





- A brand new series for 2009, bred to perform in high temp.
- Stronger colour range & shorter production time than the market leader
- Compact & basal branching plant habit, for a fuller pot or pack
- Maintains a large flower size even in high temperatures

Viola Goliath

The demand for large flowered Pansies has now reached as far back as mid-Summer. But, in order to achieve the required quality growers need a variety which is specially bred for the high stress conditions which inevitably arrive at this time of year. Now with the introduction of the brand new & exclusive F1 Goliath series, growers can now achieve a consistently good flower size and a strong, branching plant body which will fill the pot before flowering. The new F1 Goliath series also features some new & exciting colours not normally found in this type.

Schedule

Pot from June (week 27) until mid August (week 32) for optimum benefit. Later potting is possible in Southern Europe, but for Northern Europe we recommend the use of the F1 Alpha series, as flowering time of F1 Goliath will be much later.

Production time

Early Autumn sales = approx. 5-7 weeks.

Temperature

Although bred to withstand high temperatures, try to keep temperatures as low as possible in summer (20c) as this will result in a more compact & harder plant. If used for over wintering, keep at least frost free.

Media

Well drained soil; pH 5,5-6.

Irrigation

Moderate, let soil become slightly dry between watering.

Nutrition

Malformed and puckered leaves can indicate calcium deficiencies. To prevent this, fertilize with calcium nitrate or add calcium sulphate to the growing media before transplant. Boron deficiencies can be distinguished by tip abortion, upper leaf stunting and thickening of leaves, along with shortened internodes and/or a gnarled mass of lateral shoots. Boron deficiency is more common during warm weather with frequent watering and too low pH levels.

Growth regulation

Frequently control with daminozide (Alar 64SP) 3-4 gr/litre, chlormequat (CeCeCe) 1-1,5 ml/litre or a combination of both. Paclobutrazol (Bonzi) can be used as a growth regulator, but it is recommended that you use a low concentration when the plant is mature enough to cover the soil.

Recommended pot size

9-10.5 cm pots or packs.

Diseases/pests Downy mildew, Altenaria Leafspots, Aphids.

Garden environment Full sun.

* This information is based on Western European conditions and is given for general guidance only. No guarantee is given for the result of the crop, nor is liability accepted for the consequences of applying above indications..





















