideration. Larger inputs are used when necessary to obtain the best balance of growth and flowering.

PLUG NUMBER: It is important to use the right ratio of inputs, just as with vegetative intermingled combos. The correct number of plugs per component leads to the best balanced combination finish.

PLUG POSITIONING: Plant your plugs halfway between the middle of the pot and the rim. A tight circle of plugs is key to getting the intermingled look desired in a multi-plant combination. Planting at the rim results in a "clumpy," less intermingled look. All varieties in each Plug & Play combo are transplanted at the same time in order to finish at the same time. Sow times may vary.

NOTE: In multi-species combos, shear Kabloom plugs before transplanting.

PGRS*: Daminozide spray at 2,500 to 5,000 ppm (depending on your conditions) 1 week after transplant, followed by a second daminozide spray 7 to 10 days later. Daminozide will allow the axils to expand, versus a paclobutrazol treatment which can lock up axillary branching. The result is controlled growth early, while still allowing good branching for the combination's development.

When plants grow to the rim and begin to fill the pot, switch to a repeated low rate paclobutrazol drench at 1 to 2 ppm (depending on your conditions). Go easy - too high a rate for the paclobutrazol drench can stop the non-petunia components and lead to a bad mix result.

**Rates are based on trials in the northern U.S.*