

Gazania Tetraploid Sunshine Series

(*Gazania rigens*)

Annuals Culture (revised 03/14/17)

Plug crop time: 4 to 5 weeks

Transplant to finish: 9 to 10 weeks

- Long-blooming mix includes cream, yellow, orange, pink and red shades, with some striped flowers.
- Upright plants are excellent for the bedding market as a landscape-performing garden plant, with larger flowers and robust growth.

General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer	12 in. (30 cm)	6-8 in. (15-20 cm)	6-10 in. (15-25 cm)

Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days to Germinate	Initial Media pH/EC	Cover Seed
RAW	406	1	4-5	3-4	5.8-6.2 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	Yes

Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 2-3	Level 2-3
Temperature	70-72°F (21-22°C)	68-72°F (20-22°C)	68-70°F (20-21°C)	65-68°F (18-20°C)
Light	Optional	1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)
Fertilizer	Less than 100 ppm N - Less than 0.7 EC		100 to 175 ppm N - 0.7 to 1.2 EC	100 to 175 ppm N - 0.7 to 1.2 EC

Propagation Key Tips

PGRs are generally not required for plug production. Avoid excessive salt accumulation in the plug media during plug production, as this will cause leaf tip or margin burn.

Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 65-70°F (18-21°C) (night) 55-60°F (13-16°C)	5.8-6.2 pH 1.5-2.0 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N - 1.2 to 1.5 EC	Facultative Long Day

Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plants/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
5"/6"/1 Gallon	3 (ppp)	9-10 (weeks)	Early Spring	daminozide 3,500 ppm Spray
5"/6"/1 Gallon	3 (ppp)	8-9 (weeks)	Summer	daminozide 3,500 ppm Spray

Common Problems

Insects: Aphids, Thrips, Mites, Whiteflies Diseases: Damping off during seedling production

Finishing Key Tips

Crop time can be influenced by light levels; i.e., when grown in areas with low light levels or during period of low light intensity, crop time could be approximately 3 weeks longer. Plant Growth Regulators: If needed, use B-Nine/Alar (daminozide) at 3,500 ppm (4.2 g/l of 85% formulation or 5.6 g/l of 64% formulation) to tone the crop. One application at 2 to 3 weeks after transplant will be sufficient.

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as a starting point. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year, and greenhouse environmental conditions. Chemical and PGR recommendations are only guidelines. It is the responsibility of the applicator to read and follow all the current label directions for the specific chemical being used in accordance with all regulations.

Variety Pictures



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