TopGun Perennial Ryegrass

STRENGTHS:
• Good summer and fall density
• Excellent dollar spot resistance
• Improved brown patch resistance

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

LUXURIOUS TURF: TopGun has improved turf quality, high density, medium-dark green color, and medium-fine texture. TopGun’s color rated a 6.6 on a 1-9 scale.

HIGH SCORING IN NATIONAL TESTS: In the 1994 National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) trials, 1996 results, TopGun’s overall turf quality outperformed Nobility, Precision, Stallion Select, Express, Williamsburg, Saturn, Navajo, Star Dance, Pegasus, and Nine-O-one. In this trial, TopGun’s overall quality is comparable to the following commercially available varieties: Line Drive, Catalina, Repell II, Majesty, Prelude II, Divine, Imagine, Laredo, Brightstar, Wizard, Black Hawk, Chaparral, Excel, Omega III, Citation III, Road Runner, and Quickstart.

SEASON-LONG DENSITY: Year-round adaptation of TopGun is demonstrated by its consistently high marks in percent living ground cover.

DISEASE AND INSECT TOLERANCE: Seedstock of TopGun has an endophyte content over 90% to provide enhanced resistance to many surface feeding insects. In test trials, TopGun was among the leaders in performance under disease pressure including: brown patch, Fusarium patch, dollar spot, and red thread.

RECOMMENDED USES: TopGun performs well alone or in mixtures with Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue, or as permanent turf in temperate and transition climates. TopGun is recommended for use on athletic fields, home lawns, industrial and school sites, and golf course roughs, tees, and fairways where perennial ryegrasses are adapted.

DEVELOPMENT:
Susan Samudio and Doug Brede of Jacklin Seed’s research department developed TopGun perennial ryegrass through selection of elite progenies. Development concentrated on improving the color, density, and the disease resistance to leaf spot and stem rust.