

Salvia

# Velocity™



## Rooting Unrooted Cuttings

Open the boxes upon arrival. Cuttings should be stuck as soon as possible. Cuttings may be temporarily stored overnight at 8°C in open boxes.

## Finishing Rooted Cuttings

100mm pots, 150mm pots and 200mm pots

Velocity Salvia (*Salvia farinacea*) is a bushy, upright plant with intense darkblue flower spikes. It makes an excellent plant for adding height to combination containers. It is the earliest flowering *Salvia farinacea* on the market. Outside it makes a great landscape plant for ground beds or mixed containers, especially when used with other bright red or yellow annuals. Velocity Salvia has very good heat tolerance.

Transplant directly into the finished container

Place the rooting media slightly below the level of media in the container. Make sure that the root ball is covered and that the cutting is situated in the center of the pot.

Media should be allowed to dry between irrigations 200 ppm N

Velocity Salvia is a moderate feeder. Monitor EC levels and leach with clear water as needed to avoid fertilizer salt buildup. Velocity grows best when using a mix of (or alternating with) Cal-Mag (i.e. 15-5-15, 14-4-14, etc.) and ammonium-containing (i.e. 20-10-20, 15-15-15, etc.) fertilizers.

4,000-7,000 f.c.

Velocity Salvia grows best under high light conditions. Supplemental lighting can be used in northern climates under dark, cloudy conditions.

Media pH:

5.6-6.2

Media EC:

1.8-2.2 mS/cm (in an SME, Saturated Media Extract)

Temperature:

65-75° F (18-24 C) Day and 60-65° F (15-18° C) Night

Maintain relatively warm temperatures throughout production. Cold, wet media can lead to early root rot. Temperatures can be cooled later on as plants become established.

Pinching:

Yes, one pinch either in propagation or shortly after transplanting is all that is normally needed. Velocity Salvia was bred to have excellent branching and a controlled growth habit.

Growth Regulators:

~~B-9~~ Alar (2500 ppm) + Cycocel (1000 ppm) spray only if needed Velocity Salvia usually does not need any PGR if grown with adequate spacing. Don't use Florel on this variety as stunting and severe flower delay will occur.

Insects:

Whiteflies. Scout plants regularly and control using appropriate chemical and biological products.

Diseases:

Botrytis and fungal root rot. Generally disease is not a major issue with Velocity Salvia; however, avoid over-saturated media and wet foliage, especially under cold and dark growing conditions.

## Garden Performance

Garden Height:

30-40cm

Garden Width:

25-30cm

USDA Hardiness Zone:

9

AHS Heat Zones:

3-11

## Scheduling (rooted to finished product)

Container Size	Growing Time	Plants / Pot
100mm	5 weeks	1
125mm	6-7 weeks	1
150mm	7-8 weeks	1-2
200mm	8-9 weeks	1-2
250mm Basket	9-10 weeks	4
300mm Basket	9-10 weeks	5