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(54) **PETUNIA PLANT NAMED ‘DOPETPOCOCA’**

(50) Latin Name: *Petunia X hybrida*
Varietal Denomination: **Dopetpococa**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant named ‘Dopet-
pococa’, characterized by its compact, upright and mound-
ing plant habit; moderately vigorous growth habit; freely
branching habit; early and freely flowering habit; large
pink-colored flowers; and good garden performance.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Botanical designation: *Petunia X hybrida*.
Cultivar denomination: ‘DOPETPOCOCA’.

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APPLICANT/ASSIGNEE

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prior to the effective filing date.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar
of *Petunia* plant, botanically known as *Petunia X hybrida*
and hereinafter referred to by the name ‘Dopetpococa’.

The new *Petunia* plant is a product of a planned breeding
program conducted by the Inventor in Rheinberg, Germany.
The objective of the breeding program is to create new
compact, freely branching and early-flowering *Petunia*
plants with numerous attractive flowers.

The new *Petunia* plant originated from a cross-pollination
made by the Inventor in July, 2018 in Rheinberg, Germany
of a proprietary selection of *Petunia X hybrida* identified as
code number TT15-038063-007, not patented, as the female,
or seed, parent with a proprietary selection of *Petunia X*
hybrida identified as code number TT16-900004-114, not
patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The new *Petunia*
plant was discovered and selected by the Inventor as a single
flowering plant from within the progeny of the stated
cross-pollination in a controlled greenhouse environment in
Rheinberg, Germany in May, 2020.

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Asexual reproduction of the new *Petunia* plant by termi-
nal vegetative cuttings in a controlled greenhouse environ-
ment in Rheinberg, Germany since June, 2020 has shown
that the unique features of this new *Petunia* plant are stable
and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the new *Petunia* have not been observed under
all possible combinations of environmental conditions and
cultural practices. The phenotype may vary somewhat with
variations in environmental conditions such as temperature
and light intensity without, however, any variance in geno-
type.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and
are determined to be the unique characteristics of ‘Dopet-
pococa’. These characteristics in combination distinguish
‘Dopetpococa’ as a new and distinct *Petunia* plant:

1. Compact, upright and mounding plant habit.
2. Moderately vigorous growth habit.
3. Freely branching habit.
4. Early and freely flowering habit.
5. Large pink-colored flowers.
6. Good garden performance.

Plants of the new *Petunia* can be compared to plants of the
female and male parent selections. In side-by-side compari-
sons, plants of the new *Petunia* differ primarily from plants
of the female and male parent selections in growth habit as
plants of the new *Petunia* are more compact than and not as
vigorous as plants of the female and male parent selections.

Plants of the new *Petunia* can be compared to plants of
Petunia X hybrida ‘Dueplupin’, disclosed in U.S. Plant
patent application Ser. No. 13,815,033, now abandoned. In
side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new *Petunia* and
‘Dueplupin’ differ primarily in the following characteristics:

1. Plant of the new *Petunia* are broader than plants of
‘Dueplupin’.
2. Plant of the new *Petunia* are more freely flowering than
plants of ‘Dueplupin’.

3. Plant of the new *Petunia* have larger flowers than plants of 'Dueplupin'.
4. Plants of the new *Petunia* and 'Dueplupin' differ in flower color as flowers of plants of the new *Petunia* are lighter pink in color than flowers of plants of 'Dueplupin'.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying colored photograph illustrates the overall appearance of the new *Petunia* plant showing the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored reproductions of this type. Colors in the photograph may differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description which accurately describe the colors of the new *Petunia* plant.

The photograph is a side perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'Dopetpococa' grown in a container.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photograph and following observations, measurements and values describe plants grown during the spring and summer in 22-cm containers in a glass-covered greenhouse in Rheinberg, Germany and under cultural practices typical of commercial *Petunia* production. During the production of the plants, day and night temperatures averaged 18° C. and light levels averaged 4,500 lux. Plants were twelve weeks old when the photograph was taken and 25 weeks old when the description was taken. In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, Fifth Edition, 2007, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Petunia* X *hybrida* 'Dopetpococa'.
Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—Proprietary selection of *Petunia* X *hybrida* identified as code number TT15-038063-007, not patented.

Male, or pollen, parent.—Proprietary selection of *Petunia* X *hybrida* identified as code number TT16-900004-114, not patented.

Propagation:

Type.—By terminal vegetative cuttings.

Time to initiate roots, summer.—About five days at temperatures about 20° C.

Time to initiate roots, winter.—About seven days at temperatures about 20° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer.—About three weeks at temperatures about 20° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, winter.—About four weeks at temperatures about 20° C.

Root description.—Fine, fibrous; close to 155B in color, actual color of the roots is dependent on substrate composition, water quality, fertilizers, substrate temperature and age of roots.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching; dense.

Plant description:

Plant and growth habit.—Compact, upright and mounding to spreading plant habit; freely branching habit with about seven primary lateral branches each with about ten secondary branches developing after pinching; moderately vigorous growth habit and moderate growth rate.

Plant height, soil level to top of foliar plane.—About 22 cm.

Plant height, soil level to top of floral plane.—About 23 cm.

Plant diameter.—About 55 cm.

Lateral branch description:

Length.—About 35 cm.

Diameter.—About 5 mm.

Internode length.—About 2 cm.

Strength.—Moderately strong.

Aspect.—Initially upright to outwardly spreading.

Texture and luster.—Pubescent; semi-glossy.

Color, developing.—Close to 143B.

Color, developed.—Close to 146B

Leaf description:

Arrangement.—Before flowering, alternate; after flowering, opposite; simple.

Length.—About 2.8 cm.

Width.—About 1.5 cm.

Shape.—Spatulate.

Apex.—Obtuse.

Base.—Attenuate.

Margin.—Entire.

Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces.—Pubescent; leathery; semi-glossy.

Venation pattern.—Pinnate; arcuate.

Color.—Developing leaves, upper surface: Close to 143A. Developing leaves, lower surface: Close to 143C. Fully expanded leaves, upper surface: Close to 146A; venation, close to 146A. Fully expanded leaves, lower surface: Close to 146C; venation, close to 146C.

Petioles.—Length: About 2.5 mm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Strength: Moderately strong; firm. Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; matte. Color, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 144C.

Flower description:

Flower type and flowering habit.—Single salverform flowers arising from leaf axils; freely flowering habit with usually about 296 flowers and flower buds developing per plant; flowers face mostly upright to outwardly.

Fragrance.—None detected.

Natural flowering season.—Plants flower continuously during the spring and summer in Germany; early flowering habit, plants typically beginning flowering about nine weeks after planting.

Flower longevity.—Individual flowers last about two to three days on the plant; flowers persistent.

Flower buds.—Length: About 4.4 cm. Diameter: About 7 mm. Shape: Ovoid. Texture and luster: Rippled; semi-glossy. Color: Close to 74B.

Flower diameter.—About 6.1 cm by 6.7 cm.

Flower depth (height).—About 4.5 cm.

Flower throat diameter.—About 1.1 cm.

Flower tube length.—About 2.7 cm.

Flower tube diameter.—About 2.5 mm.

Corolla.—Arrangement: Five petals fused at the base and opening into a flared trumpet. Petal lobe length (from throat): About 3.6 cm. Petal lobe width: About 3 cm. Petal shape: Roughly spatulate. Petal apex: Obtuse. Petal margin: Entire; slightly undulate. Petal texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Rippled, glabrous; semi-glossy. Throat texture and luster: Rippled, glabrous; semi-glossy. Tube texture and luster: Rippled, pubescent; semi-glossy. Color:

Petal lobe, when opening, upper surface: Close to 73A. Petal lobe, when opening, lower surface: Close to 69B. Petal lobe, fully opened, upper surface: Close to 73A; venation, close to 74A; color becoming closer to 73C with development. Petal lobe, fully 5
opened, lower surface: Close to 75C; venation, close to 75C; color does not change with development. Flower throat: Close to 145D; venation, close to 152D. Flower tube: Close to 145C; venation, close to 10
145C.

Sepals.—Arrangement: Five sepals fused at the base forming a tubular star-shaped calyx. Length: About 1.4 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Shape: Oblong. Apex: Rounded. Base: Decurrent. Margin: Entire. 15
Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; semi-glossy. Color: When opening, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 144A. Fully opened, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 144A.

Peduncles.—Length: About 1.8 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Strength: Moderately strong. Texture and luster: 20
Smooth, glabrous; semi-glossy. Color: Close to 143C.

Reproductive organs.—Stamens: Quantity per flower: Five. Filament length: About 2.2 cm. Filament color: 25
Close to 155D. Anther length: About 2 mm. Anther

shape: Ovate. Anther color: Close to 155A. Pollen amount: Abundant. Pollen color: Close to 158B. Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Pistil length: About 2.4 cm. Style length: About 2.2 cm. Style color: Close to 145B. Stigma diameter: About 2 mm. Stigma shape: Rounded. Stigma color: Close to 144B. Ovary color: Close to 144B. Fruits: Quantity produced per plant: About 150 during the flowering season. Length: About 6 mm. Diameter: About 4 mm. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 199D. Seeds: Quantity per flower: About 90. Length: About 0.4 mm. Diameter: About 0.4 mm. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 200B.

Garden performance: Plants of the new *Petunia* have been observed to have good garden performance and tolerate wind, rain, temperatures ranging from about 5° C. to about 40° C. and to be suitable for USDA Hardiness Zone 11.

Pathogen & pest resistance: To date, plants of the new *Petunia* have not been observed to be resistant to pathogens and pests common to *Petunia* plants.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Petunia* plant named 'Dopetpococa' as illustrated and described.

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