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[54] **HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED**  
**'RUIKUIK'**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

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A new variety of hybrid tea rose plant having cream colored  
flowers and suitable for growing under glass.

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety  
of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose class which was discovered  
as a naturally occurring mutation in a controlled  
planting of the variety 'Ruirovingt', U.S. Plant Pat. No.  
8,528. The varietal denomination of the new variety is  
'Ruikuik'. The new variety was isolated and asexually  
reproduced by budding in Holland.

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new  
variety which distinguish it from its parent and all other  
varieties of which I am aware are its attractive cream colored  
flowers borne on a floriferous plant with long stems and  
suitable for production of cut flowers under glass. The new  
variety can be reproduced through propagation by cuttings,  
grafting, budding and micropropagation.

Asexual reproduction by budding of the new variety as  
performed in Holland shows that the foregoing and other  
distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are  
established and transmitted through succeeding propaga-  
tions.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION**

The accompanying illustrations show typical specimens  
of the vegetative growth and flowers of the new variety in  
different stages of development depicted in color as nearly  
true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color  
illustration of this character. Colors may vary depending  
upon growing conditions under different climate, soil, and  
cultivation conditions, and phenotypic expression may also  
vary with light, cultural, and environmental conditions.

One of the accompanying illustrations shows cut flower  
form of the new variety to illustrate optimum flower form  
and the other illustration shows details of the new rose  
variety in color more nearly correct for the variety.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY**

The following is a detailed description of the new variety,  
with color terminology in accordance with The Royal Horticul-  
tural Society Colour Chart (R.H.S.C.C.) and horticultu-  
ral terminology in accordance with standard terminology  
used in UPOV-approved horticultural guidelines. The ter-  
minology used in color descriptions herein refers to plate  
numbers in the aforementioned color chart.

Parentage: Mutation of 'Ruirovingt'.

Class: Hybrid Tea.

As can be seen in the accompanying detail illustration  
there is shown a new shoot, **1**; compound three, five and  
seven leaflet leaves, **2, 3** and **4**, respectively; a stem **5**; buds,

**2**

**6** and **7**; a flower, **8**, about one-third open; and a flower, **9**,  
more fully open. Also shown are flower stems **10, 11** and **12**,  
with reproductive organs displayed. The other illustration  
shows cut flower form of the new variety.

The following further horticultural description is based on  
observations made of specimens grown under glass in  
Holland.

**FLOWER**

Blooming habit: Nearly continuous; average production  
about 240 blooms/m<sup>2</sup>/year.

**A. Bud:**

- (1) *Size*.—Medium, about 3.5 cm to about 4 cm
- (2) *Form*.—Ovate (shape of longitudinal section just  
before separation of sepals); urn-shaped after sepals  
part.
- (3) *Color*.—As sepals divide, near 158A.
- (4) *Sepals*.—Longer than green bud, generally simple  
to slightly foliated, near 147C.
- (5) *Peduncle*.—Long; Aspect-straight; Strength-erect,  
very strong. Color-medium green, near 147B to  
147C.

**B. Bloom:**

*Flower*.—Large; viewed from above — round; viewed  
from side — (a) upper part of fully opened flower,  
flattened convex; (b) lower part of fully opened  
flower, flattened convex. (1) *Size*: Average size when  
fully expanded — about 7 to about 8 cm, stem length  
about 50 cm. (2) *Borne*: Singly, one to a stem. (3)  
*Form*: High centered, exhibition type, spiral imbricated,  
outer petals roll under, some petals quill to  
points. (4) *Petalage*: Fully double, about 26. (5)  
*Color*: When sepals part and petals begin petal top  
surface appears cream, near 158A with near 4D to 4C  
center where petals bunch; petal undersurface near  
158A. Overall tonality from a distance is near white  
to cream. Color at point of petal attachment, near 4C  
to 4D. (6) *Peduncle*: Generally smooth. (7) *Fra-*  
*grance*: Slight to none.

**C. Petals:**

- (1) *Texture*.—Crisp.
- (2) *Appearance*.—Inside velvety and outside satiny.
- (3) *Form and size*.—Broad, medium, some undulation  
of margin.
- (4) *Arrangement*.—Regularly arranged, imbricated.
- (5) *Petaloids*.—Several.
- (6) *Lasting Quality*.—Long-lasting quality on plant and  
after cutting.

## REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

- A. Stamens, filaments and anthers:  
*Arrangement and color.*—Regularly arranged around styles; color of filaments — yellow with orange red tips. 5
- B. Pollen:  
*Color.*—Deep yellow.
- C. Styles: Long, stigma above mouth of receptacle, yellow, slight to medium hairy.
- D. Stigmas: Yellow, positioned below anthers. 10
- E. Hip: Funnel-shaped; medium seed vessel at petal fall.

## PLANT

- A. Form: Medium width, bushy, average disease resistance. 15
- B. Growth: Vigorous.
- C. Foliage: Compound 3, 5 and 7 leaflets.  
 (1) *Size.*—Medium.  
 (2) *Quantity.*—Abundant.  
 (3) *Color.*—Juvenile foliage — red purple; near 178A; 20  
 mature leaf color — near 139A.  
 (4) *Shape.*—Broad oval.  
 (5) *Texture.*—Upper side is leathery and slightly glossy; underside is matte.

- (6) *Edge.*—Serrate.  
 (7) *Serration.*—Ordinary, acuminate apices.  
 (8) *Leaf stem.*—Color — medium green, near 147A to 147B.  
 (9) *Stipules.*—Short, simple, medium green, distinct auricle.  
 (10) *Leaflets.*—Cross section — slight convex; medium undulation at margin; terminal leaflet — blade medium length and width, rounded base.

- D. Wood:  
 (1) *New wood.*—Color — young shoots have medium to strong anthocyanin; coloration — reddish brown.  
 (2) *Old wood.*—Color — medium green, near 147B.

- E. Prickles (thorns):  
 (1) *Prickles.*—Present; quantity (main stalk) — ordinary; on laterals from stalk — ordinary; shape of lower side — concave; Length — average; Color — near 159A; Position — irregular; Number  $\leq 5$  mm — very few; Number  $\geq 5$  mm — few.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose class, substantially as shown and described.

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