# Dianthus Amazon<sup>™</sup> F<sub>1</sub> Series

#### (Dianthus barbatus interspecific)

Cut Flowers Culture (revised 02/20/23)

Versatile and programmable, Amazon can be produced year-round without vernalisation and is the best dianthus for warmer production seasons. Whether you're looking for a high-appeal filler for bouquets or an exceptional product for grower bunches, Amazon is the one you want!

### **General Information**

| Cultivation Type   | Usage             | Stem Length             | Timing Group |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Greenhouse, Tunnel | Filler, Secondary | 18-36 in.<br>(46-91 cm) | N/A          |

### **Germination**

| Seed Form | Recommended<br>Plug Size | Seeds/Cell | Plug Crop Weeks | Days from 50% to maximum germination | Initial Media<br>pH/EC (1:2) | Cover Seed |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| PEL       | 288                      | 1          | 4-5             | 3-4                                  | 5.8-6.2 pH<br>0 75 mmhos/cm  | Yes        |

### **Plug Production**

|             | Stage 1              | Stage 2                                   | Stage 3                                   | Stage 4                                 |
|-------------|----------------------|---|---|---|
| Moisture    | Level 4              | Level 3-4                                 | Level 3-4                                 | Level 3                                 |
| Temperature | 64-68°F<br>(18-20°C) | 65-70°F<br>(18-21°C)                      | 60-65°F<br>(16-18°C)                      | 60-65°F<br>(16-18°C)                    |
| Light       | Light                | 5-8 mol⋅m <sup>-2</sup> ⋅d <sup>-1</sup>  | 8-10 mol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> | 10 mol⋅m <sup>-2</sup> ⋅d <sup>-1</sup> |
| Fertiliser  |                      | Less than 100 ppm N<br>(Less than 0.7 EC) | Less than 100 ppm N<br>(Less than 0.7 EC) | 100 to 175 ppm N<br>(0.7 to 1.2 EC)     |

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paclobutrazol/4-6 ppm/Spray

### **Fertiliser Notation**

After plugs are established, apply 200 ppm calcium nitrate per week.

### **Propagation Key Tips**

A small percentage (3 to 5%) of early off-types can be observed with Amazon dianthus at 4 to 5 weeks from sowing. These plants should be removed/discarded at transplant.

### Growing on to Finish

| Target Media<br>pH/EC (1:2)    | Fertiliser                          | Daylength            |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 5.8-6.5 pH<br>1.5-2.0 mmhos/cm | 175 to 225 ppm N<br>(1.2 to 1.5 EC) | Facultative Long Day |

#### **Daylength Notation**

Best results are achieved when plants are grown in full sun or in a high-light greenhouse. The combination of high light with high heat will result in shorter stems.

## Crop Scheduling

| Cultivation Type | Support  | Temperature                                   | Density   | Crop Time   |
|------------------|----------|---|---|-------------|
| Tunnel           | Required | 16-22°C/60-72°F (day) 10-16°C/50-60°F (night) | 3-4 plants/ft <sup>2</sup> (32-43 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ) | 14-18 weeks |

#### **Common Problems**

In outdoor production, a preventative rust program is recommended.

#### **Finishing Key Tips**

Transplant directly into ground beds approximately 5 weeks after sowing, spacing 30 to 40 plants per sq. m. (approximately 3 to 4 plants per sq. ft.). If main stem is pinched on Amazon dianthus, then space at 1.5 plants per net sq. ft. (approximately 15 plants per net sq. m). A single layer of support netting is recommended. A small percentage (3 to 5%) of early off-types can be observed with Amazon dianthus at 4 to 5 weeks from sowing. These plants should be removed/discarded at transplant.

#### Harvest

Harvest stems when 50% of florets have opened.

#### **Post Harvest**

Dianthus are sensitive to ethylene; it is recommended to treat with an ethylene-inhibiting product. Hydrate and store in a cooler at 1-3°C (34-38°F) in commercial floral holding solution at the manufacturer recommended rates.

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as guidelines only. PanAmerican Seed recommends that growers conduct a trial of products under their own conditions. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year, and greenhouse environmental conditions. It is the responsibility of the grower to confirm the treatment is available in their region as well as read and follow all the current label directions relating to the products. Nothing herein shall be deemed a warranty or guaranty by PanAmerican Seed of any products listed herein. PanAmerican Seed's terms and conditions of sale shall apply to all products listed herein.

### Variety Pictures



Neon Purple

Lavender Magic

Neon Cherry Neon Duo





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