

## Petunia (Double) Pirouette F<sub>1</sub> Series

(*Petunia x hybrida*)

Annuals Culture (revised 08/26/19)

**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.<br>(25-38 cm) | 10-12 in.<br>(25-30 cm) | 10-14 in.<br>(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<br>0.75 mmhos/cm | No         |

### Plug Production

|                    | Stage 1                                | Stage 2                           | Stage 3                           | Stage 4                           |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Moisture</b>    | Level 4                                | Level 3-4                         | Level 2-4                         | Level 2-4                         |
| <b>Temperature</b> | 72-76°F<br>(22-24°C)                   | 68-75°F<br>(20-24°C)              | 65-70°F<br>(18-21°C)              | 60-62°F<br>(16-17°C)              |
| <b>Light</b>       | Optional                               | 450-700 f.c.<br>(4,800-7,500 Lux) | 450-700 f.c.<br>(4,800-7,500 Lux) | 450-700 f.c.<br>(4,800-7,500 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  |

### 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)<br>(night) 60-62°F (16-17°C) | 5.5-6.3 pH<br>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

Drench with a fungicide at transplant. 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 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

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Purple



Red



Rose

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