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- (54) **SHRUB ROSE PLANT NAMED  
'AUSCRYSTAL'**
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**(57) ABSTRACT**

Shrub rose plant having warm, pale pink flowers; medium to dark green foliage with bronzy tinge; strong, almost prickleless, arching growth; and very flat, rosette-shaped flowers.

**1 Drawing Sheet****1**

Genus and Species: *Rosa hybrida*.  
Varietal Denomination: 'AUScrystal'.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the shrub class which was originated by me by crossing the variety 'AUSblush,' (unpatented), with an unnamed seedling (unpatented).

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The primary objective of this breeding was to produce a new rose variety having a very free-flowering and healthy growth with flowers of the classic English rose shape and with a good fragrance.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

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. Warm, pale pink flowers;
2. Medium to dark green foliage with bronzy tinge;
3. Strong, almost thornless, arching growth; and
4. Very flat rosette-shaped flowers.

Asexual reproduction of this new variety by budding on *Rosa dumetorum laxa* rootstock, as performed at Albrighton, England, shows that the foregoing and all other characteristics and distinctions come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

**COMPARISON WITH PARENTS**

'AUScrystal' plants have a strong, arching growth as compared to the more upright growth habit of 'AUSblush' and its flowers of about 130 petals are flat as compared the

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cupped shaped flowers of 'AUSblush' and the 50 petaled flower of its pollen parent.

**COMPARISON WITH SIMILAR VARIETY**

5 The most similar variety, 'AUSglisten' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 8,671), is more upright and branching and its foliage is smaller and rougher than that of 'AUScrystal'.

**10 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ILLUSTRATION**

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 15 illustration of this character.

**15 DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

The following is a detailed description of my new rose 20 cultivar with color descriptions using terminology in accordance with The Royal Horticultural Society (London) Colour Chart, except where ordinary dictionary significance of color is indicated.

**25 Parentage:**

*Seed parent*.—'AUSblush' (unpatented).

*Pollen parent*.—Unnamed Seedling (unpatented).

**FLOWER**

Observations made from plants of 8 years of age grown in a garden environment at Albrighton, England in July, 1998.

Blooming habit: Recurrent.

Bud:

*Size*.—About 0.6 inches long when the petals start to unfurl.

*Form*.—The bud form is short, globular.

*Color*.—When sepals first divide, bud color is: Upper surface: Red Group 56B and 56C. Lower surface:



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