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Technical Data

NINETY-SIX TWO

CREEPING BENTGRASS

Ninety-Six Two (tested as SYN 96-2) was developed at Texas A&M University to perform well under severe summer stress conditions at green, tee and fairway cutting heights. It is excellent at resisting poa annua invasion.

DESCRIPTION:
Ninety-Six Two was developed by Dr. Milt Engelke at Texas A&M University in Dallas, TX. The original cross was made in 1996 from germplasm selected and screened at his research station in Dallas. All parent material used for Ninety-Six Two was selected to produce deep roots to thrive under extreme conditions of heat and drought stress.

DISEASE AND INSECT RESISTANCE:
Ninety-Six Two has demonstrated excellent resistance to summer stress related diseases such as pythium, brown patch, and other patch type diseases. It also has good resistance to cold area diseases such as the snow molds and cool temperature brown patch. Resistance to dollar spot has ranged from resistant to susceptible depending on the area and time of year.

USAGE:
Ninety-Six Two is a multi-use creeping bent. It will tolerate the lowest putting green heights, but also is excellent for tee and fairway use. It has a medium dark green color, a finer leaf texture and an overall dense and attractive appearance. It is very well adapted to areas with significant summer stress. It has been bred to produce a healthy and deep root system even in the summer, and also resists ball mark damage. Ninety-Six Two also had excellent test results in resisting poa annua invasion.

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ADAPTATION:
Ninety-Six Two is well adapted throughout the normal areas of creeping bentgrass use. It has excellent cold tolerance and grows well in Canada and other colder than normal areas. It has been successfully used for green, tee and fairway use.

TECHNICAL PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Introduction	2003
Main Uses	Greens, tees and fairways
Normal Days to Germinate	8
Normal Days to First Mowing	28
NTEP Quality Ratings (1999—2002 data)	Excellent – 5.9 sand, 6.2 soil greens
Genetic Color	Excellent – 6.9
Summer Stress Tolerance	Excellent
Leaf Texture	Fine – 7.1
Turf Density	Excellent – 7.0 (summer)
Shade Tolerance	Fair
Poa Annua Ratings	Excellent—8.3 (best in test)
pH Range	5.0 – 8.1
Wear Tolerance	Very Good
Close Mowing Tolerance	Excellent – to 0.125”
Growth Rate	Medium
Leaf Spot Resistance	Good – 6.0
Take-All Patch Resistance	Excellent—8.5
Brown Patch Resistance	Excellent – 7.2
Dollar Spot Resistance	Good—6.8 (3 locations)
Snow Mold Resistance	Very Good – 6.7