# GrowerFacts

# Petunia (Spreading) Shock Wave<sup>®</sup> F<sub>1</sub> Series

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(Petunia x hybrida)

#### The best for baskets

You've never seen petunia hanging baskets like these – each Shock Wave plant is blanketed with masses of colour from the amazing number of petite, high-impact flowers. Start your Wave® sales early with the early-to-flower spreading petunia series that bounces back from overhead watering and Spring showers.

Plug crop time: 4 to 6 weeks

Transplant to finish: Spring 5 to 6 weeks, Summer 4 to 5 weeks

- Blooms in a 4 to 6-day window.
- Rebounds faster from overhead watering and rain than other petunias stays fresher-looking at retail and outdoors.
- Performs equally well in small spaces, baskets, containers and mixed combos.
- · Mounded, spreading plants are similar in shape and just as easy to manage as Easy Wave® petunia.
- · Recommended in Wave branded packaging: 4-in./10-cm pots, premium quarts, 306 premium packs with handle, hanging baskets.

#### **General Information**

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Spring, Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer	7-10 in. (18-25 cm)	20-30 in. (51-76 cm)	10-15 in. (25-38 cm)

#### **Germination**

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days to Germinate	Initial Media pH/EC	Cover Seed
PEL	288 128	1 1	4-6 5-7	3-5	5.5-6.0 pH 0.75 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	72-75°F (22-24° C)	68-75°F (20-24°C)	65-70°F (18-21°C)	60-65°F (16-18°C)
Light	Optional	6 mol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> 1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	8-12 mol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> 2,500-4,000 f.c. (26,900-43,100 Lux)	8-15 mol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> 2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)
Fertilizer		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

# **Growing on to Finish**

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 61-75°F (16-24°C) (night) 57-65°F (14-18°C)	5.8-6.2 pH 1.5-2.0 mmhos/cm	225 to 300 ppm N - 1.5 to 2.0 EC	Facultative Long Day

#### **Daylength Notation**

Minimum Daylength Requirements By Variety: 10 hours: Coral Crush, Denim, Pink Shades, Red 10.5 hours: Pink Vein, Deep Purple, Purple Tie Dye, Rose

#### **Crop Scheduling**

Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
306 Pack	1 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Spring	paclobutrazol 3-5 ppm Drench
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Spring	paclobutrazol 3-5 ppm Drench
10" Pot or HB/3 Gallon	3-4 (ppp)	6-8 (weeks)	Spring	paclobutrazol 3-5 ppm Drench
306 Pack	1 (ppp)	4-5 (weeks)	Summer	paclobutrazol 3-5 ppm Drench
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	4-5 (weeks)	Summer	paclobutrazol 3-5 ppm Drench
10" Pot or HB/3 Gallon	3-4 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Summer	paclobutrazol 3-5 ppm Drench

#### **Common Problems**

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

## Finishing Key Tips

Daminozide spray of 2,500 to 5,000 ppm 7 to 10 days after transplant promotes branching and controls early stretch. As an optional treatment, flurprimidol (Topflor) can be used in place of paclobutrazol at 2/3 the rate of paclobutrazol. Can be grown as low as 50°F (10°C). Crop timing is related to average temperature when grown under proper daylength. Plants will take longer to flower when grown in cooler conditions. Recommended DLI range of 12 to 20 mol·m<sup>-2</sup>·d<sup>-1</sup>. Cold-Durable Varieties: Denim, Pink Shades, Pink Vein, Purple Tie Dye Cold-Sensitive Varieties: Coral Crush, Deep Purple, Red, Rose

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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