



Aussiblu

Digitaria dicactyla syn D. swazilandensis



This new improved variety is vastly superior to the old favorite Queensland Blue Couch. A lot of the problems have been breed out producing a sensational grass for the home lawn.

With improved wear, drought, weed and disease resistance this grass is a blessing for the Queensland Blue Couch lawn enthusiast. Suitable for home lawns, parks and commercial areas this grass out performs all other couch grasses.

CHARACTERISTICS

- A luxurious soft to touch feel which is very dense under foot.
- The leaf width is fine to medium.
- Deep dark blue green colour that presents exceptionally well with a cylinder mowing.

PERFORMANCE

- Good drought resistance has been recorded with Aussiblu. But with no irrigation/ water this grass browns off and goes dormant.
- It has a dense thatch layer and during dormancy this acts like a mulch, inhibiting weeds and other grasses from establishing. Once it rains it greens up over night.
- Thriving in full sun, Aussiblu has better shade resistance than Queensland Blue Couch and normal Green Couch Varieties. If shade is a problem especially during the winter months, raise your mowing heights to expose more leaf area to the available sun.

MAINTENANCE

- Aussiblu is famous for weed suppression. Other grasses and weeds find it difficult to infest.
- The Queensland DPI have found the Aussiblu requires the lowest fertiliser inputs to maintain its colour compared to other couch grasses
- Mowing is slightly more frequent than for a Queensland Blue Couch lawn.
- Mowing is best performed at a time when the turf is at it's driest. The juicy nature of this grass can make the clippings clump together if they are wet.

DURABILITY

- Excellent wear resistance is one of the great attributes for the residential lawn enthusiast.
- This active turf variety grows more quickly than Queensland Blue Couch making it hardier and self repairing.
- It is more resistant to fungal diseases like Dollar Spot which can quickly decimate a Queensland Blue Couch lawn.

USES

- Residential and commercial lawns, parks.



Turf Reference

Maintenance Required
Medium

Disease Resistance
Medium

Self Repairing
High

Drought Tolerance
High

Shade Tolerance
Medium

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SOIL PREPARATION

- For best result, cultivate, till or spade the area to a depth of 100 to 150 mm.
- Eliminate drainage problems by having soil slope away from foundations, etc
- Cultivate or rake in the fertilizer, lime, organics, compost, etc. as needed to a depth of 50 mm to 150 mm.
- Rake and smooth soil removing rocks, roots, and large clods.
- Roll the area with a lawn roller. This will firm the soil surface and reveal low areas that need more soil.
- Keep the grade 25mm below sidewalks and driveways for the new turf to sit into.
- Water the prepared area to settle the soil and provide a moist base for turf.



TURF INSTALLATION

- Apply a pre plant fertiliser like Sir Launcher which contains a pre plant fertiliser and water crystals. Rake this into the surface.
- Prior to laying turf check that the soil surface is not too hot. Wet the soil down if soil is hot.
- Install your lawn immediately upon delivery. Turf is degrading in the pallet so all turf must be laid within 12 hours of delivery.
- Begin installing turf along the longest straight line, such as a driveway or sidewalk. Butt and push ends against each other tightly, without stretching. Stagger the joints in each row in a brick-like fashion, using a large sharp knife to trim corners, etc.
- On slopes, place the turf pieces across the slope.
- After installing the turf, roll the entire area to improve turf-soil contact.
- Begin watering lawn within 30 minutes of installation. Turf is a living plant that requires ground contact and moisture.
- During first two weeks, avoid heavy or concentrated use of your new lawn. This gives the roots an opportunity to firmly knit with the soil, and insures that the turf will remain smooth.

TURF ESTABLISHMENT

- Installation: We recommend 10Litres of per m2 on installation. To calculate how long it will take to water in your new lawn, time how long it takes to fill a 10 litre bucket then divide the time by 10 and multiply by the square meters of lawn you have.
- Week One: Water up three times a day, during the day for the first week, This will help replace lost moisture in the turf.
- Week Two: Roots should have formed so watering can be reduced to once per day but watering should be longer to encourage the roots to search deeper.
- Week three: Water a couple of times per week. Again increase the watering time to encourage deep rooting. Full establishment could take between one and three months depending upon the season etc. You should be mowing your new lawn by now. Never mow off more than 1/3 of the leaf at any one time.

WATERING

- Generally watering will be seldom required once fully established.
- Infrequent deep watering is always recommended on all grasses to help promote a deep root system. This may be once or twice per week.
- Signs of drought stress are a blue tinge and shrivelling of the leaf. Leaf death is swift if left unchecked.

FERTILISING

- Fertilise in early spring, early summer and early autumn to promote growth.
- Sandy soils will require more frequent fertilising.
- Use good quality slow release fertiliser like "Sir Walter Premium Lawn Food".
- In the spring apply mineral and organic fertilisers like lime, blood and bone and Ausmin.



MOWING

- Recommended mowing heights is between 25-40mm.
- Regular mowing with sharp blades is recommended for all lawns. Frequency will depend on growth rates at the time.

PESTS

- Lawn grubs: Damage can occur but a healthy lawn should recover quickly. Most pesticides are suitable for use on Aussiblu.
- Weeds: Usually only occurs in areas where the lawn is not healthy. This may be caused from excessive shade, high wear or poor nutrition. Do not use products containing Dicamba, DSMA, or MSMA. Always check the label for suitability on couch grass.
- Fungal: Brown Patch and Leaf spot can occur especially during periods of rainfall and humidity. Avoid fertilising with nitrogen fertilisers prior and during these events. Fungicides can be applied.

With all pesticides ALLWAYS CHECK THE LABEL.

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