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(54) **HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED**  
**‘TAN97544’**

(50) Latin Name: *Rosa hybrida*  
Varietal Denomination: **TAN97544**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Hybrid tea rose plant having upright growth, long flower  
stems and long vase life.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Genus and species: *Rosa hybrida*.  
Varietal denomination: ‘TAN97544’.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety  
of hybrid tea rose plant named ‘TAN97544’, which was  
originated by me by crossing an unnamed, unpatented  
variety with ‘TANettola’, U.S. Plant Pat. No. 11,020.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The primary objective of this breeding was to produce a  
new rose variety for cut flower production having long  
stems, high production of flowers and long vase life.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The objective was substantially achieved, along with  
other desirable improvements, as evidenced by the follow-  
ing unique combination of characteristics that are outstand-  
ing 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 upright plant.
2. Long stems.
3. Long vase life.

Asexual reproduction of this new variety by grafting as  
performed at Uetersen, Germany, 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**

‘TAN97544’ has longer stems than the pollen parent and  
flowers of a darker color than the seed parent.

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**Comparison with Similar Variety**

‘TAN97544’ is similar to the variety ‘TANsaras’ but has  
longer stems than ‘TANsaras’.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ILLUSTRATION**

The accompanying illustration shows flowers of this new  
variety, depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably  
possible to make the same in a color illustration of this  
character.

**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

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 (1966), except where ordinary dictionary sig-  
nificance of color is indicated.

**Parentage:**

*Seed parent*.—Unnamed variety.

*Pollen Parent*.—‘TANettola’, U.S. Plant Pat. No.  
11,020.

**FLOWER**

Observations made from plants of fourteen months of age  
grown in a greenhouse environment at Uetersen, Germany.

Blooming habit: Continuous.

Bud:

*Size*.—About 4.8 cm long and 4.2 cm in diameter long  
when the petals start to unfurl.

*Form*.—The bud form is blunt.

*Color*.—When sepals first divide, bud color is Red  
Group 45B. When half blown, the upper and lower  
sides of the petals are Red Group 45A.

*Sepals*.—Color: Upper surface: Green Group 142A.  
Lower surface: Green Group 142C. Length: 4.6 cm.

Width: 1.2 cm. Shape: Pointed. Surface texture: Smooth. There are five normally appendaged sepals. There are five unappendaged sepals with smooth edges.

*Receptacle*.—Color: Green Group 140B. Shape: Funnel. Size: Small, 0.8 cm in diameter.

*Peduncle*.—Length: Medium, averaging about 7 cm. Surface: Smooth. Color: Green Group 140B. Strength: Stiff.

#### Bloom:

*Size*.—Large. Average open diameter is about 5.7 cm.

*Borne*.—Singly.

*Stems*.—Strength: Strong. Average length is about 70 cm and diameter about 0.6 cm.

*Form*.—When first open: Cupped. Permanence: Outer petals curl back.

*Petalage*.—Number of petals under normal conditions: 28.

*Color*.—The upper sides of the petals are Red Group 45A. The reverse sides of the petals are Red Group 46D. The base of each petal has a small yellow spot. The major color on the upper side is Red Group 45A.

*Variations*.—None.

*Discoloration*.—The general tonality at the end of the first day: Red Group 45A.

*Fragrance*.—None.

#### Petals:

*Texture*.—Leathery, thin.

*Surface*.—Smooth.

*Shape*.—Heart-shaped.

*Size*.—Width: 5.8 cm. Length: 5 cm.

*Margin*.—Slightly curled back. Apex Shape: Pointed. Base Shape: Blunt.

*Form*.—Edges slightly quilled.

*Arrangement*.—Informal.

*Petaloids*.—Number: 8. Color: Red Group 45A.

*Persistence*.—Petals hang on and dry.

*Lastingness*.—On the plant: Very long, about 18 days. As a cut flower: Long, about 15 days.

#### Reproductive parts:

*Stamens*.—Number: 97. Length: 1.1 cm. Anthers: Length: 0.1 cm. Color: Yellow-Orange Group 168C. Arrangement: Regular around styles. Filaments: Color: Red Group 181C. Pollen: Color: Yellow Group 162B.

*Pistils*: Number: 89. Length: 1.2 cm. Styles: Color: Orange-Red Group 32A. Stigmas: Color: Orange Group 24A.

*Hips*.—None produced.

#### PLANT

*Form*.—Upright with erect stems.

*Growth*.—Vigorous.

*Mature plant*.—Height: 90 cm. at 2 years. Width: 35 cm.

*Rootstock*.—*Rosa canina* Inermis.

*Foliage*: Number of leaflets on normal mid-stem leaves: 7.

*Size*.—Large (16 cm long×11.4 cm wide).

*Quantity*.—Normal.

*Color*.—New foliage: Upper side: Green Group 141A.

Lower side: Green Group 139C. Old foliage: Upper side: Green Group 141A. Lower side: Green Group 141B.

#### Leaflets:

*Size*.—About 6.6 cm long×4.7 cm wide.

*Shape*.—Pointed oval.

*Base shape*.—Blunt.

*Apex shape*.—Blunt.

*Texture*.—Upper side: Leathery.

*Edge*.—Serrated.

*Serrations*.—Single.

*Petiole*.—Color: Green Group 139D.

*Petiole rachis*.—Color: Green Group 139C. Underside: Smooth.

*Stipules*: Smooth. Length: 3 cm.

*Auricles*.—None present.

*Disease resistance*.—Resistant to powdery mildew and blackspot. No information available on resistance to rust. Growing conditions: Greenhouse.

*Pest resistance*.—Not tested.

*Vein color*.—Green Group 141D.

*Venation pattern*.—Pyramidal.

#### Wood:

*New wood*.—Color: Green Group 141B. Bark: Smooth.

*Old wood*.—Color: Greyed-Purple Group 183B. Bark: Rough.

#### Prickles:

*Quantity*.—On main canes from base: Ordinary, 7 per internode. On laterals from main canes: Few.

*Form*.—Hooked downward.

*Length*.—1.1 cm.

*Color when young*.—Green Group 153A.

*Color when mature*.—Greyed-Orange Group 177B.

#### Small prickles:

*Quantity*.—On main stalks: Few. On laterals: Four.

*Color when young*.—Green Group 153A.

*Color when mature*.—Greyed-Orange Group 177B.

*Winter hardiness*: Not tested.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea class, substantially as herein shown and described, characterized particularly by its upright growth, long flower stems and long vase life.

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Fig. 1