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[54] FLORIBUNDA ROSE PLANT NAMED
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[57] ABSTRACT
A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the floribunda
class, having very long stems; very good flower production
in attractive clusters; long vase life; and attractive, pure light
pink flower color.

1 Drawing Sheet

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The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety
of rose plant of the floribunda class which was originated by
me by crossing an unnamed pink floribunda seedling, with
the variety INTERlien, U.S. Plant Pat. No. 7,368.

The primary objective of this breeding was to produce a
new rose variety having the high centered, light pink flowers
presented in clusters on long stems of the female parent
combined with the well-formed sprays, long vase life, and
vigorous upright growth habit of the male parent. The
objective was substantially achieved, along with other desir-
able improvements, as evidenced by the following unique
combination of characteristics that are outstanding in the
new variety and that distinguish it from its parents, as well
as from all other varieties of which I am aware:

1. Very long stems;
2. Very good flower production in attractive clusters;
3. Long vase life;
4. Attractive, pure light pink flower color.

Asexual reproduction of theis new variety by budding, as
performed at Wasco, Calif., shows that the foregoing and all
other characteristics and distinctions come true to form and
are established and transmitted through succeeding propa-
gations.

The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens
of the vegetative growth and flowers of this 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.

The following is a detailed description of my new rose
cultivar with color descriptions using terminology in accor-
dance with The Royal Horticultural Society (London)
Colour Chart, except where ordinary dictionary significance
of color is indicated.

Parentage:
Seed parent.—Unnamed floribunda.
Pollen parent.—INTERlien (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 7,368).
Classification:
Botanical.—*Rosa hybrida*.
Commerical.—Floribunda.

FLOWER

Observations made from specimens grown in a green-
house environment at Somis, Calif. from March 1996 to
January 1997.

Blooming Habit: Recurrent.
Bud:
Size.—1 to 1¼ inches long when the petals start to
unfurl.

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Form.—The bud form is long, pointed ovid.
Color.—When sepals first divide, bud color is Red
Group 49D. When half blown, the upper sides of the
petals are Red Group 49D; and the lower sides of the
petals are Red Group 49D.

Sepals.—Color: Green Group 138B. Surface texture:
Covered in fine hairs. There are three lightly append-
aged sepals. There are usually two unappendaged
sepals with hairy edges, but occasionally there is a
third unappendaged sepal.

Receptacle.—Color: Green Group 137C. Shape: Fun-
nel. Size: Small (⅜×⅝/16 inch). Surface: Smooth.

Peduncle.—Length: Short (1 inch to 1½ inches). Sur-
face: Glandular (many small glands). Color: Medium
green. Strength: Stiff, erect.

Bloom:
Size.—Small. Average open size is 1½ to 1¾ inches.
Borne.—Several together, in clusters (5 to 7 flowers). If
in clusters: Pyramidal.

Stems.—Very long, strong. Average length is about
22–26 inches.

Form.—When first open: High centered. Permanence:
Retains its form to the end; outer petals curl back;
quill fashion.

Petalage.—Number of petals under normal conditions:
35–40.

Color.—The upper sides of the petals are Red Group
49D. The reverse sides of the petals are Red Group
49D. The base of each petal has a very small (1/64×1/64
inch) greenish white dot at the point of its attach-
ment. The major color on the upper side is Red
Group 49D.

Variations.—Guard petals have greenish white mid-
ribs.

Discoloration.—The general tonality at the end of the
first day: No change. At the end of the third day: No
change. There is no color change through day seven
on the plant when the petals shatter.

Fragrance.—Slight.

Petals:
Texture.—Thick.
Shape.—Deltoid to rounded.
Form.—Tips slightly recurved; edges slightly quilled.
Arrangement.—Imbricated, with few petaloids in the
center.

Persistence.—Drop off cleanly.
Lastingness.—On the plant: Long (7 days). As a cut
flower: Very long (13 days).

Reproductive parts:

Anthers.—Size: Medium. Quantity: Many. Color: Yellow. Arrangement: Regular around styles.

Filaments.—Color: Yellow.

Pollen.—Color: Lemon yellow.

Styles.—Color: Greenish white.

Stigmas.—Color: Greenish white.

Form: Bush.

Growth: Very vigorous; upright; branching. At one year, without pruning, JACeve will grow 7–8 feet tall and be 3–4 feet wide. Plant will produce 170–180 stems per square meter of greenhouse.

Foliage:

Number of leaflets on normal mid-stem leaves. —5 or 7.

Size.—Small (3×2 inches).

Quantity.—Abundant.

Color.—New foliage: Greyed-red Group 178B but very quickly becoming green. Old foliage: Green Group 136A on upper surface; Green Group 136C on lower surface.

Leaflets:

Shape.—Pointed oval.

Texture.—Upper side: Glossy.

Edge.—Serrated.

Serration.—Single, small.

Petiole rachis.—Color: Green.

Petiole underside.—Smooth, with occasional prickles.

Stipules.—Short ($\frac{3}{8}$ inch), serrated, bearded.

Disease resistance.—Resistant to mildew under normal growing conditions at Somis, Calif. Not tested for rust or blackspot resistance.

Wood:

New wood.—Color: Green. Bark: Smooth.

Old wood.—Color: Green. Bark: Smooth.

Prickles:

Quantity.—On main canes from base: ordinary. On laterals from main canes: ordinary.

Form.—Short ($\frac{3}{8}$ inch), straight to hooked slightly downward.

Color when young.—Red.

Small prickles:

Quantity.—On main stalks: None. On laterals: None.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the floribunda class, substantially as herein shown and described, characterized particularly as to novelty by the unique combination of its very long stems; very good flower production in attractive clusters; long vase life; and attractive, pure light pink flower color.

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