



Velocity™ Violas

Culture

Finally, a **viola** that will flourish from the early spring through the heat of summer, and will still be blooming at first frost in the fall. These heat tolerant violas are available in a range of colors, perfect for spring and summer sales. **Velocity™ Violas** will bring success to the grower and homeowner. Easy to grow in the greenhouse, marvelous and lasting in the landscape, they are sure to please!

Fertilization: 250 ppm constant liquid feed, of a complete fertilizer such as 17-4-17. EC level in the soil should not exceed 2.0, and the pH should be kept between 5.8 - 6.2. Avoiding fertilizers high in ammoniacal nitrogen may help to reduce stretch. Using slow release fertilizer is safe, and is recommended to keep plants looking healthy until they reach the consumer.

Daylength/Light Requirements: **Velocity Violas** are day neutral. They do not require supplemental lighting to flower, but will produce more flowers and a higher quality plant as the total amount of light is increased. For best plant form and flower count, this product should be grown in the greenhouse under maximum commercial light intensities.

Temperature: **Velocity Violas** should be grown at 60° F night temperature for the shortest crop time. **Velocity Violas** can be grown at lower temperatures but this practice will lengthen the crop time.

Plant Growth Regulators: If plants are grown cooler and pinched after two weeks, PGRs are not necessary. If height control is desired, a Bonzi at 10 ppm spray is recommended. The use of negative DIF can also be used to help control height.

Timing and Pinching: **Velocity Violas** should be pinched two weeks after potting to ensure adequate branching. Containers larger than a gallon may require more than one pinch. Although Florel has been shown to abort flowers at 500 ppm, it does not increase branching enough to replace a mechanical pinch.

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Velocity Violas Crop Timing Suggestions Grown at 60° F Night Temperatures

Container Size	Cuttings/pot	Time from transplant to pinch	Total crop time
Pint	1	2 weeks	6 weeks
Quart	2	2 weeks	8 weeks
Gallon	3	2 weeks	10 weeks

This information is approximate, as rate of growth of the crop will depend on the temperature and amount of light received.

Garden Suggestions: **Velocity Violas** excel in full sun applications and will thrive in a range of high temperature, humidity conditions ranging from Atlanta, GA to St. Louis, MO. **Velocity Violas** should not be placed in partial to full shade locations, as this will cause an undesirable stretch and undesirable garden appearance.

