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[54] HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED  
‘SELLOBBY’  
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[57] ABSTRACT  
A new rose variety of the Hybrid Tea class, character-  
ized by its continuous and profuse production of medi-  
um-sized soft pink flowers, borne singly on upright  
stems on a sturdy bush of medium height, having abun-  
dant and glossy foliage and a weak fragrance.

2 Drawing Sheets

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct  
variety of rose plant of the Hybrid Tea class, which was  
originated by me by crossing the variety “Jacaranda”  
with an unnamed (SR 85.055) and unpatented seedling.

The primary objective of this breeding was to obtain  
a new rose variety comparable to that of “Jacaranda”  
with a smaller in size and more soft pink flower and  
same fragranc y. While the results achieved a distinct  
pink hybrid tea rose of smaller size, the new variety did  
not otherwise correspond to the characteristics of “Jac-  
aranda”, but nevertheless, achieved a new and distinct  
combination of characteristics which is desirable and  
attractive, as well as different from anything heretofore  
available, as evidenced by the following characteristics  
which are outstanding in the new variety:

- (1) a medium-sized soft pink flower
- (2) very rapid flowering cycles
- (3) distinctive fragrance
- (4) a vigorous upright plant of medium height
- (5) very glossy foliage

The foregoing characteristics and distinctions defi-  
nitely differentiate the new variety from its parents, as  
well as from all other varieties of which I am aware, and  
asexual reproduction of the new variety by cuttings,  
grafting or tissue culture as performed in a greenhouse  
in De Kwakel, the Netherlands, shows that these char-  
acteristics and distinctions come true to form and are  
established and transmitted through succeeding propa-  
gations.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The new variety of rose plant is illustrated by the  
accompanying photographic illustrations, of which  
Sheet 1 shows a full face view of the flower and

Sheet 2 shows typical specimens of the vegetative  
growth and flowers of the new variety in differ-  
ent stages of development. The color renditions  
are as nearly true as as it is possible to make same  
in color illustrations of this character by conven-  
tional photographic procedures.

The following is a detailed description of this new  
variety, with color terminology in accordance with The  
Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart  
(R.H.S.C.C.). The terminology used in the colorde-  
scription herein refers to plate numbers in the aforemen-

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tioned color chart e.g. “53A” is plate “53A of The  
Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart.

Parentage: Seedling.

Seed parent.—“Jacaranda”.

Pollen parent.—Unnamed Seedling (SR 85,055)

Classification:

Botanic.—Hybrid Tea.

Commercial.—Hybrid Tea.

BOTANICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PLANT

Flower

(Observations made from specimens grown in a green-  
house at De Kwakel, the Netherlands)

Blooming habit of Sellobby: Recurrent-continuous.

A. Bud:

- (1) Size.—Medium. Diameter 2.0 cm. Length 2.5  
cm.
- (2) Form.—Pointed; is not affected by wet or hot  
weather.
- (3) Color.—When the sepals first divide, the color  
of the outside is pink 55C.
- (4) Sepals.—Slightly branched, stand up when pet-  
als begin to unfurl. Color: inside: green 138B.  
outside: green 144A.
- (5) Calyx.—Color: green 143C. Shape: oval,  
pointed. Size: medium. Aspect: smooth. Odor  
when rubbed: weak.
- (6) Peduncle.—Length: medium 6 cm. Aspect:  
prickled. Strength: good. Color: green 144A.
- (7) Opening.—opens up well; is not affected by  
adverse weather.

B. Bloom:

- (1) Size.—Medium when fully expended, about 9  
cm in diameter with a depth of about 3 cm.
- (2) Borne.—Single.
- (3) Stems.—Length: medium. Strength: average.
- (4) Form (when first open).—Cup-form. Perma-  
nence: will flatten when aging.
- (5) Petalage.—Number of petals: 20–25.
- (6) Color.—Center of flower; pink (56B). Outer  
petals: pink (56D). Base of petals: pink (56D).  
Inside of petals: pink (56D). Reverse of petals:  
yellow (56B). General tonality: yellow (56D).



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(7) Discoloration.—General tonality at end of first day: Yellow (56B-C). Second day: fading to (56D). Third day; fading to (56D).

## C. Petals:

- (1) *Texture*.—Semi-leathery; not affected by wet or not weather. 5
- (2) *Appearance*.—Inside: shiny. Outside: satiny.
- (3) *Form*.—Round shaped.
- (4) *Arrangement*.—Regular 10
- (5) *Petaloids in center*.—Few; small.
- (6) *Persistence*.—Drop off cleanly.
- (7) *Fragrance*.—Weak; fresh rose scent.
- (8) *Lasting quality*.—On the plant — long. As cut flower — medium (9 days). 15

## Reproductive Organs

### Stamens, anthers:

- Size*.—Medium; regularly arranged around styles, average number about 130. 20
- Color*.—Light orange (19D).

Stamens, filaments (threads): Long, average about 10 mm in length.

*Color*.—Pink-red (49B). 25

### Pollen:

*Color*.—Yellow (17B).

Styles: Bunched; uneven length; medium (about 5–6 mm) length; thin. 30

### Stigmas:

*Color*.—Yellow (159A).

Ovaries: All enclosed in calyx; pitcher-shaped; about 9 mm through center diameter. 35

### Hips:

*Color*.—Orange at maturity.

*Shape*.—Round with a flat base (about 2.5 cm × 2.5 cm).

Resistancy: Normal resistance against mildew, white fly and red spider mixes; More sensitive to Californian thrips. 40

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## Plant

Form: Upright and branched.

Growth: Vigorous: upright: medium height average height after one year is 80–100 cm

Foliage: Compound of 3, 5, or 7 leaflets; average leaflet length is about 6–9 cm, average size of compound leaf is about 15 cm in length.

(1) *Size*.—Average.

(2) *Quantity*.—Abundant.

(3) *Color*.—New foliage; upper side — green 139A. under side — green 138A. Old foliage: upper side — green 139A. under side — green 138A.

(4) *Shape*.—Oval and pointed.

(5) *Texture*.—Upper side — smooth and glossy.

(6) *Ribs and veins*.—Ordinary.

(7) *Edge*.—Serrated, saw toothed.

(8) *Serration*.—Single.

(9) *Leaf stem*.—Color: green 147B. Under side: prickly.

(10) *Stipules*.—Medium (about 3.5 cm) length: smooth.

### Wood:

*New Wood*.—Color: bronze. Bark: smooth.

*Old wood*.—Color: green. Bark: smooth.

### Thorns:

*Quantity*.—On main stalks from base: average. On laterals from stalk: average. Form: concave. Length: medium. Hooked: downward. Color (when young): green-bronze. Position: irregular.

### Prickles:

*Quantity*.—On main stalks: few. On laterals: few.

### Short needles:

*Quantity*.—On main stalks: none. On laterals: none.

### I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the Hybrid Tea class, substantially as herein shown and described characterized particularly as to novelty by its medium-size pink flowers, borne singly, with typical glossy foliage and very rapid flowering cycles.

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