

## Begonia Gryphon

(*Begonia x hybrida*)

Annuals Culture (revised 03/14/17)

**Plug crop time:** 8 to 9 weeks

**Transplant to finish:** 5 to 6 weeks

- Easy-care, low-water plant blends beauty with strength and durability to make a dramatic statement in mixed or solo containers.
- Fits into existing begonia plug culture; easier and quicker to produce than vegetative foliage types.
- More tolerant of stressful conditions than Rex begonias for less shrink.
- Retailers appreciate the longer sales window and versatility for outdoor container and indoor pot plant sales.
- Unique tropical appearance – perfect impulse item.
- Lets consumers extend their enjoyment by bringing plants indoors at the end of the season.

**Height:** 14 to 16 in./35 to 40 cm in shade, 12 to 14 in./30 to 35 cm in partial sun; may grow to 30 in./75 cm tall in hot/humid conditions

### General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Shade, Partial Sun	-	14-16 in. (36-41 cm)	16-18 in. (41-46 cm)	16-18 in. (41-46 cm)

### Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days to Germinate	Initial Media pH/EC	Cover Seed
MPL	288	1	8-9	10-12	5.8-6.2 pH 0.5 mmhos/cm	No

### Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
<b>Moisture</b>	Level 5	Level 4-5	Level 3-4	Level 3
<b>Temperature</b>	72-78°F (22-26°C)	71-76°F (22-24°C)	68-73°F (20-23°C)	65-67°F (18-19°C)
<b>Light</b>	Light	2,000-2,500 f.c. (21,500-26,900 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)
<b>Fertilizer</b>	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

A saturated media and high relative humidity are critical to successful germination.

### Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 65-75°F (18-24°C) (night) 62-67°F (17-19°C)	5.4-6.0 pH 1.0 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N - 1.2 to 1.5 EC	Facultative Short Day

### Daylength Notation

Gryphon is a foliage plant, but plant could flower when grown under a daylength of 11 hours or shorter. Under daylength longer than 11 hours, flowering will be significantly delayed or plants will never flower.

## Crop Scheduling

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Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Summer	-
5"/6"/1 Gallon	2-3 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Summer	-
8"/2 Gallon	3 (ppp)	7-8 (weeks)	Summer	-
12" Pot or HB/5 Gallon	3-4 (ppp)	9-11 (weeks)	Summer	-

### Chemical Sensitivity

Avoid using Cycocel alone, as it can cause phytotoxicity. Also use caution with Bonzi, Topflor and Sumagic, as they can stunt plants.

### Finishing Key Tips

To avoid flower as a foliage plant, grow under daylength longer than 11 hours.

**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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