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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A floribunda rose plant having a vigorous, upright plant  
habit; good disease resistance; ability to grow well in its own  
roots; glossy foliage; and large, open clusters of many  
petaled white flowers.

**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 the variety 'Iceberg' (not patented), with the  
variety 'MACrexy' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 6,713).

The primary objective of this breeding was to produce a  
new rose variety having the vigorous, upright plant habit,  
good disease resistance and ability to grow well on its own  
roots of the female parent, combined with the profuse  
flowering, many petaled flowers and glossy foliage of the  
male parent. The objective was substantially achieved, along  
with other desirable 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. Large, open clusters;
2. Constant blooming;
3. Large, vigorous, upright, well-branched plant;
4. Good disease resistance; and
5. Ability to grow well on its own roots.

Asexual reproduction of this new variety by softwood  
cuttings, as performed at Wasco, Calif., shows that the  
foregoing and all other characteristics and distinctions come  
true to form and are established and transmitter through  
succeeding propagations.

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.*—'Iceberg' (not patented).

*Pollen parent.*—'MACrexy' (U.S. Plant Pat. No.  
6,713).

**Classification:**

*Botanical.*—*Rosa hybrida*.

*Commercial.*—Floribunda.

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**FLOWER**

Observations made from specimens grown in a garden  
environment at Somis, Calif. from March 1998 to August  
1999.

**Blooming habit:** Continuous.

**Bud:**

*Size.*—1¼ inches long when the petals start to unfurl.

*Form.*—The bud form is long; pointed ovoid.

*Color.*—When sepals first divide, bud color is Yellow-  
White Group 158D. When half brown, the upper and  
lower sides of the petals are Yellow-White Group  
158D.

*Sepals.*—*Color:* Green Group 138B. *Surface texture:*  
Covered in fine hairs. There are three lightly append-  
aged sepals. There are two unappendaged sepals  
with hairy edges.

*Receptacle.*—*Color:* Green Group 137A. *Shape:* Fun-  
nel. *Size:* Medium (about ⅜ inch × ¼ inch). *Surface:*  
Smooth.

*Peduncle.*—*Length:* Short (about 1 to 1¼ inches). *Sur-*  
*face:* Glandular. *Color:* Green Group 137A.  
*Strength:* Stiff; erect.

**Bloom:**

*Size.*—Medium. Average open size is 3 to 3½ inches.

*Borne.*—Several together in flat clusters of five to nine  
blooms.

*Stems.*—*Strength:* Strong. Average length is about  
14—18 inches.

*Form.*—When first open, bloom is high centered. Per-  
manence: Flattens.

*Petalage.*—Number of petals under normal conditions:  
40—50.

*Color.*—The upper and reverse sides of the petals are  
Yellow-White Group 158D. The base of each petal  
has on the upper surface a ⅛ inch × ⅛ inch, Yellow  
Group 6D half moon at the point of attachment. The  
lower surface has a ¼ inch × ¼ inch Yellow Group  
4C half moon at the point of attachment. The major  
color on the upper side is Yellow-White Group  
158D.

*Variations.*—None.

*Discoloration.*—The general tonality at the end of the first day: No change. At the end of the third day: No change.

*Fragrance.*—Slight.

Petal:

*Texture.*—Thick.

*Shape.*—Round to deltoid.

*Form.*—Tips slightly recurved.

*Arrangement.*—Imbricated. Petaloids in the center are few and irregular in shape ranging from  $\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$  inch long and  $\frac{1}{8}$ – $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide. They number from 0 to 4 in a 10-flower sample. They are all Yellow-White Group 158D in color.

*Persistence.*—Petals drop off cleanly before drying.

*Lastingness.*—On the plant: Fair (about five to six days). As a cut flower: Fair (about six days).

Reproductive parts:

*Anthers.*—Size: Medium. Quantity: Many. Color: Yellow-Orange Group 16C. Arrangement: Regular around styles.

*Filaments.*—Color: Yellow Group 9C.

*Pollen.*—Present.

*Styles.*—Color: Red Group 53C.

*Stigmas.*—Color: Orange-White Group 159B.

Plant:

*Form.*—Bush.

*Growth.*—Vigorous; upright; branching. At maturity, height is 48 inches, width is 36 inches.

Foliage: Number of leaflets on normal mid-stem leaves: Five or seven.

*Size.*—Medium (5 inches long×3½ inches wide).

*Quantity.*—Abundant.

*Color.*—New foliage: Upper and lower surfaces: Greyed-Red Group 178A. Old foliage: Upper sur-

face: Green Group 139A. Lower surface: Green Group 139B.

Leaflets:

*Shape.*—Pointed oval.

*Texture.*—Leathery; glossy.

*Edge.*—Serrated.

*Serration.*—Single; small.

*Petiole rachis.*—Color: Upper: Green Group 139A. Lower: Green Group 139B.

*Petiole underside.*—Rough, with prickles.

*Stipules.*—Medium (about  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch); serrated; bearded.

*Disease resistance.*—Resistant to mildew and rust; susceptible to blackspot under normal growing conditions.

Wood:

*New wood.*—Color: Greyed-Red Group 178B. Bark: Smooth.

*Old wood.*—Color: Green Group 137A. Bark: Smooth.

Prickles:

*Quantity.*—On main canes from base: Ordinary. On laterals from main canes: Ordinary.

*Form.*—Medium; hooked downward.

*Color when young.*—Greyed-Purple Group 183A.

*Color when mature.*—Greyed-Orange Group 165A.

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 by its vigorous, upright plant habit; good disease resistance; ability to grow well on its own roots; glossy foliage; and large, open clusters of many petaled white flowers.

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