

Shortstop II takes what was best about its spirited predecessor – and slows it down just a notch. The lowest growing of Pickseed’s latest tall fescue releases, Shortstop II can be mowed more closely and will grow more slowly than any other variety in its class.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Very dark green, with moderately fine leaf texture, Shortstop II has the heat and drought tolerance typical of improved turf-type tall fescues, with enhanced mowing tolerance and a slower growth rate than the previous player, Shortstop.

**USAGE**

Very well adapted for use as a top-quality turfgrass throughout areas normally using tall fescue turf, Shortstop II is recommended for good quality lawns, parks, golf course roughs, playgrounds, and all areas requiring a high quality tall fescue turf.

Although Shortstop II is a slower growing variety, it is not an “extreme dwarf” which tend to be very slow to establish, lack vigor, and exhibit sub-par adaptability to heat and high humidity. In contrast, Shortstop II establishes quickly, has plenty of vigor for sports turf use, and performs very well in areas with hot, humid summers.

Shortstop II’s versatility and reputation for slow growth make it a natural winner, straight or blended. In standard tall fescue blends, Shortstop II improves the color, quality, texture and density of turf. At the same time, its reduced growth rate makes it an excellent component in “slower-growth” tall fescue blends.

**DISEASE RESISTANCE:**

Selected to have very good resistance to Leaf Spot and other leaf diseases, Shortstop II also has good resistance to brown patch and Pythium. It has good heat and drought tolerance, too. Once well established, Shortstop II forms a tough, wear tolerant turf that is very resistant to traffic damage.

## SHORTSTOP II

### TALL FESCUE

**SEEDING:**

Shortstop II generally does best when fertilized with about ½ - ¾ lbs. of actual N per 1000 sq. ft. per month of growing season. A complete fertilizer supplying adequate amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur and minor elements is usually best. For perennial turf, Shortstop II can tolerate mowing heights down to 1” in some situations. For most turf uses, however, a 1-1/2 – 3” mowing height is recommended.

#### TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	1995
Main Uses	Sod production, golf courses, lawns, sports turf
Seed Count	240,000 seeds / lb.
Normal Days to Germinate	5 - 8 days, fall
Normal Days to First Mowing	26 days, fall
NTEP Quality Ratings	Good - 5.8, 47 locations
Genetic Color	Dark green - .6.9
Summer Stress Tolerance	Very good
Leaf Texture	Medium fine - .5.8
Turf Density	Medium dense - 6.2
Shade Tolerance	Very good
Wear Tolerance	Medium - 6.0
pH Range	4.8—8.1
Mature Plant Height	Low
Close Mowing Tolerance	Very good
Growth Rate	Slow vertical growth
Red Thread Resistance	Good - 6.0
Leaf Spot Resistance	Medium - 4.7
Pythium Resistance	Medium / good - 5.7
Brown Patch Resistance	Medium - 5.8
Fusarium Patch Resistance	Very good - 7.7