

Racehorse is Pickseed's newest and most improved variety of poa trivialis. Tested as PTC-98, Racehorse was developed at the Pickseed research station, and follows a long line of improved varieties of poa trivialis developed for southern overseeding, and for use as a shade tolerant perennial grass in the north.

DESCRIPTION:

Racehorse has been extensively tested for several years in overseeding trials in Florida, Mississippi, Arizona and California. It has demonstrated an improved darker green color, a very fine leaf texture, very good density, excellent uniformity, and a very attractive appearance on overseeded greens and tees. It has consistently superior turf quality scores compared to other commercially available varieties. Racehorse is the newest and best variety of poa trivialis now available anywhere.

RESISTANCE:

Racehorse is very winter hardy, and has excellent color retention after sharp frosts and low temperatures. It has demonstrated good resistance to dollar spot and leaf spot. It is also an excellent shade grass and tolerates lower light intensity than other commonly used overseeding grasses.

USAGE:

Fast establishment is a favorable characteristic of Racehorse. With a seed count of around 2.3 million seeds per pound, and rapid germination, it will come up fast. It can be used alone or blended with other varieties such as Darkhorse, Colt and Sabre III. It also mixes with other perennial ryegrass, bentgrass and fine fescue in overseeding mixes. In transition ability, Racehorse is similar to Darkhorse and other improved varieties of poa trivialis. It will not persist into the next overseeding year.

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SEEDING:

Racehorse is recommended for use as an overseeding grass for dormant bermudagrass greens and tees in the south, and as a perennial shade grass in the north. When used alone or blended with other poa trivialis varieties on southern greens and tees, a seeding rate of 8 – 8 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. is recommended. On ultra dwarf bermudagrass greens a seeding rate of 5 – 7 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. can be used to provide color retention and traffic tolerance during winter months. In the north, a 3 – 4 lb. per 1000 sq. ft. area is adequate.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	2004
Main Uses	Southern golf course overseeding, for shady turf areas in the north
Seed Count	2,200,000 seeds / lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	4-6 days (Fall seeded)
Normal Days to First Mowing	14-18 days (Fall seeded in the north)
Overseeding Quality Ratings	"Very Good" 7.5 average in FL, MS, AZ
Genetic Color (Average from FL, AZ, MS)	Dark green—7.5
Summer Stress Tolerance	Low
Leaf Texture	Very Fine—8.0
Turf Density	Dense—7.8
Shade Tolerance	Excellent
pH Range	5.0-8.0
Mature Plant Height	Low, about 15 inches
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent—0.125" minimum
Growth Rate	Medium slow
Powdery Mildew Resistance	Very good
Leaf Spot Resistance	Good
Spring Transition	Very good—8.0
Seedling Vigor	Very good —7.0
Dollar Spot Resistance	Good
Wear Tolerance	Medium good