

ColorGrass Isolepis Live Wire

(*Isolepis cernua*)

Annuals Culture (revised 03/14/17)

Plug crop time: 5 weeks

Transplant to finish: 6 to 7 weeks

- Annual grass like plant features a short mound of soft green leaves accented by flower spikes that look like “fiber optic” strands.
- Ideal for adding texture to mixed containers or marketing as an indoor plant.
- Dense, mounded habit needs no pinching or PGRs, grows upright when young and drapes as it matures.
- Performs well in wet conditions.
- Prefers shade, but can handle sun if moisture level is maintained.

General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Partial Sun	-	6-8 in. (15-20 cm)	18-20 in. (46-51 cm)	15-25 in. (38-64 cm)

Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days to Germinate	Initial Media pH/EC	Cover Seed
MPL	288	1	5	6	5.5-6.2 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	No

Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 2-3	Level 2-3
Temperature	64-68°F (18-20°C)	64-70°F (18-21°C)	64-68°F (18-20°C)	64-66°F (18-19°C)
Light	Light	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

Fertilizer Notation

Use a nitrate-based fertilizer with low phosphorus.

Propagation Key Tips

Sow uncovered at 65°F (18°C) for fastest and most uniform germination; prefers moist soil.

Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 66-74°F (19-23°C) (night) 64-66°F (18-19°C)	5.5-6.2 pH 1.2-1.5 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N - 1.2 to 1.5 EC	Day Neutral

Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plants/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
306 Pack	1 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Spring	-
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Spring	-
5"/6"/1 Gallon	3 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Spring	-

Fertilizer Notation

Use a nitrate-based fertilizer with low phosphorus; avoid using excessive ammonia, nitrogen-based fertilizer and overfeeding, as these will result in less upright plants.

Finishing Key Tips

Sow uncovered at 65°F (18°C) for fastest and most uniform germination; prefers moist soil.

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.

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