# Dianthus

Growing manual

Sunflor



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### Sunflor® Series





#### Plant profile

**Family** Life cycle **Hardiness** Habit

**Genus & species** Dianthus x hybrida Perennial Hardy to -5°C / 23°F

Use

Sun/shade

**Flowering** spring to autumn. Programmable for

#### **General information**

Sunflor® offers plenty of options to compose a varied year-round production programme, with an extensive range of early, mid and late season flowering varieties. The collection features compact varieties in many showy colours, various flower shapes and plant types. Its outstanding cold tolerance enables cool production temperatures. Sunflor® has a short cultivation time and a tight bloom window, for easy planning and bench-run production.

Contact our team for tailored selection advice or check out the Sunflor® Selection & Sunflor® Collection, making it easier to set up uniform cultivation programmes by combining matching varieties.

Start material Rooted cuttings Tray size range 144 cell trays



#### Finishing guidelines

Pot size range

9 - 12 cm / 3.5 - 4.5 inch pots, 1 ppp

Crop time

Spring / summer: 8 - 13 weeks from transplanting. Autumn / winter: 16 - 24 weeks from transplanting.

Location

Greenhouse with limited heating or outdoors.

Soil

EC: 1.2 - 1.6 / pH: 5.5 - 6.0

Temperature

Autumn / winter sticking: 10 - 18°C / 50 - 64°F day 6 - 10°C / 43 - 50°F night

Spring / summer sticking: 20°C / 68°F day

13°C / 55°F night

Light / Shade

Watering

Keep moderately moist with mild dry cycles.

Humidity

Max 70%

**Fertilising** 

Target value growing stage EC: 1.2 - 1.6 Target value flowering stage EC: 2.0 - 2.2 Keep pH at 5.5 - 6.0. Basic NPK fertiliser:

Day length neutral, no additional lighting.

• Growing stage: NPK 10 - 52 - 10.

• Flowering stage: NPK + Mg 15 - 3 - 15 - 5.

Once, 2 - 3 weeks after transplanting.

**Pinching** 

Optional

**PGR** Challenges

Fusarium, rhizoctonia and rust may occur. Scout for aphids, thrips, spider mites and caterpillars. Ask for our list of recommended plant protection

products.

Key tips & tricks

- Cool temperatures and high light will improve plant quality.
- Low or shallow pots are recommended.
- During winter production ventilation is important.
- The top of the plug should be a half inch above soil level, to prevent rhizoctonia issues.

#### **Ordering information**

#### Source

HilverdaFlorist, or contact our worldwide sales Lead time RC: 7 weeks.

Check our website for an overview of tags for our Pot. Patio & Garden series.

#### Seasonal timeline

Pot size