# GrowerFacts

## Petunia Sophistica<sup>®</sup> F<sub>1</sub> Series

(Petunia x hybrida)

#### Annuals Culture (revised 12/13/24)

The designer Sophistica collection combines beautiful flowers in special one-of-a-kind colours with professional seed quality. These premium petunias can command a higher price point at retail and open the door to decorator opportunities.

#### Plug crop time: 4 to 5 weeks

Transplant to finish: 5 to 6 weeks

- Abundant grandiflora blooms.
- Plants are well-matched for timing for easier scheduling and shipping.
- Mounded, upright habit is ideal for premium pots and larger containers.

## **General Information**

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Spring, Late Spring, 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 from 50% to maximum germination	Initial Media pH/EC (1:2)	Cover Seed
PEL, RAW	288	1	4-5	3-5	5.5-5.8 pH 0.75-1.0 mmhos/cm	No

## **Plug Production**

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4-5	Level 3-4	Level 2-4	Level 2-4
Temperature	72-77°F (22-25°C)	72-77°F (22-25°C)	65-70°F (18-21°C)	62-65°F (17-18°C)
Light	Light	1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	2,500-4,000 f.c. (26,900-43,100 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)
Fertiliser		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)
PGR			daminozide/2,500-5,000 ppm/Spray	daminozide/2,500-5,000 ppm/Spray

#### **Propagation Key Tips**

PGR options include paclobutrazol or flurprimidol.

### Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC (1:2)	Fertiliser	Daylength
(day) 62-70°F (17-21°C)	5.5-6.2 pH	100 to 175 ppm N	Facultative Long Day
(night) 55-65°F (13-18°C)	1.2-1.5 mmhos/cm	(0.7 to 1.2 EC)	

#### **Daylength Notation**

Can flower sucessfully at 10-hour daylengths. Crop time is 3 to 6 days faster under longer days.

## **Crop Scheduling**

Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Spring	paclobutrazol 2-3 ppm Drench
10" Pot or HB/3 Gallon/25 cm	3 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Spring	paclobutrazol 2-3 ppm Drench
4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	4-5 (weeks)	Summer	paclobutrazol 2-3 ppm Drench
10" Pot or HB/3 Gallon/25 cm	3 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Summer	paclobutrazol 2-3 ppm Drench

#### **Chemical Sensitivity**

Avoid using daminozide on Lime Bicolor and Blackberry, as this may impact flower colour.

#### **Common Problems**

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

#### **Finishing Key Tips**

Avoid using daminozide on Lime Bicolor and Blackberry, as this may impact flower colour. Options include paclobutrazol or flurprimidol.

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**



Antique Shades Blackberry

Blue Morn

Lime Bicolor

Lime Green



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