

## Petunia F1 Shake Series natural dwarf

Life cycle	Annual
Family / Origin	Solanaceae / South America
Popular uses	Outdoor containers, landscape beds and garden, hanging baskets and mixed containers
Mature plant height Mature plant Width Pot size	15-20 cm (6-8") 20-25cm (8-10") Pack, 8-10cm (3-4") pots
Plants per pot	1 plant per pot 3-5 plants for baskets and large pots
Sun exposure	Sun / partial shade
Water requirements	Reduced, avoid wet conditions
Flowering time	Early Spring, Spring, Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer
Media	A well-drained, porous media is best to prevent over watering pH 5.5-6.2 EC 1.0-1.5 (150-225 ppm N)
Growing temperature	Start at 18-20°C (64-68°F) Lower the temperature after rooting at 15-18°C (59-64°F) Avoid wet conditions at night
Light	Facultative long day; in low light areas they may need daylength extension for earlier flowering in the short day times of year when natural light accumulation is low
Fertilizer needs	Balanced N:P:K fertilizer as needed recommended, use calcium based fertilizers EC 1.8-2.2 (270-330 ppm N)
Crop time	9-11weeks
Hardiness zone	N/A



### Description

A real color breakthrough in our genetically compact hybrid petunias. This new Shake F1 series is seed raised and combines unique flower colors with our well-known genetically compact Petunia plant habit and flowering speed

#### **Growth regulators**

F1 Shake is naturally dwarf and does not need growth regulators to provide a saleable plant. However, PGRs can be applied to provide extra compact plants Daminozide Dazide/B-Nine Chlormequat Cycocel is possible

#### **Common Diseases**

Pythium, Phytophthora, Botrytis and Powdery Mildew

**Common Pests** Thrips, Leaf Miner, Aphids and White Fly

Pinching No need





# **Plug Production**

Seed forms	Raw and Pelleted
Seed count	8.000-11.000 seeds/gram (224.000-308.000 seeds/oz.)
Seeds cell	1
Vermiculite cover	No cover
Stage 1 Germination	Media: pH 5.9-6.2 / EC 0.5-1.0 (75-150 ppm N) Growing medium temperature: 22-25°C (72-77°F). Radicle emergence will occur in 3-4 days Moisture: keep media moist but not completely wet to prevent lack of oxygen Petunia will germinate better with light
Stage 2 Stem and cotyledon	Keep media moist but not wet to allow roots to penetrate EC 0.5-1.0 (75- 150 ppm N) Temperature: 18-20°C (64-68°F) At least 14 hours at 3.500 lux (325 fc) per day is recommended to induce early flowering
Stage 3 Growth and development	Reduce moisture levels for compact sturdy growth. Allow media to dry in between watering Temperature: 18-20°C (65-68°F) EC 1.4-1.8 (210-270 ppm N) Supplemental lighting up to 16-18 days will induce early flowering
Stage 4 Ready for transplanting	Keep media relatively dry to prevent stretching Temperature: 15-18°C (59-65°F); temperatures below 15°C (59°F) will delay flower initiation EC: see stage 3
Plug crop time	4-5 weeks
Approximate finish time	5-6 weeks
Special tips	Low boron levels may cause tip abortion and blindness. Use of calcium- based fertilizers will prevent calcium deficiency Keep pH above 5.7 and below 6.4 to prevent iron deficiency Moisture: allow media to dry and plants slightly to wilt between watering Best result with growth regulators is after application of watering when foliage is dry Flowering is based on daylight accumulation. In low light areas supplemental lighting of 4.000-6.500 lux (375-605 foot candles) is recommended

