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IMPATIENS

WHAT IS IMPATIENS DOWNY MILDEW?

A destructive disease caused by an Impatiens host-specific water mold, *Plasmopara obducens*.

NEW BEACON™ IMPATIENS offers high resistance to Impatiens downy mildew!

PLASMOPARA OB DucENS



airborne sporangia



survival oospores (soil)

THE DISEASE CYCLE OF IMPATIENS DOWNY MILDEW

Under high humidity, aerial sporangia release from structures on the underside of the leaf and can be dispersed long distances by wind or short distances by splashing water.

Cool temperatures (60°F/15°C) and high humidity >85%, especially at night, are ideal for rapid disease development. Moist air, rainy weather or irrigation practices that extend the amount of time moisture remains on the leaves also encourage the development and expression of downy mildew. Oospores that form inside infected tissues have the potential to overwinter in the ground and re-infect impatiens sown or replanted into the bed the following year.

INTERNATIONAL SEED FEDERATION (ISF) DEFINITION OF TERMS

The ability of a pest to cause disease in or damage to a plant depends on environmental conditions, the properties of the organism itself and the capacity of the plant to defend itself. Plant varieties within a species can differ in their ability to defend themselves. Under different conditions, such as age of the plant, pest pressure and degree of virulence or adverse environmental conditions, the interaction between the same plant variety and pest may have different outcomes.

To promote consistency in the terms used to describe the reaction of a plant to a pest, ISF Vegetable and Ornamental Crops Section has defined and recommends the use of the following terms within the vegetable seed industry.

Susceptibility is the inability of a plant variety to restrict the growth and/or development of a specified pest.

Resistance is the ability of a plant variety to restrict growth and/or development of a specified pest and/or the damage it causes when compared to susceptible plant varieties under similar environmental conditions and pest pressure. Two levels of resistance are defined: High Resistance and Intermediate Resistance.

Immunity is when a plant is not subject to attack or infection by a specified pest. For example, zinnias are immune to Impatiens downy mildew.

High Resistance refers to plant varieties that highly restrict the growth and/or development of the specified pathogen and/or the damage it causes under normal pressure when compared to susceptible varieties under similar environmental conditions and pathogen pressure. These plant varieties may, however, exhibit some symptoms or damage under heavy disease pressure.

Intermediate Resistance refers to plant varieties that restrict the growth and/or development of the specified pathogen and/or the damage it causes, but they may exhibit a greater range of symptoms or damage compared to high-resistant varieties. Intermediate-resistant plant varieties will show less severe symptoms or damage than susceptible varieties under similar environmental conditions and/or pathogen pressures.

Tolerance is not recognized by ISF. This references abiotic stressors, such as wind and sun.

IMPATIENS DOWNY MILDEW DISEASE RESISTANCE SCREENING

Inoculation of plants:

Seedlings and young plants are challenged by aerial inoculation of sporangia under high disease pressure in controlled environmental conditions using characterized isolates of *Plasmopara obducens*.

Resistance screens are conducted in greenhouses in Venhuizen, The Netherlands and Elburn, IL and in the Ball Helix Pathology Laboratory in West Chicago, IL.

All hybrids are screened a minimum of 10 times.

Observations of field resistance align with lab/greenhouse results.

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HIGH RESISTANCE IS NOT IMMUNITY

What does this mean?

Per the definition of High Resistance, plant varieties may exhibit some symptoms or damage under heavy disease pressure. This means it may be possible to see some leaf discoloration and limited sporulation under adverse environmental conditions and high pathogen pressure. Plants may abscise the affected leaves, but the plant will continue to live and thrive.



Super Elfin® XP Violet (Top) vs. Beacon™ Violet Shades



Beacon™ Orange (Top) vs. Super Elfin® Bright Orange



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EXAMPLE OF YOUNG PLANT SCREEN



From Left to Right: Four Beacon™ varieties and one Super Elfin® XP variety.

Inset: Sporulation on Commercial Variety

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TRIAL RESULTS

GREENHOUSE DEMONSTRATIONS

4 weeks after inoculation, Beacon™ is thriving,
Venhuizen, NL Week 9, 2018



Super Elfin® XP Salmon vs. Beacon™ Coral



Super Elfin® Bright Orange vs. Beacon™ Orange



Super Elfin® XP White vs. Beacon™ White

5 weeks after inoculation, Beacon™ is thriving,
Elburn, IL Week 31, 2018



Beacon™ White

NEW BEACON™ IMPATIENS

HIGH RESISTANCE TO IMPATIENS DOWNY MILDEW!

TRIAL RESULTS

LANDSCAPE/FIELD DEMONSTRATIONS NATURAL INFECTION

7 weeks after transplant, Beacon™ is thriving,
Elburn, IL Week 32, 2018



Super Elfin® XP White



Beacon™ White

11 weeks after transplant, Beacon™ is thriving,
Venhuizen, NL Week 36, 2018



NATURAL INFECTION

Super Elfin® XP White vs. Beacon™ White



Super Elfin® XP Salmon vs. Beacon™ Coral

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In both field trials, no Impatiens downy mildew preventative fungicides were ever applied to the plant material.

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