easy grow guide pansy magnum

(F1 viola xwittrockiana)



Plug Production: 512 or 288 plugs

Sowing/Media: Use a well-drained, disease-free, peat based plug medium with pH 5.5-5.8, EC

0.75mmhos. Cover seed with coarse vermiculite

Germination Stage 1:

(4-5 days)

Keep medium uniformly moist, media temperature should be 65-70°F (18-21°C), Keep

light levels <1500 f.c. until cotyledons are open.

Germination Stage 2: Dry down covering slightly to improve rooting and control floppiness, maintain media

temperature at 65-70 $^{\circ}$ F (18-21 $^{\circ}$ C), once cotyledons have opened light levels should be

1500-2000 f.c.

Germination Stage 3: Allow media to dry further between irrigations, practice a good wet/dry cycle but avoid

wilting, media temperature should be 65-68°F (18-20°C), light levels should be around 3000 f.c. with shading in hot weather Fertilize every other watering with 100-150ppm N (nitrate form) from 15-5-15, 17-5-17, or 13-2-13 keep media pH at 5.5-5.8 and EC at 1.0-

1.5mmhos.

Germination Stage 4: Keep media on the drier side and lower media temperature to 60-62°F (15-17°C), light

levels can be increased to 3000-4000 f.c. if possible. Fertilize as stage 3, avoid using

high NH4 fertilizers but make sure pH is below 6.5.

Growth Regulators: Use sprays of B-Nine (1500–2500 ppm), A-Rest (2–7 ppm), B-Nine (1000–2500 ppm) +

Cycocel (500–1500 ppm), or B-Nine (1000–2500 ppm) + A-Rest (1–5 ppm) if needed. Weather conditions and cultural practices directly affect how much growth regulator to

use, so it is recommended that you run your own trials.

Growing On to Finish: Packs, 4"(10cm) pots

Media: Use a well-drained, disease free, peat-based growing mix with pH 5.5-5.8, EC

<1.5mmhos.

Temperatures: Keep media temperature at 63-65°F(17-18°C) until roots have developed and then lower

to 55-60F(12-15°C) to grow on. Pansies grow better in cooler temperatures, but crop

time will increase if the temperature is below 55-60F(12-15°C)

Light: Keep light levels at 3000-4000 f.c.. Shade if light levels are higher to keep temperatures

down.

Irrigation: Practice a good wet/dry moisture cycle to aid root development and control height.

Fertilizer: Fertilize once a week with 150ppm N (nitrate form) from 15-5-15, 17-5-17, or 13-2-13 but

keep media pH at 5.5-5.8 definitely <6.5 and media EC no higher than 1.0-1.5mmhos.

Growth Regulators: Use sprays of B-Nine (2500–5000 ppm), A-Rest (3–10 ppm), B-Nine (1500–2500 ppm) +

Cycocel (750–1500 ppm), or B-Nine (1500–2500 ppm) + A-Rest (3–7 ppm) as needed. Weather conditions and cultural practices directly affect how much growth regulator to use and Sense has a naturally compact habit so it is recommended that you run your

own trials.

Pests: Aphids, Thrips, Spider Mites. Fungus Gnats and Shore Flies during the plug stage.

Diseases: Pythium, Thielaviopsis, Botrytis, fungal leafspots, Downy and Powdery mildew.

Plug Times:

| 512 Plug: | 4-5 weeks | 288 Plug: | 5-6 weeks | |
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Transplant to Finish:

| Container | Plants/Container | Transplant to Finish | Transplant to Finish |
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| Packs | 1x plug per cell | 3-4 weeks - Autumn | 7-9 weeks – Spring |
| 4" (10cm) | 1x plug | 4-5 weeks - Autumn | 8-10 weeks – Spring |

Crop times are based on UK trials in optimum conditions. Alternative environmental conditions and cultural regimes can alter the crop times stated above.