

Blazer 4 (tested as Pick MDR) is a synthetic perennial ryegrass variety selected at the Pickseed research station. The parent clones were derived from tillers selected from elite turf plots in New Jersey and screened for quality, uniformity, slower growth, disease resistance and seed production in Oregon.

**USAGE:**

Blazer 4 is a very uniform, lower growing, high endophyte (80% plus) variety. It has excellent density, a fine leaf texture and has been selected to have exceptional stress tolerance to hot, humid summers. Like other perennial ryegrasses, it has excellent seedling vigor and establishment and very good winter hardiness. Blazer 4 is a new generation perennial ryegrass with a genetic background of lower growth, finer leaf texture and above average density.

**USAGE:**

This new variety is recommended for use wherever the highest quality perennial ryegrass turf is desired. Blazer 4 can be mixed with elite varieties of Kentucky bluegrass and fine fescue and can be blended in elite perennial ryegrass blends such as Futura 3000. Blazer 4 is an excellent overseeding grass on dormant bermudagrass. Its slower growth rate results in less frequent mowing and the production of fewer clippings.

## BLAZER 4

### PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

**SEEDING:**

Pickseed recommends a seeding rate of 5 – 7 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. in the north. For overseeded southern golf course greens, 30 – 40 lbs. of Cutter II per 1000 sq. ft. gives best results. In normal, warmer soil circumstances, you can expect germination in 5 – 7 days.

#### TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	2003
Main Uses	Lawns, sports turf, golf, overseeding
Seed Count	300,000 seeds / lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	5 – 7 days
Normal Days to First Mowing	21 days
NTEP Quality Ratings (2001 data)	Excellent
Genetic Color	Dark Green
Summer Stress Tolerance	Excellent
Leaf Texture	Fine
Turf Density	Medium
Shade Tolerance	Fair
Sod Strength	Good
Wear Tolerance	Excellent
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent
Growth Rate	Medium
Mature Plant Height	24"
Leaf Spot Resistance	Excellent
Summer Patch Resistance	Very good
Gray Leaf Spot Resistance	Very good
Dollar Spot Resistance	Very good
Powdery Mildew Resistance	Excellent
Brown Patch Resistance	Good