

INTERSPECIFIC GERANIUM

PROPAGATION

PELARGONIUM SARITA®

Pelargonium x hybrida



TRAY & ROOTING

Form	Vegetative Cutting
Rooting Hormone	Yes
Tray Size	32, 52, 72, 102 strip
Plants Per Cell	1
Days In Mist	8-16
Wks. From Stick To Transplant	3-4
Pinch?	No
Days To Pinch	N/A

FERTILITY

Fertilize Through Mist?	No
Fertilizer Rate	Moderate: 100-150 ppm (20-10-20 constant feed)
EC Range	Moderate (1.0-1.5 mS via SME)
pH Range	6.0-6.4

TEMPERATURE

Vernalization Required?	No
Average Soil Temperature	68-72°F (20-22°C)
Average Air Temperature	65-72°F (18-22°C)

IRRIGATION FREQUENCY

Level 3: keep media moderately moist at all times

LIGHT (SUPPLEMENTAL)

No

SHADE

Keep light intensity between 700-1200 fc (7500-12900 lux) until callus formation, 2000-2500 fc (21500-26900 lux) during root initiation, and 2500-4000 fc (26900-43100 lux) for toning.

POTENTIAL DISEASES

Xanthomonas, Rhizoctonia, Botrytis

POTENTIAL PESTS

thrips, aphids, fungus gnats

PGR SUGGESTIONS

- 1,500-2500 ppm *Daminozide* (85%) spray
- *Ethephon* (3.9%) at 350-500 ppm can be used for bud removal and branching 12-21 days after stick (when liners are rooted). Do not apply within 6-8 weeks of ship date.



Sarita® Fire

TIPS

- Apply a 200 ppm IBA spray (or equivalent product) within 24 hours of sticking to aid root formation.

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FINISHING

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CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER POT	EARLY SEASON	MID SEASON	LATE SEASON
6 in. (15 cm)	1	6-8	5-7	4-6
8 in. (19 cm)	1-2	7-11	7-10	7-9
10 in. (22 cm)	2-3	8-12	8-11	8-10
12 in. (30 cm)	3-4	8-12	8-11	8-10

FERTILITY

Fertilizer Rate **Moderate: 125-200 ppm N (15-5-15 at or similar calcium-nitrate formula alternated with 20-10-20)**

EC Range **High (2.0-2.5 mS via SME)**

pH Range **6.0-6.4**

TEMPERATURE

Day Temperature **65-75°F (18-24°C)**

Night Temperature **58-62° (14-17°C)**

IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency **Level 3: keep media moderately moist at all times**

LIGHT

Daylength Neutral? **Yes**

Supplemental **No**

Benefits From Shade? **No**

PINCHING

Finishing Pinch? **No**

POTENTIAL DISEASES

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PGR SUGGESTIONS

- 750-1500 ppm *Chlormequat* (11.8%) as needed
- 1200 ppm *Chlormequat* (11.8%) + 2500 ppm *Daminozide* (85%) tank mix



Sarita® Neon Sizzle

TIPS

- Cultivars in this series are relatively vigorous and will likely require PGR applications.
- Utilize fertilizer formulations low in phosphorous and ammonium to help control stretch, increase branching, increase shelf life, and encourage full flowering.
- Consider direct-stick with callused cuttings to reduce overall production time by 1-2 weeks.

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FEATURES AND BENEFITS

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DESCRIPTION

Sarita® is a medium vigor dark foliated interspecific series with large single flowers.

KEY GARDEN INFORMATION

Exposure	Sun to Partial Shade
Height	12-18 inches (30-46cm)
Garden Spacing	12-18 inches (30-46cm)
Watering instructions	Allow soil to dry slightly between thorough waterings.
Hardiness Zone	10-12

CONSUMER APPEAL

- Interspecifics are known for their heat tolerance and versatility, this series is no exception.

GARDEN ATTRIBUTES

- If planted in the landscape, *Pelargonium* prefer rich well-drained soils. However, they can tolerate heavy clay soils if not overwatered.
- Although not favored by bees, the long bloom season and bright flowers of *Pelargonium* naturally attract hummingbirds. Additionally, their recognizable foliage aroma is a natural deterrent to rabbits, deer, and herbivorous insects.
- *Pelargonium* can be overwintered indoors for extended seasonal interest.

NATIVITY

Of hybrid origin: parental lineages native to Southern Africa.



Sarita® Wild Salmon

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