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(54) **PETUNIA-CALIBRACHOA HYBRID PLANT  
NAMED ‘SAKPXC008’**

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Varietal Denomination: **SAKPXC008**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Petunia-Calibrachoa* hybrid plant particularly distin-  
guished by having a pink with red-purple vein flower color  
and mounding plant growth habit is disclosed.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Genus and species: *Petunia-Calibrachoa* intergeneric  
hybrid.

Variety denomination: ‘SAKPXC008’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT**

The present invention comprises a new and distinct variety  
of *Petunia-Calibrachoa* (Petchoa) referred to by the variety  
name ‘SAKPXC008’. Variety ‘SAKPXC008’ originated  
from a hybridization in Kakegawa, Japan in December 2006.  
The male parent was a proprietary hybrid *Calibrachoa* line  
named ‘5Bdw-7b-V1’ (unpatented), which had a pink flower  
with unknown vein color and a creeping plant habit. The  
female parent was a proprietary hybrid petunia line named  
‘AM6-64A’ (unpatented), which had a pink flower color with  
a yellow throat and a mounding plant habit.

In December 2006, an F<sub>1</sub> generation from the initial  
hybridization was grown and approximately 70 seeds were  
obtained. In February 2007, 70 seeds were sown and the  
plants were cultivated in a greenhouse. Segregation in the F<sub>1</sub>  
generation resulted in plants that had pink flower color with  
vein, rose flower color with vein and either a mounding or  
semi-creeping plant growth habit. In May 2007, a plant was  
selected that exhibited a pink with red-purple vein flower  
color and a mounding plant growth habit from the group of  
plants.

In July 2007, plants were vegetatively propagated to pro-  
duce rooted cuttings. The plants were transplanted to an open  
field and evaluated for flower color and plant growth habit. A  
plant was selected that had a pink flower color, an excellent  
blooming ability and semi-creeping plant growth habit. The  
selection was propagated and plants of the selection were  
cultivated and evaluated in an open field. In November 2007,

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the selection was observed to have its distinct characteristics  
remain stable. In February 2008, the selection was propa-  
gated again and plants were cultivated. In May 2008, it was  
confirmed that the distinct characteristics of the selection  
were fixed and stable. The selection was given the experimen-  
tal name ‘K2008-J-222’. The selection was later named  
‘SAKPXC008’ and was found to reproduce true to type in  
successive generations of asexual propagation via vegetative  
propagation.

**SUMMARY**

The following are the most outstanding and distinguishing  
characteristics of this new variety when grown under normal  
horticultural practices in Salinas, Calif.

1. Pink with red-purple vein flower color; and
2. Mounding plant growth habit.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS**

This new *Petunia-Calibrachoa* plant is illustrated by the  
accompanying photographs which show the plant’s overall  
plant habit including form, foliage, and flowers. The photo-  
graphs are of a three-month-old plant grown in Salinas, Calif.  
under greenhouse conditions in the spring of 2012. The colors  
shown are as true as can be reasonably obtained by conven-  
tional photographic procedures.

FIG. 1 shows the overall plant habit of the plant grown in a  
pot.

FIG. 2 shows the mature inflorescence of the plant.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY**

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinctive  
characteristics of ‘SAKPXC008’. The data which define



these characteristics were collected from asexual reproductions carried out in Salinas, Calif. Data was collected on three-month-old plants grown under greenhouse conditions in Salinas, Calif. in the summer of 2012. Color references are to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural Society of London (R.H.S.), 4<sup>th</sup> edition.

Classification:

*Family*.—Solanaceae.

*Botanical*.—*Petunia-Calibrachoa* intergeneric hybrid.

*Common*.—Petchoa.

*Designation*.—‘SAKPXC008’.

Parentage:

*Female parent*.—Proprietary hybrid *Petunia* plant line ‘AM6-64A’ (unpatented).

*Male parent*.—Proprietary hybrid *Calibrachoa* plant line ‘5Bdw-7b-V1’ (unpatented).

Growth:

*Time to produce a rooted cutting*.—4 weeks.

*Environmental conditions for plant growth*.—The terminal 1.0 to 1.5 inches of an actively growing stem was excised. The vegetative cuttings were propagated in four weeks. The base of the cuttings were dipped for 1 to 2 seconds in a 1:9 solution of Dip ‘N Grow (1 solution: 9 water) root inducing solution immediately prior to sticking into the cell trays. Cuttings were stuck into plastic cell trays having 98 cells, and containing a moistened peat moss-based growing medium. For the first week, the cuttings were misted with water from overhead for 20 seconds, one time per hour. For the second week, the cuttings were misted one time every 2 hours for 10 seconds. After that time, the cuttings were misted occasionally until sufficient roots were formed. Rooted cuttings were transplanted and grown in 20 cm diameter plastic pots in a glass greenhouse located in Salinas, Calif. Pots contained a peat moss-based growing medium. Soluble fertilizer containing 20% nitrogen, 10% phosphorus and 20% potassium was applied once a day or every other day by overhead irrigation. Pots were top-dressed with a dry, slow release fertilizer containing 20% nitrogen, 10% phosphorus and 18% potassium. The typical average air temperature was 24° C.

*Time to bloom from propagation*.—8 to 10 weeks.

Plant description:

*Habit*.—Mounding.

*Life cycle*.—Tender perennial.

*Form*.—Decumbant, branching.

*Height (from soil line to top of foliage)*.—16 cm.

*Spread*.—48 cm.

Stems:

*General*.—Circular in cross-section.

*Stem length*.—1.0 cm from soil line to first node, 11.0 cm to 12.0 cm total.

*Diameter*.—0.2 cm.

*Internode length*.—2.0 cm.

*Color*.—RHS 144A (Yellow-Green).

*Pubescence*.—Heavy. Color: RHS N155A (White).

*Anthocyanin color*.—Slight, only on peduncle, color is RHS N187A (Greyed- Purple).

Leaves:

*Arrangement*.—Alternate.

*Shape*.—Elliptic.

*Apex*.—Obtuse.

*Base*.—Attenuate.

*Margin*.—Entire.

*Venation*.—Pinnate.

*Surface appearance (both surfaces)*.—Dull.

*Surface pubescence (both surfaces)*.—Light.

*Surface pubescence color (both surfaces)*.—RHS N155A (White).

*Length*.—3.0 cm.

*Width*.—1.0 cm.

*Color*.—Upper surface: RHS 147B (Yellow-Green).

Lower surface: RHS 147C (Yellow-Green).

*Fragrance*.—Absent.

Flowers:

*Flowering habit*.—Indeterminate.

*Flower type*.—Solitary.

*Flowering requirements*.—Will flower so long as day length is greater than 12 hours and temperature exceeds 13° C.

*Duration of flowers*.—5 days.

*Shape*.—The flowers are funnel shaped with five fissures and a shallow, yet slight, indentation of the petal tip at the midvein.

*Fragrance*.—Absent.

Flower buds:

*Surface texture*.—Pubescent.

*Length*.—3.0 cm.

*Diameter*.—2.0 cm.

*Shape*.—Ovate.

*Color*.—RHS 65C (Red-Purple) with RHS 64B (Red-Purple) vein.

Peduncle:

*Length*.—2.5 cm.

*Diameter*.—0.1 cm.

*Color*.—RHS 144A (Yellow-Green).

*Texture*.—Dull, light pubescence, pubescence color is RHS N155A (White).

Flower description:

*Flower depth*.—0.5 cm.

*Flower tube length*.—2.5 cm.

*Flower tube diameter*.—1.0 cm.

*Flower diameter*.—5.0 cm.

*Calyx*.—5 sepals, fused below the middle.

Calyx:

*Arrangement*.—Composed of 5 sepals, fused below the middle.

*Sepals*.—Shape: Elliptical. Apex: Obtuse. Margin: Entire. Length: 1.5 cm. Diameter: 0.25 cm. Color: Upper surface: RHS 137A (Green). Lower surface: RHS 137B (Green).

Corolla:

*Arrangement*.—Composed of 5 petals, fused.

*Diameter*.—5.0 cm.

*Petal*.—Apex: Truncate. Margin: Entire. Base: Fused. Pubescence: Glabrous. Lobe length: 2.5 cm. Lobe width: 3.0 cm. Color: Lobe color: Upper surface: RHS 69D (Red-Purple) with RHS 70A (Red-Purple) veins. Lower surface: RHS 69D (Red-Purple) with RHS 70A (Red-Purple) veins.

*Corolla tube color*.—Inner RHS 8A (Yellow). Outer: RHS 1C (Green-Yellow) with RHS 144A (Yellow-Green) veins.

Reproductive organs:

- Stamen number*.—5, free.
- Stamen color*.—Anther color: RHS 13D (Yellow). Filament color: RHS 1D (Green-Yellow).
- Pollen color*.—RHS 11A (Yellow).
- Pollen amount*.—Abundant.
- Ovary*.—Superior.
- Placenta arrangement*.—Central.
- Pistil number*.—1 per inflorescence.
- Pistil length*.—1.7 cm.
- Stigma color*.—RHS 144A (Yellow-Green).
- Style length*.—1.6 cm.
- Style color*.—RHS 144D (Yellow-Green).
- Seed production*.—Absent.

Disease and insect resistance: Excellent resistance to rain, heat and drought. Temperature below 10° C. is not optimal. Plants are susceptible to *Botrytis*, powdery mildew, various stem and root rots, and certain viruses, like Tobacco Mosaic Virus and Impatiens Necrotic Spotted Virus. Plants can be infested with aphids, leafminer, whitefly and various *Lepitopdera*.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL LINES AND KNOWN VARIETY

‘SAKPXC008’ is a new and unique variety of intergeneric *Petunia Calibrachoa* owing to its pink with red-purple vein flower color and mounding plant growth habit. ‘SAKPXC008’ is distinguished from its parents mainly by flower color and plant growth habit as shown in Table 1 below):

TABLE 1

Comparison with Parental Lines			
Characteristic	‘SAKPXC008’	Male Parent ‘5Bdw-7b-V1’	Female Parent ‘AM6-64A’
Flower color	Pink with red-purple veins	Pink with unknown vein color	Pink with yellow throat
Plant growth habit	Mounding	Creeping	Mounding

‘SAKPXC008’ is a new and unique variety of intergeneric *Petunia-Calibrachoa* owing to its pink with red-purple vein flower color and mounding plant growth habit. ‘SAKPXC008’ is most similar to the commercial *Petunia-Calibrachoa* variety ‘SAKPXC005’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 21,545), commercially known as SuperCal® ‘Vanilla Blush’; however there are differences in the flower color as described in the table below (color references are to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 4th edition):

TABLE 2

Comparison with Similar Variety		
Characteristic	‘SAKPXC008’	‘SAKPXC005’
Petal color, upper surface	Closest to RHS 69D (Red-Purple) with RHS 70A (Red-Purple) veins	RHS N155B (White) with splashes of RHS 75A (Purple) throughout lobes and at edge of lobes. Veins are also RHS 75A (Purple)
Petal color, lower surface	RHS 69D (Red-Purple) with RHS 70A (Red-Purple) veins	RHS N155B (White) with RHS 150C (Yellow-Green) veins

We claim:  
1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia-Calibrachoa* hybrid plant as shown and described herein.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2