

Petunia (Double) Pirouette F₁ Series

(*Petunia x hybrida*)

Annuals Culture (revised 03/14/17)

Plug crop time: 4 to 5 weeks

Transplant to finish: 6 to 7 weeks

- Eye-catching, very double, fringed flowers in distinctive bicolour picotee patterns.

General Information

| Exposure | Bloom Season | Height | Spread | Spacing |
|----------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sun | Spring, Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer | 10-15 in. (25-38 cm) | 10-12 in. (25-30 cm) | 10-14 in. (25-36 cm) |

Germination

| Seed Form | Recommended Plug Size | Seeds/Cell | Plug Crop Weeks | Days to Germinate | Initial Media pH/EC | Cover Seed |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| PEL, RAW | 288 | 1 | 4-5 | 3-5 | 5.5-5.8 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm | No |

Plug Production

| | Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4 |
|--------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Moisture | Level 4 | Level 3-4 | Level 2-4 | Level 2-4 |
| Temperature | 72-76°F (22-24°C) | 68-75°F (20-24°C) | 65-70°F (18-21°C) | 60-62°F (16-17°C) |
| Light | Optional | 450-700 f.c. (4,800-7,500 Lux) | 450-700 f.c. (4,800-7,500 Lux) | 450-700 f.c. (4,800-7,500 Lux) |
| Fertilizer | Less than 100 ppm N - Less than 0.7 EC | 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

Apply a protective fungicides drench for Thielaviopsis and Pythium control once in full stand.

Propagation Key Tips

Germination on some varieties may be improved by a 25 to 50 ppm N application of potassium nitrate after sowing.

Growing on to Finish

| Growing on Temperature | Target Media pH/EC | Fertilizer | Daylength |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| (day) 65-72°F (18-22°C) (night) 60-62°F (16-17°C) | 5.5-6.3 pH 1.5-2.0 mmhos/cm | 100 to 175 ppm N - 0.7 to 1.2 EC | Facultative Long Day |

Crop Scheduling

| Container Size | Plugs/Pot | Crop Time | Season | PGR |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-----|
| 4"/4.5"/Quart | 1 (ppp) | 6-7 (weeks) | Spring | - |
| 5"/6"/1 Gallon | 2-3 (ppp) | 7-8 (weeks) | Spring | - |

Common Problems

Insects: Thrips, Aphids, Fungus Gnats, Shore Flies Diseases: Botrytis, Rhizoctonia, Pythium

Finishing Key Tips

Maintain light levels as high as possible (4,000 to 7,000 f.c.). Sensitive to overwatering; allow media to dry slightly before watering. Controlling Height: Once plants are rooted to the sides of the containers, they can be allowed to wilt prior to irrigation to provide some height control. Height can also be controlled by withholding fertilizer, especially phosphorus and ammonium-based nitrogen. Petunias are responsive to day/night temperature differential (DIF), and are shorter with a negative DIF. Florel will promote lateral branching when applied once plants are established. Petunias respond to both B-Nine and Bonzi. A one-time Bonzi drench is effective. Varieties may respond differently to growth regulators.

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



Purple



Red



Rose

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